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**BEN VEREEN VISITS DR. SHAUN L. MCKAY AND SUFFOLK COUNTY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE THEATRE STUDENTS**

Selden, NY - Tony-award winning actor Ben Vereen met with Suffolk County Community College President Dr. Shaun L. McKay and offered a two-day master class to Suffolk's theatre students who have been cast in the upcoming College production of *Hair*.

Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College, said, "This was a great visit. Ben Vereen is a Broadway legend and the College has been honored to host him. I am also grateful for the time he has spent sharing his gifts and talent with our students, because this opportunity was all about them. Mr. Vereen has demonstrated that events like this are about the community and giving something back. Through our theatre arts program our students are transformed and empowered as individuals."

Mr. Vereen noted, "Everything is an art form. Life itself is an art form. Before we began the class, I asked the students to be prepared to be transformed; I told them to connect to the characters not just as characters, but as expressions of life. I have visited many colleges and universities and I have never seen a president become such proponent insisting that the arts be at the forefront. How blessed you are to have Dr. McKay. You should praise this community college and this man."



**Photo Caption: (Left to Right)** Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College with Tony-award winning actor, Ben Vereen.

**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 approximately 26,000 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.) degrees, as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering affordable college tuition, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at [sunysuffolk.edu](http://sunysuffolk.edu).

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