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## SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENTREPRENEURIAL ASSISTANCE CENTER IS AWARDED NEW YORK STATE ENTREPRENEURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AWARD

Brentwood, NY – Suffolk County Community College's Entrepreneurial Assistance Program (EAP) was recently awarded a 2012 New York State Entrepreneurial Assistance Program Award of Excellence for Outstanding Program Performance and Achievement at EAP's Annual Conference hosted by Empire State Development Corporation in Rochester, NY. The College's EAP Center, located on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood, was one of only four centers, out of the 24 throughout New York State, to receive an award for exceeding program performance goals.

The Entrepreneurial Assistance Program at Suffolk County Community College is a grant-funded program created to assist potential and existing entrepreneurs in the creation and expansion of their businesses. EAP is partially funded by the Empire State Development Corporation to provide for the development and implementation of a business training program. Through a series of courses, seminars, counseling and technical assistance, participants can maximize their knowledge of business operations.

Empire State Development is New York's chief economic development agency. The mission of Empire State Development is to promote a vigorous and growing economy, encourage the creation of new job and economic opportunities, increase revenues to the State and its municipalities, and achieve stable and diversified local economies. Through the use of loans, grants, tax credits and other forms of financial assistance, Empire State Development strives to enhance private business investment and growth to spur job creation and support prosperous communities across New York State.

## **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.