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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM HONORS  
COMMUNITY LEADERS' SUPPORT FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Riverhead, NY – On Friday evening, May 3, 2013, the Suffolk Community College Culinary Arts Program hosted a gala celebrating Long Island's forty years of wine production and raised more than \$9,000 for student scholarships supporting culinary arts education.

In a room filled to capacity, the College recognized Long Island Wine Council Board President Ron Goerler, Jr. and Executive Director Steven Bate for their dedication to the local wine industry and culinary community. Mr. Goerler was also presented with a Riverhead Town Resolution by Supervisor Sean Walter and a Suffolk County Legislature Proclamation from Legislator Al Krupski.

The menu, which contained a choice of ten entrees, plus a salad and dessert, was prepared and served by more than fifty Suffolk County Community College culinary students and a dozen faculty members. Wine was donated by ten local wineries. Richard Olsen-Harbich, wine maker for Bedell Cellars Winery and Kareen Massoud, wine maker for Paumanok Vineyards, gave brief presentations discussing the growth of the wine industry over the past forty years. Over fifty local businesses donated prizes for the silent and live auctions.



**Photo Caption:** David Bergen, College Associate Dean for Educational Resources at Suffolk County Community College (right), recognized Long Island Wine Council Board President Ron Goerler, Jr. (left) at Suffolk County Community College's Culinary Arts Gala, which raised more than \$9,000 to support culinary arts student scholarships.

### **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](http://sunysuffolk.edu).

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