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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE LAUNCHES
“STAY ON LONG ISLAND INITIATIVE” THROUGH SPECIALIZED WEB SITE**

Selden, NY - Suffolk County Community College has launched a specialized Web site to support its innovative Stay on Long Island Initiative (SoLII). Individuals interested in learning more about the initiative will find the specialized micro-site located within the main College Web site. The web address for the micro-site is www.sunysuffolk.edu/SoLII.

SoLII is designed to help SCCC’s best and most talented graduates achieve their educational dreams by continuing their education at quality four-year colleges and universities right here in our region. Developed and led by Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College, the Stay on Long Island initiative provides full- and partial-tuition scholarships to graduating SCCC students who agree to transfer to partnering four-year Long Island colleges, including: Adelphi University, Long Island University – C.W. Post Campus, Dowling College, New York Institute of Technology and St. Joseph’s College.

“Through the Stay on Long Island Initiative, we will cultivate and tap the intellectual capital of those individuals who have the best potential for transforming our region,” said Dr. McKay. “We will provide these students with exceptional educational experiences and we will not lose them to outward migration.”

The new SoLII micro-site serves to inform potential scholarship applicants about the full parameters of the program and also shares online information about the selected partnering colleges and universities. The micro-site allows students to immediately access appropriate application forms, while also providing details about the related “Scholar-to-Scholar” program. The Scholar-to-Scholar Program has been designed to engage outstanding SCCC students with Honors students from the partnering colleges. SCCC students who participate in the Scholar-to-Scholar Program will be able to take advantage of enhanced educational opportunities and events. These events will be facilitated by specific SCCC faculty liaisons who will be maintaining relationships with key members of the Honors Programs and Admissions Departments at each partner college.

In addition to a host of partial-tuition scholarship awards given by partnering institutions, the SoLII effort will include three full-time scholarships from C.W. Post, Dowling College, New York Institute of Technology and St. Joseph’s College – as well as one full-time scholarship from Adelphi University. Additional draft partnership agreements are currently in the final stages with other area institutions.

“More and more students are choosing to start their college careers by studying at a community college,” said Dr. Paul Forestell, Provost of C.W. Post. “They are the engines that are driving higher education today. We want to reward the best and the brightest for their hard work with financial assistance to have opportunities to go on to earn bachelor’s and advanced degrees.”

In addition to creating the SoLII micro-site, communication efforts also include the development of college-wide posters, signage and marketing materials.

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 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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