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Long Island University and Suffolk County Community College to Expand Their Public-Private Partnership

*Partnership-signing ceremony on August 21st Announces LIU Brentwood's relocation to
Suffolk County Community College's Michael J. Grant Campus*

Brentwood, N.Y. – Expanding a unique public-private partnership in higher education, Long Island University President Kimberly R. Cline and Suffolk County Community College President Shaun L. McKay have announced that LIU will relocate its LIU Brentwood campus to SCCC's Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood beginning this fall. The relocation will mark the second collaboration between LIU and Suffolk; LIU Riverhead is located at Suffolk's Eastern Campus.

Approximately 350 students from LIU Brentwood will begin taking classes at the new location on September 4, working toward master's degrees in childhood education, criminal justice, library and information science, literacy education, mental health counseling, school library media, school counseling and special education. LIU Brentwood also offers the upper-division bachelor's degree in criminal justice to graduates of community college programs and the LIU Post bachelor's degree in nursing to registered nurses.

"LIU Brentwood's new home at the Michael J. Grant Campus is a big step forward for the campus, which has served western Suffolk County for more than four decades," said Dr. Cline. "Prospective students in the region, and especially students at Suffolk County Community College, will have access to our impressive roster of faculty and distinctive programs with elite accreditations. Combining LIU's academic offerings with Suffolk's beautiful campus and state-of-the-art facilities, this partnership will no doubt foster a full campus life experience for our students."

"We look forward to welcoming LIU to our community and working together to expand the educational offerings available to our students," said Dr. McKay. "This type of partnership links two great institutions of higher education in ways that can lead to new discoveries, new interactions and more learning opportunities that will help our students prosper as educated citizens."

The new location increases Long Island University's capacity to grow in Brentwood and serve residents in western Suffolk County. During the fall 2013 semester, LIU Brentwood classes will be provided temporarily in the Sally Ann Slacke Center and the Health, Sports and Education Center until a new classroom building is constructed on SCCC's property. The new 24,000-square-foot facility will contain state-of-the-art classrooms for use by both LIU and SCCC, and will be the administrative and faculty hub of LIU Brentwood. Suffolk County Community College is centrally

located three minutes from the LIE at 1001 Crooked Hill Road in Brentwood. The campus is only five minutes from LIU Brentwood's current location at the Sisters of St. Josephs' in Brentwood. LIU Brentwood students and faculty will have access to Suffolk's many campus services and facilities, including a full cafeteria; library; computer labs; and the Health Sports and Education Center, which includes workout facilities and a swimming pool.

Modeling the successful partnership between LIU Riverhead and Suffolk's Eastern Campus, LIU Brentwood will work with Suffolk to develop "two-plus-two" associate-to-bachelor's degree programs for Suffolk's students.

"This collaboration between one of the largest private universities in the nation and the largest community college in New York State is a model of ingenuity that will support the University's mission access and excellence, fostering engagement, economic growth and educational outreach within the Long Island community," said Edward Travaglianti, chairman of the Long Island University Board of Trustees. "This new home provides us with an opportunity to extend the impact of Long Island University into new parts of western Suffolk County and to broaden the scope of our educational offerings."

According to Dafny Irizarry, chairwoman of Suffolk County Community College's Board of Trustees, "This latest arrangement reflects Suffolk's ongoing commitment to partnership development as a means for improving higher education on Long Island. Our association with LIU clearly fits within the goals we have established in our strategic plan, helping to ensure a smooth transition for Suffolk's graduates and assisting in our collective effort to keep bright, educated individuals here on Long Island, contributing to the vibrancy of our local communities and regional economies."

"This is an important link that two of our foremost institutions of higher learning, SCCC and LIU, have forged, giving local students yet another opportunity to get the kind of education they need to learn the skills they need to get good jobs and stay on Long Island," said Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay. "My congratulations go out to both SCCC President McKay and LIU President Cline.



PHOTO CAPTION: On Wednesday, August 23, 2013, LIU Brentwood and Suffolk County Community College announced that LIU will relocate its LIU Brentwood campus to Suffolk's Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood beginning this fall. (Left to right) Long Island University President Kimberly R. Cline, Suffolk County Community College President Dr. Shaun L. McKay and Chairwoman of the Suffolk County Community College Board of Trustees Dafny Irizarry celebrate the signing of the lease with enthusiastic students from LIU Brentwood and Suffolk County Community College.