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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS  
AUTOMATED LIGHTING/STAGE RIGGING PROGRAM USING  
DISTANCE EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY**

*Combination of Online Lectures and Laboratory Projects Creates a Unique Learning Experience*

Selden, NY - Responding to a national demand for qualified lighting and stage rigging personnel, Suffolk County Community College is offering a one-year certificate program in Automated Lighting and Stage Rigging on its Ammerman Campus in Selden. This unique program is the only one of its kind on Long Island, according to the program's director, Jason Kankel.

SCCC will host an Open House for the program on July 9, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Lighting Laboratory located in the Islip Arts Building on the Ammerman Campus in Selden. **For additional information about the Open House, please call (631) 451-4163.**

During the last decade, museums, theatres, major storefronts, corporate events sponsors and cruise lines have increased the demand for skilled workers to perform this automated, computerized service. Salaries in a production company start at \$10 to \$25 dollars an hour and skilled freelancers can earn up to \$500 per day.

Each semester, students enrolled in this program will take four core courses along with a course in communications. The coursework will then be followed by a career internship. The program is limited to 18 students per semester. The program features a specialty lighting and computer laboratory that is equipped with automated lighting fixtures and programming control consoles, which offers students hands-on experience with the most up-to-date technology.

For more information, including course descriptions and photographs visit the program website at [www2.sunysuffolk.edu/kankelj](http://www2.sunysuffolk.edu/kankelj).

**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](http://sunysuffolk.edu).

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