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## **SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WINS AWARD FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK**

**SELDEN, NY** – Suffolk County Community College recently received an award from the Continuing Education Association of New York (CEANY) for its unique and innovative mechatronics program. Mechatronics is the combination of mechanical engineering, electronic engineering, computer engineering, control engineering, and systems design engineering to create useful products.

Nina Leonhardt, College Associate Dean for Continuing Education, accepted the award on behalf of the College's Corporate Training Center at CEANY's 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on October 7-9, 2009 in Saratoga Springs, New York.

CEANY bestows annual awards in recognition of outstanding contributions made by continuing education professionals as well as exemplary programs, its students and educational partners across an array of domains. The awards laud distinguished contributions to the advancement of program planning, to applications of continuing education theory and practice, to marketing, to business and industry linkages, to leadership, and to student success.

"It is a great honor for us to receive a 2009 CEANY Award for SCCC's innovative mechatronics program," said John Lombardo, SCCC's Director of Corporate Training. "We understand how important it is for the College to be able to respond to the needs of Long Island's business community. This unique, federally funded program has generated tremendous business partnerships and industry linkages that help us to train and, in many cases, re-train Long Islanders for rewarding careers right here in our region."

Since 2005, SCCC has been the recipient of over \$4 million in competitive workforce grant funding received through the Community-Based Job Training Grants Program, implemented by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment & Training Administration. The College allocated these funds toward development of an advanced manufacturing training curriculum on Long Island, and for the development of manufacturing, welding and machining training initiatives. A consortium was created to accomplish these goals and, over a three-year period, they have successfully delivered employer-driven, advanced manufacturing training to 300 incumbent manufacturing workers and 100 new and displaced workers from 70 companies on Long Island.

### **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.) degrees, 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. Visit us online at [sunysuffolk.edu](http://sunysuffolk.edu).

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