

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 4, 2013

No. 26/13-14

MEDIA CONTACT:

Mary M. Feder, Director of College Relations
Suffolk County Community College
(631) 451-4256
federm@sunysuffolk.edu

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HONORS ELLEN SCHULER MAUK
FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE**

Selden, NY – On October 3, 2013, The Faculty Association of Suffolk County Community College honored Professor Ellen Schuler Mauk at Land’s End Restaurant in Sayville to mark her retirement. Ms. Schuler Mauk served as President of the College’s Faculty Association for 34 years and is retiring after 43 years of service to the College.

The event was well attended, with over 250 guests coming together to celebrate Ms. Schuler Mauk’s years of success. During the program, Professor Schuler Mauk received numerous proclamations and was recognized by New York State Senators John J. Flanagan and Kenneth P. LaValle and Assemblymen Steven C. Englebright and Al Graf, several members of the Suffolk County Legislature and members of the college community, among many others.

At the end of the evening, the Suffolk County Community College Faculty Association announced that funds raised from the event were being dedicated to the newly created Ellen Schuler Mauk Endowed Scholarship - a gift totaling \$55,000. This scholarship will ensure that students wishing to further their education and who aspire to greatness can start that journey at Suffolk County Community College regardless of financial challenges.

Professor Schuler Mauk is among an elite group of individuals who can state that they served during the tenure of all six of Suffolk County Community College’s presidents. Among the major accomplishments during her 43-year career at the College are her efforts to establish the Employee Medical Health Plan (EMHP) of Suffolk County and working closely with College administration to encourage elected officials to provide additional operating funds, along with support for capital projects, in order to advance the College and its educational mission. Her leadership skills eventually brought her to the attention of the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) and Professor Schuler Mauk began voicing the community college message statewide, advocating for community college issues and legislation. Today, Professor Schuler Mauk sits on the NYSUT board of directors and on its executive committee. In addition, she is also active in the American Federation of Labor (AFT). She serves on AFT’s Higher Education Division’s Program and Policy Council (PPC), where she has been a voice for higher education on the national level, as well.

In commenting upon Ellen’s retirement Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College, said, “I will certainly miss her and we have all benefitted from her foresight and commitment. I am honored to publicly recognize her many efforts and state my appreciation for her willingness to work together with the administration to ensure the College’s growth. I

wish Ellen much success in her retirement and with whatever she may choose to pursue following her days at the College. She will leave an indelible mark upon this institution due to her many years of service to the college community.”

Dafny J. Irizarry, Chairwoman of the College’s Board of Trustees, stated, “I want to thank Professor Ellen Schuler Mauk for her career of service to the College and its faculty. Consistently keeping the best interests of the College and its students as a priority has been central to her leadership and we appreciate her many years of commitment to this approach.”



Photo Caption: (Left to Right): Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President, Suffolk County Community College; Richard C. Iannuzzi, President NYSUT; Professor Ellen Schuler Mauk, Suffolk County Community College; Kevin Peterman, President, Suffolk County Community College Faculty Association.

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. SCC 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, SCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at sunysuffolk.edu.

###