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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT DR. SHAUN L. MCKAY
APPOINTED TO SUNY TASK FORCE ADDRESSING REMEDIATION**

Selden, NY –Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College has been appointed to The State University of New York (SUNY) Remediation Task Force, which will determine how a collaborative effort between SUNY and the K-12 school systems across New York can best address the need for remedial education at the college level. Since remediation courses are non-credit bearing, taking the courses lengthens a student’s time to degree completion and increases their college costs.

The SUNY Remediation Task Force is comprised of nationally recognized researchers, representatives from the New York State Education Department, faculty, community college and K-12 leaders, and students.

SUNY community colleges spend over \$70 million per year on remediation, with 20 percent of the financial aid that has been awarded to community college students, going toward remedial classes. Eliminating the need for remedial education is one of nine major initiatives outlined by SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher in her 2012 State of the University Address.

“Our reliance on remediation can only be effectively addressed by an agreement on behalf of everyone who has a stake in a student’s education – from early educators to institutions of higher education and government leaders – to accept a shared responsibility for maintaining the education pipeline,” said Chancellor Zimpher. “The SUNY Task Force on Remediation brings all these groups to the table and unites them in a shared commitment to make our education system stronger and our students more successful.”

Dr. McKay noted, “It is critical that we ensure college readiness for more students. This Task Force will work together with policy leaders, partners in the K-12 school districts, as well as those in higher education, to strengthen the education pipeline and help more students to enter and then graduate from college with the skills necessary to be successful.”

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 the lowest college tuition on Long Island, 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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