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SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF THIRD 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 has announced the winners of the Third Annual High School Art Competition:

- **Scholarship Award** –**Sarah Walsh (Bay Shore High School) -** *Proof of Existence* (sculpture). Sarah received a scholarship to take a studio class at SCCC's Michael J. Grant Campus in the spring 2011 semester and a $50 gift certificate donated by Riebe's Artist Materials in Melville.
- **First Place**: **Fiorella Aliaga (Bay Shore High School)** - *Pretense* (a pencil and acrylic paint work).
- **Second Place**: **Alexandra Menke (West Babylon High School)** - *Approaching Storm* (photo).
- **Third Place: Michelle D'Errico (West Babylon High School) -** *Mystery* (drawing).
- **Honorable Mentions: Kathryn McTyre (Commack High School) -** *Wild at Heart* (photo montage), **Nina Peskanov (Commack High School) -** *Perdu, (Lost)* (assemblage) and **Daniel Kim (Commack High School) -** *Still Life* (drawing).

SCCC received 35 pieces of artwork from 31student artists representing four area high schools - Brentwood High School, Commack High School, Bay Shore High School and West Babylon High School. 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 Jeff Epstein, Professor Michaelann Tostanoski and Professor Choon Yi. The Department of Arts and Humanities would like to express their thanks to the Suffolk Community College Foundation; Jane Shearer, Campus Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Dr. James Keane, Executive Dean of the Michael J. Grant Campus, for their ongoing support.

Commenting on the event, Terry Nigrelli, Director of Cultural Arts for the Bay Shore School District, stated, "We are so pleased to have our students participate in the High School Art Competition at Suffolk County Community College. This annual event is an excellent way for high school artists to network with each other, share their art and meet others who are a part of a broader community that appreciates the arts and humanities on Long Island. This experience is truly motivating for the students and brings hope and inspiration to the community at large."

Photo Caption: The winners of Suffolk County Community College's High School Art Competition*: (left to right): Daniel Kim - Honorable Mention, Commack High School, Fiorella Aliaga - First Place, Bay Shore High School, Sarah Walsh - Scholarship Winner, Bay Shore High School, Alexandra Menke - Second Place, West Babylon High School, Michelle D'Errico - Third Place, West Babylon 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 25,000 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 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 online at sunysuffolk.edu.