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SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPOINTS INTERIM EXECUTIVE DEAN FOR MICHAEL J. GRANT CAMPUS

Selden, NY - George Gatta, Jr., Interim President of Suffolk County Community College (SCCC), has announced the appointment of George Tvelia as Interim Executive Dean for the College's Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood. In this role, Mr. Tvelia will serve as the campus chief academic and administrative officer, providing oversight for the integrity and direction of all campus programs and services. His appointment is effective on March 2, 2009. Mr. Tvelia will serve in this position until the College completes its national search for a new President.

An alumnus of Suffolk County Community College, Mr. Tvelia has been associated with the College for his entire 40-year professional career. During this time, he has amassed a distinguished resume of professional accomplishment and significant contributions to the College. Among the most noteworthy, are his development and implementation of several important college-wide initiatives, including the establishment of the Leadership Institute, which provides college faculty and staff with the skills necessary to succeed as academic leaders; responsibility for annually organizing All College Day and Conference Day, and for hosting an annual calendar of professional development workshops; and the creation of the College's first dual enrollment program—the Excelsior Program—designed to partner with area high schools. He most recently served as College Associate Dean for Faculty Professional Advancement, and spent many years as a Professor of Economics on the College's faculty. Mr. Tvelia earned a B.A. in Biology and an M.A. in Economics from SUNY Stony Brook.

About Suffolk County Community College

Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling more than 23,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. SCCC offers the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.) and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering the lowest college tuition on Long Island, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students.

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