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## **SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES VEHICLE DONATIONS FROM GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY**

Selden, NY – Suffolk County Community College recently received multiple vehicle donations from General Motors Company (GM) for the GM Automotive Service Educational Programs (ASEP). The donations include a 2011 Cadillac Escalade, a 2012 Chevrolet Cruze and a 2013 Cadillac ATS. Through these generous donations, General Motors provides educational vehicles for students at the College.

“These vehicles will be used in class to train our students in the latest technology, which is extremely critical for the automotive industry,” said Joe Imperial, Director and Academic Chair of Suffolk County Community College’s Automotive Technology Department. “We appreciate General Motors’ generosity and their continued support of our partnership.”

“We are proud to support training programs that prepare the next generation of automotive technicians,” said Todd Dawn, GM ASEP Program Manager. “Our commitment to our customers goes well beyond building a quality product. Our dedication to excellence starts at the training level by partnering with schools in communities around the globe to share our collective passion for the automotive industry and to educate, inspire and motivate the technicians of tomorrow.”

Since 1979, GM’s continued commitment to identify and support the GM Automotive Service Educational Programs at colleges and universities has produced over 16,000 service technicians. GM ASEP incorporates advanced automotive technical training with a strong academic foundation of math, reading, and electronics, and both analytical and technical skills. Students can earn an associate degree while working and learning on the job, resulting in a solid education combined with invaluable work experience.

Suffolk County Community College offers the General Motors ASEP program and multiple other A.A.S. degree programs in Automotive Technology. The Automotive Technology Program is housed in a 20,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility, equipped with the latest technology including: nine fully functional shop bays; classrooms with the latest wireless technology enabling access to technical data for all makes and models of automobiles; Hunter Computerized Alignment Machines, Hunter Wheel and Balancing Equipment; Mitchell On-Demand Service Information system and a computerized engine analyzer and vehicle dynamometer.

The instruction, course of study, facilities and equipment in the program were evaluated by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and were found to meet the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) standards of quality for the training of automobile technicians in all areas.



**Photo Caption:** Joe Imperial, Director and Academic Chair, Suffolk County Community College's Automotive Technology Department (front left); Suffolk County Community College ASEP students and Dr. Sandra Sprows, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs (front right).

### **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 unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at [sunysuffolk.edu](http://sunysuffolk.edu).

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