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SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECOGNIZES STUDENT ARTISTS FOR WORKS ON BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING

Selden, NY – Suffolk County Community College's *Stand up SCCC* Committee was formed to encourage college-wide conversations on the topic of bullying and cyberbullying. This semester, students were invited to submit creative works to be judged for the ability to express how bullying or cyberbullying touched their life, how it impacts human dignity, or how students can take a stand against it.

At a ceremony on April 18th, the committee announced the winners of the competition:

- **Angela Cernuto, a resident of Mount Sinai, (photograph) "***Some bruises are on the inside"***
- **Cory Gardner, a resident of Centereach, (mixed media painting***) "Bullying Distorts All"***
- **Xiomara Moran, a resident of Bay Shore, (video)** *"Break the Silence"*
- **Jacqueline Fortunato a resident of Holbrook, (PowerPoint),** *"Their Stories"*

The College received 44 pieces of artwork from 40 student artists representing all three campuses. The winners received Samsung Galaxy tablets and Certificates of Merit from the College, as well as certificates from Suffolk County Legislator Thomas F. Barraga and New York State Assemblyman Al Graf.

A link to photos from the event is available at http://www2.sunysuffolk.edu/media/SCCCBullying/.

Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of the College, said, "I am extremely proud of the students who participated in this event, and I am grateful for the work of the *Stand Up SCCC* Committee. Our goal is to continue to create awareness and have substantive dialogue on this important topic."

The College has taken a stand against bullying, including passing a college-wide policy in the spring of 2012. Maggie Marcincuk, Associate Professor at the College's Ammerman Campus and *Stand Up SCCC* Committee Chair, said, "We are pleased with the response and commitment from the students. The pieces will be used to raise awareness and educate students on how bullying and cyberbullying affects our community."

Photo Caption: Suffolk County Community College students are recognized for works on bullying and cyberbullying. (Left to Right): Maggie Marcincuk, Associate Professor and Counselor at the College's Ammerman Campus and *Stand Up SCCC* Committee Chair; students: Cory Gardner, a resident of Centereach; Xiomara Moran, a resident of Bay Shore; Jacqueline Fortunato a resident of Holbrook; Angela Cernuto, a resident of Mount Sinai; and Mary M. Feder, Director of College Relations and Publications and *Stand Up SCCC* committee member.

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 26,000 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 affordable college tuition, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at sunysuffolk.edu.

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