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SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATES THE INAUGURATION OF DR. SHAUN L. MCKAY AS THE COLLEGE'S SIXTH PRESIDENT

Selden, NY – On Tuesday, September 21, 2010, Suffolk County Community College celebrated the inauguration of Dr. Shaun L. McKay as the sixth president of the College. The Inauguration Investiture Ceremony took place at 10:30 a.m. in the field house of the Health, Sports, and Education Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood.

Approximately 900 guests attended the ceremony, including delegates from institutions of higher education in New York State and across the country, as well as elected officials, faculty, staff and students from the College.

The formal investiture ceremony was conducted by Dr. Nancy Zimpher, Chancellor of the State University of New York (SUNY), assisted by Ernesto Mattace, Jr., Chairman of the College's Board of Trustees. Congratulatory greetings were offered by Eunice A. Lewin, SUNY Board of Trustees; Dr. Shirley Robinson Pippins, Senior Vice President - American Council on Education (ACE) and the College's immediate past president; Hon. Steve Levy, Suffolk County Executive; Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III - President, SUNY Old Westbury and Dr. Irving Pressley McPhail, President, National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME).

In his inaugural address, Dr. McKay urged the audience to build a spirit of cooperation to sustain the College and the economic lifeline at the core of the institution. "Let's pledge ourselves to creating an environment that will give us an edge in preparing our students for the 21st century workforce, while embracing the philosophy of lifelong learning."

Dr. McKay later bestowed exemplary service medallions upon John C. Gallagher, former Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department, who has also served the College in various administrative and faculty positions since 1966, and William J. Lindsay, Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature.

The Presidential Inauguration ceremony was the culmination of a series of events that focused attention on the College, its faculty alumni and student body. Under the theme of "Transforming Lives, Empowering Individuals," the College hosted three events, including an educational symposium, as part of the calendar of activities marking the occasion.



Photo Caption (l to r): Ernesto Mattace, Jr., Chairman of the SCCC Board of Trustees, Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College and Dr. Nancy Zimpher, Chancellor of the State University of New York, following the formal investiture ceremony marking the inauguration of Dr. McKay as the College's sixth president.

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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