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SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS EXCEL AT INTERNATIONAL FORENSIC COMPETITION

Selden – Suffolk County Community College students from the Ammerman Campus Forensics Team, represented the College at the International Forensics Championship March 9 - 16 in Rome, Italy.

At the tournament, students Robert Doyle (Westhampton Beach) and Emily Prochnicki (Coram) participated in the following competitions: prose interpretation (47 contestants), dramatic interpretation (33 contestants) and dramatic duo interpretation (28 duos). Ms. Prochnicki was named a semi-finalist, finishing in the top 12 in dramatic interpretation. Mr. Doyle and Ms. Prochnicki (as duo partners) finished 4th in dramatic duo interpretation. Mr. Doyle was the champion of dramatic interpretation and, as such, is the reigning world champion. As a team, the College finished in 8th place.

Mr. Doyle is a theatre arts major at the College with an emphasis in acting. He is also a talented costume designer and is currently designing costumes for the College production of *As You Like It*. He hopes to pursue a career in theatre, either as an actor or costume designer. This is Mr. Doyle's first year on the Ammerman Forensics Team; he has competed in six tournaments and has won 13 awards.

Ms. Prochnicki is also a theatre arts major at the College with an emphasis in acting. She has starred in five mainstage shows during her time at Suffolk. She hopes to pursue a career in acting, both on the stage and in television and film. She competed on the team in the spring of 2011 and won numerous awards including two bronze medals at the Phi Rho Pi national championships. This spring she has competed in six tournaments and has also won 13 awards, making her the most honored forensicator in the history of the Ammerman Campus Forensics Team.

The International Forensics Association is a division of the American Forensics Association and is the governing body for the international championship. The international championship is open to all two- and four-year colleges and universities that offer a forensics program. Students compete in a variety of events categorized as debate, public address or oral interpretation of literature. While most events take place in English, foreign languages present at the championship included Italian, Spanish, Chinese, among others. At the 2012 tournament, 17 schools and more than 100 students competed in the various events.

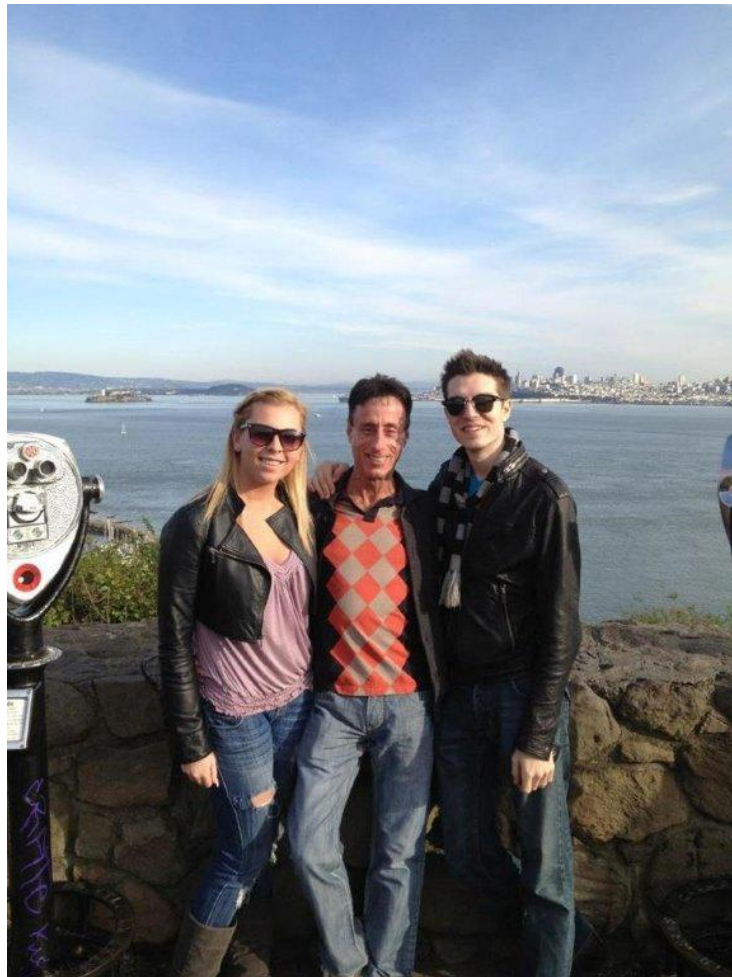


Photo Caption: Suffolk County Community College students Emily Prochnicki of Coram (left) and Robert Doyle of Westhampton Beach (right) with SCCC Academic Chair and Associate Professor of Communications, Thomas Bovino (center). The students are members of the Ammerman Campus Forensics Team and recently represented the College at the International Forensics Championship in Rome, Italy.

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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