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SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF FIRST ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ART COMPETITION

Brentwood, NY – The Department of Arts and Humanities at the Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood announced the winners of their First Annual High School Art Competition.

- **Best in show: Joan DeJesus (Brentwood Ross High School) - *Psalms 23:4*** (ink print). Joan received a scholarship to take a studio class at SCCC's Michael J. Grant Campus in the spring 2009 semester.
- **1st place: Sarah Infranco (Commack High School) – *Time of Your Life*** (photo)
- **2nd place: Maya Strzelecki (Commack High School) - *Zasmucona Piosenka*** (pencil drawing)
- **3rd place: Colleen Ekert (Commack High School) - *Brother Bloat*** (ceramic)
- **Honorable Mention: Brett DeGregoria (West Babylon High School) - *An Overworked Accident*** (watercolor/pastel)

SCCC received more than 40 pieces of artwork from 35 student artists representing six area high schools – Bay Shore, Brentwood (Ross and Sonderling), Commack, Half Hollow Hills East and West Babylon. Artwork was submitted in a wide variety of media, ranging from drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture and mixed media.

The competition was judged by SCCC art faculty, including Professor Rani Carson, Professor Michaelann Tostanoski, Professor Allen Keener, Professor Jeff Epstein and Professor Lucy Karwoski.

Lori Sopp, Art Director for the Brentwood School District, commented on the event, “The First Annual High School Art Competition at Suffolk County Community College was an excellent way for high school artists to get together and share their works with members of the broader community. It was a motivating event and one we look forward to being a part of next year.”

Dr. Shaun L. McKay, Executive Dean at the Michael J. Grant Campus of SCCC, also concurred. “The event was a very successful interaction between the College and the surrounding community. We are hopeful that we can make this a regular showcase for young artists in our area.”



Photo Caption: The winners posing with their work at the Grant Campus's *Gallery West*: (left to right) Brett DeGregoria of West Babylon High School, Maya Strzelecki of Commack High School, Sarah Infranco of Commack High School, Colleen Ekert of Commack High School, Joan DeJesus of Brentwood Ross High School.

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 unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us on the web at www.sunysuffolk.edu.

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