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**PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO  
SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATE**

***SHELBY HARVEY SELECTED FOR RECOGNITION BY JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION***

Riverhead, NY – Shelby Harvey of Hampton Bays, a 2012 graduate of the Liberal Arts and Sciences program at Suffolk County Community College’s Eastern Campus in Riverhead, is the recipient of a 2012 Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship from The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. The Foundation will provide her with a scholarship that covers tuition, fees, books, and living expenses for up to a total of \$30,000 annually, for up to three years. Ms. Harvey was one of 60 scholars selected for this award from among 786 applications received from across the nation.

“It is an honor to receive this award which will assist me as I continue my education in the field of social work,” said Ms. Harvey. “I am very grateful to the wonderful professors at Suffolk who helped me achieve my dreams.” The scholarship will enable Ms. Harvey to transfer and complete her undergraduate degree at the University of Texas at Austin.

“As the number of students attending community colleges nationwide continues to rise, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation supports activities and scholarship efforts to ensure that the best two-year college students complete their four-year degrees. Scholars are selected based on demonstrated achievement, not only academically, but also in service, leadership, and community involvement. We congratulate Ms. Harvey for attaining this great honor, both for herself and for Suffolk County Community College,” said College President Dr. Shaun L. McKay.

Ms. Harvey graduated with a 3.9 GPA and was President for both the Honors Club and Phi Theta Kappa. In addition, she received the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence and was chosen as a member of the All USA 1st Academic Team for New York State. She also served as an Honors Program peer mentor on the Eastern Campus, a position she earned due to her excellent grades in courses as varied as biology, history, statistics, art, and world politics. Off campus, she volunteered her time with the Wildlife Rescue Center of the Hamptons, St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Maureen’s Haven, the American Cancer Society, Autism Speaks, and the Make a Wish Foundation.

"Students who engage in Phi Theta Kappa programs gain immeasurably from the experience and are recognized for their achievements by prestigious scholarship providers like the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation," said Dr. Rod A. Risley, National Phi Theta Kappa Executive Director.



**Photo Caption: Suffolk County Community College's Shelby Harvey, Class of 2012, is the recipient of the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship.**

**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 more than 23,000 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.) degree, 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](http://sunysuffolk.edu).

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