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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEARS COMPLETION ON
STATE-OF-THE-ART OBSERVATORY ON THE AMMERMAN CAMPUS**

Selden, NY – Suffolk County Community College has recently installed a state-of-the-art observatory on the roof of the Smithtown Science Building on the Ammerman Campus in Selden. Once commissioned, the College will have one of the largest observatory facilities on Long Island and will be among the largest in New York State.

The new Observatory will serve as a teaching tool for students, a research tool for faculty, and a resource for the local community.

Dr. Mike Inglis, Professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics on the Ammerman Campus, said, "Once the observatory is networked, and telescopes are installed and commissioned, we will be able to offer an amazing facility that will allow us to show the wonders of the universe to Suffolk County Community College faculty, students and local county residents, as well."

"This observatory, along with several other collaborations with four-year colleges and other astronomy initiatives, is an indication of the commitment to teaching, research and public outreach that the astronomy faculty and the College have to offer," said Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of the College.

Completion of the observatory project is expected later this semester.



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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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