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SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOSTS ECONOMIC FORUM

SUNY Chancellor Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher Delivers Keynote Address

Selden, NY –Suffolk County Community College recently held a forum on the economic revitalization and quality of life in New York State and on Long Island, bringing together elected officials and business leaders. SUNY Chancellor Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher delivered the keynote address followed by a thought-provoking panel discussion that featured a roundtable of special guests including:

- *Steve Levy, Suffolk County Executive*
- *Kevin S. Law, President, Long Island Association*
- *William J. Lindsay, Presiding Officer, Suffolk County Legislature*
- *Anne E. Shybunko-Moore, President, GSE Dynamics*
- *Mark Grossman, Commissioner's LI Regional Representative, NYS Dept. of Labor*

Prior to introducing Chancellor Zimpher, Dr. Shaun L. McKay noted that Suffolk County Community College is the largest community college in the SUNY system. According to recently published studies, community colleges are the economic engines that drive economic and jobs development. He also commented on a number of new programs at the College, including a new effort aimed at allowing students to receive an associate's degree in two years by taking classes during early morning, weekend or evening hours.

During her address, Chancellor Zimpher noted that New York's greatest areas of strength are energy, nanotechnology, life science and high performance computing. Long Island, she believes, is a complete model because it encompasses all of these elements and is a leader in these areas. Chancellor Zimpher also emphasized that Suffolk County Community College fits strongly in the "cradle to career" philosophy of SUNY, with students who go on to workforce careers and to continue their studies in the disciplines of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).



Photo Caption: (Left to right) *Kevin S. Law, President, Long Island Association; William J. Lindsay, Presiding Officer, Suffolk County Legislature; George Gatta, Executive Vice President, Suffolk County Community College; Steve Levy, Suffolk County Executive; SUNY Chancellor Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher; Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President, Suffolk County Community College; Mark Grossman, Commissioner's LI Regional Representative, NYS Dept. of Labor; Anne E. Shybunko-Moore, President, GSE Dynamics; SUNY Deputy for the Education Pipeline and Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges Johanna Duncan-Poitier.*

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 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 www.sunysuffolk.edu.

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