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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DELIVERS PRESENTATION
AT NATIONAL WORKFORCE TRAINING CONFERENCE**

Selden, NY – Anne Shybunko-Moore, President of Hauppauge-based GSE Dynamics, Inc. and a member of the Suffolk County Community College Board of Trustees, and John Lombardo, Associate Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development at the College, recently served as panelists and presenters at a national conference in Denver, Colorado sponsored by the Next Generation Manufacturing Group, an organization comprised of Fortune 50 manufacturers from across the United States.

Ms. Shybunko-Moore and Mr. Lombardo were invited to attend the conference by Dr. Jill O’Sullivan, President of the New York City Chapter of the Associations for Operations Management (APICS). In addition to Mr. Lombardo and Ms. Shybunko-Moore, the panel they participated on also included George W. Nickle, III, Global Process Director for Johnson & Johnson. The topic of discussion for the panel focused on training the next generation of manufacturing workers and was moderated by Dr. O’Sullivan.

GSE Dynamics, Inc., is engaged in the manufacture, assembly and testing of military mechanical and structural components and assemblies. Mr. Lombardo has been the driving force behind Suffolk’s innovative workforce programs that focus on training workers who are ready to fill crucial skill gaps. At the conference, Suffolk County Community College received national recognition for “Leadership in Manufacturing Training.”

The common theme throughout the conference centered on meeting specific requirements of the manufacturers industry, designing appropriate curriculums and developing workers who are more than “job ready.” Mr. Nickel stated that “...the type of training conducted at Suffolk County Community College is sustainable due to its relevancy for industry needs and its focus on pre-identified skill gaps.”

Suffolk has long been recognized for its national leadership role in the development and implementation of innovative workforce training programs. Through grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor, Suffolk developed a unique curriculum—termed Mechatronics—that allows machinists to handle more complex projects, thus lifting their employment opportunities and salary levels. In addition, the College’s Mechatronics program was developed to help employees improve their skills in math, writing and English as a shop-floor language.



Photo Caption (l to r): John Lombardo, Associate Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development at Suffolk County Community College; Anne Shybunko-Moore, President of GSE Dynamics, Inc. and member of the Board of Trustees at Suffolk County Community College; Dr. Jill O’Sullivan, President of the N.Y. Chapter of APICS; and George W. Nickle, III, Global Process Director from Johnson & Johnson.

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

About Associations for Operations Management (APICS)

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