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**DOWLING COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH  
SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO OFFER FULL-TUITION  
SCHOLARSHIPS TO TRANSFER STUDENTS**

*Partnership is part of Suffolk's "Stay on Long Island" initiative*

Dowling College and Suffolk County Community College have formalized a new partnership that will provide full-tuition scholarships annually to full-time students who graduate from Suffolk and transfer to Dowling. The agreement was signed by Scott Rudolph, President of Dowling College, and Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College during a recent ceremony celebrating the new partnership. The signing ceremony was attended by members of the faculty and students from both colleges.

As part of the agreement, Dowling College will offer one full-tuition scholarship to a selected graduate from each of Suffolk's three campuses, each academic year. Nominees for the scholarship must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75 and, in addition to superior academic achievement, must demonstrate contributions to their campus and communities through activities and student leadership. Scholarship finalists will be reviewed by Suffolk's college-wide Scholarship Committee, recommended by Dr. McKay and selected by Dowling's scholarship committee. The agreement also provides the scholars with counseling and advising support as they transition from Suffolk to Dowling.

Dr. McKay said the new agreement is part of his "Stay on Long Island" initiative. "On my inauguration day, I announced my intention to work with the Presidents from Long Island's outstanding four-year institutions on an initiative called "Stay on Long Island", where select graduating scholars from my institution would receive scholarships to attend colleges and universities right here, giving these students every chance for continued academic success and increasing the likelihood that they will continue to live and work on Long Island. Through the Stay on Long Island initiative, we can cultivate and tap the intellectual capital of those individuals who have the best potential for transforming our region, and we will not lose them to outward migration," said Dr. McKay.

"Building upon a 30-year relationship of long standing between Dowling College and Suffolk County Community College, this exciting new agreement further exemplifies both institutions'

commitment toward empowering Long Island’s students in achieving their academic, personal and professional dreams,” said Scott Rudolph, Interim President of Dowling College.

Suffolk has a similar agreement in place with the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, and St. Joseph’s College. Additional draft agreements are entering the final stages with several other area institutions.



**PHOTO CAPTION:**

**Shown at the partnership signing ceremony, are (l to r): Scott Rudolph, Interim President of Dowling College and Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College.**

**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 over 25,000 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. With 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 [www.sunysuffolk.edu](http://www.sunysuffolk.edu).

## **About Dowling College**

Dowling College is an independent, coeducational college that serves more than 6,000 students at its historic Rudolph Campus on the banks of the Connetquot River in Oakdale, NY, and the 105-acre Brookhaven Campus in eastern Long Island and a business center located near the Nassau-Suffolk border in Melville. Dowling offers Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees in several disciplines through its four schools: Arts and Sciences, Aviation, Business, and Education.

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