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**SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION TO HOST
THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE GALA**

Selden, NY – The Suffolk Community College Foundation will host its *Salute to Excellence Gala* on Saturday, March 6 at the Hyatt Regency Long Island in Hauppauge. This year's theme will focus on celebrating the College's 50th Anniversary.

Gala honorees are: *Kevin O'Connor, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bridgehampton National Bank*, who will receive the Outstanding Alumni Award; *David M. Bottomley, Executive Director, Aerospace and Defense Diversification Alliance in Peacetime Transition (ADDAPT)*, who will receive the Industry Leadership Award of Excellence, and *Frank Boulton, Founder and CEO/Principal Owner, of the Long Island Ducks*, who will receive the Community Leadership Award of Excellence.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature dinner, dancing with a 10-piece band and casino entertainment. Proceeds from this annual event support student scholarships, emergency student loans, special projects for professional staff development, and support for unique academic enrichment programs.

Sponsorship, commemorative 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 approximately 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.

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