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**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY STARTS CONSTRUCTION PHASE FOR
SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S MONTAUKETT LEARNING
RESOURCE CENTER ON THE EASTERN CAMPUS IN RIVERHEAD**

Riverhead, NY – At a ceremony on April 15th, Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College, joined state and local elected officials at a groundbreaking ceremony marking the beginning of construction for the Montaukett Learning Resource Center on the College's Eastern Campus in Riverhead.

When construction is completed, this new 40,000-square-foot building will be at the center of the campus. The Montaukett Learning Resource Center has been designed by JCJ Architects and will be constructed by E.W. Howell. It will include a state-of-the-art library, a large lecture hall, computer classrooms, distance learning classrooms, the Academic Skills Center, gallery space and varied learning spaces for students to pursue collaborative and independent study.

The building has been designed to meet "Silver" LEED certification but upon completion, may actually obtain the higher "Gold" LEED rating. Created by the U.S. Green Building Council, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) sets construction standards for energy efficiency, sparing water usage, and other healthful and nonpolluting attributes. LEED certification is only awarded to the top 25 percent of environmentally responsible buildings. This will be the first LEED certified building on the campus.

During the presentation, Dr. McKay noted, "The new Learning Resource Center will serve the Eastern Campus as a powerful symbol of the value of the College and its students to the vitality of our shared community. Generally, when we think about the value of a community college, we often focus on the life transforming experiences we provide for citizens. At Suffolk County Community College, we take great pride in our success in transforming individual lives, and thereby impacting families, and ultimately – industries and communities."



Photo Caption: (From left to right) Dr. Evon Walters, Executive Dean Eastern Campus of Suffolk County Community College, Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College, Legislator Tom Cilmi, County Treasurer Angie Carpenter, Legislator Edward Romaine, Chief Deputy County Executive Chris Kent, Presiding Officer of the Legislature William Lindsay, Ernesto Mattace, Jr., Chairman, Board of Trustees of Suffolk County Community College, Assemblyman Fred Thiele, Legislator Wayne Horsley, Assemblyman Marc Alessi, Legislator Jay Schneiderman, Southampton Town Councilman James Malone.

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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