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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT WINS
PRESTIGIOUS STATEWIDE AWARD**

Brentwood, NY - Allan Barry, a resident of Smithtown and a Nursing student at the Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood, is the recipient of a 2009-2010 Vanguard Student Recognition Award. The Vanguard Award is presented to students across the state who are enrolled in secondary or postsecondary Career and Technical Education Programs not traditional for their gender.

The Vanguard Award program is coordinated by the NET Project, Center for Women in Government and Civil Society at the University of Albany, and the New York State Education Department (NYSED). This year, seven winners were selected from a total of 24 nominees statewide: one male and three females from secondary programs and two males and one female from post-secondary programs at institutions that had received Career and Technical Education Act (CTEA) grants from NYSED. The winners were honored at the Association of Career and Technical Education Administrators Statewide Leadership Conference in Albany, held February 25-26. The Award includes a certificate and public recognition for the students as role models for others considering nontraditional careers.

In his personal information form, Mr. Barry commented, "I chose to work in the healthcare field because I enjoy helping people, especially in their time of need. I believe nursing is among one of the most rewarding professions a person can have."

His faculty advisor at the College, Elisa A. Mancuso, Professor of Nursing, noted, "Allan demonstrates a level of professionalism and dedication that is rarely seen in a novice practitioner. He is a consummate student who is driven to apply his knowledge in a clinical situation." Professor Mancuso also noted that Mr. Barry created an online forum for nursing students and is Co-President of the Nursing Club, where he coordinated the Jones Beach Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, participated in Student Activities Day and led several Nursing Club scholarship fundraisers.

Mr. Barry is a 3.7 GPA student who balances his school responsibilities with his family life. He credits his wife with being his biggest supporter. When asked about nontraditional career choices, he said, "There was a time when I would not have thought about nursing for me, as it was always viewed as a women's career. This is probably because women have always been nurturers and caregivers. But, I believe, I can be just as caring and nurturing for the same patient as a woman."



PHOTO CAPTION: Allan Barry, a Nursing student enrolled at Suffolk County Community College, is the recipient of a 2009-2010 New York State Vanguard Student Recognition Award.

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 online at sunysuffolk.edu.

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