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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT, DANA MONDELLO,
HONORED BY NEW YORK STATE COOPERATIVE AND EXPERIENTIAL
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AS STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

Selden, NY – Suffolk County Community College student, Dana Mondello, a resident of East Setauket, was recently recognized by the New York State Cooperative and Experiential Education Association (NYSCEEA) as a Student of the Year.

This annual award recognizes outstanding achievement in, and contribution to, experiential education. Awards are given to one student from a two-year college and one student from a four-year college or university.

Ms. Mondello is a Criminal Justice major on the Ammerman Campus of Suffolk County Community College and expects to graduate at the conclusion of the current fall semester. Her goal is to become a Suffolk County Police Officer. While attending Suffolk, she participated in Suffolk County Community College's Cooperative Education and Internship Program. Cooperative Education and Internships at Suffolk County Community College provide an opportunity for eligible students to gain professional work experience and test the appeal of a career field of interest.

“While interning with the Suffolk County Police Department in the spring of 2013, Ms. Mondello displayed her motivation and genuine interest in law enforcement as she eagerly participated in all the activities,” said Police Officer Victoria Seeger, Internship Coordinator.

“Dana Mondello is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when you put your heart, mind and soul into something. With her extensive work ethic, I am sure her efforts will continue to reap rewards for her in the future,” said Debra Klein, Associate Professor and Faculty Coordinator, Cooperative Education and Internships, Suffolk County Community College.

In addition to her internship, Ms. Mondello spearheaded the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life team comprised of all the participating interns and succeeded in being a top fund raiser. Ms. Mondello is also a First Responder for Port Jefferson Ambulance Company.

In conjunction with this award, Ms. Mondello received a \$250 cash award and a recognition plaque. Her name was announced and she was profiled at the Annual NYSCEEA Conference at the Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown, NY on October 6 – 8.



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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.

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