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**SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION TO HOST
2009 SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE GALA**

Selden, NY – The Suffolk Community College Foundation will host its 2009 *Salute to Excellence Gala* on Friday, March 20 at Flowerfield in St. James.

This year, the Gala will recognize and honor the achievements of the following: the *Suffolk County Community College Nursing Program*, the largest nurse education program in New York State; small business owner, *Donna Gathard, President, All Service Electric, Inc.*; *Barnes and Noble College Booksellers*, and *Verizon Business*, for their ongoing partnership and support.

Proceeds from this annual event support student scholarships, emergency student loans, special projects for professional staff development, and support for unique academic enrichment programs. This year a portion of the proceeds will be allocated to the nursing program. In 2008, as a result of all its fundraising activities, the Suffolk Community College Foundation was able to provide more than \$500,000 in financial support to the College.

Sponsorship, souvenir journal ads and tickets for the Gala can be purchased by contacting Mary Ann DeCostanzo in the Foundation Office at (631) 451-4846 or decostm@sunysuffolk.edu.

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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