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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S AMMERMAN CAMPUS CHAPTER
OF PSI BETA WINS CHAPTER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Selden, NY – Suffolk County Community College's Ammerman Campus Chapter of the Psi Beta National Honor Society in Psychology for Community and Junior Colleges, recently won a Chapter of Excellence Award for 2009-2010.

The chapter was one of just five across the nation to achieve this recognition by completing activities that reflect each component of Psi Beta's mission: Leadership, scholarship, community service and research. They did this in conjunction with Suffolk County Community College's educational mission to improve society through transforming lives and building communities.

In its inaugural year, the students of the newly formed Ammerman Chapter of the Psi Beta National Honor Society shared their passion for psychology and learned to extend their studies beyond the classroom. They deepened their understanding of psychology by developing a lecture series in conjunction with Brookhaven National Laboratory. The first lecture, "The Brain and Addiction", attracted over 70 students. The chapter also visited Pilgrim State Psychiatric Center and Museum in Brentwood to further combine their knowledge in the classroom with a deeper respect for mental health professionals and members of the community who are affected by mental illness. The Psi Beta students also honored their commitment to the community with fundraising and community awareness events that included delivering, food, toiletries and other supplies to the Kent Animal Shelter in Riverhead and the Pax Christi Shelter in Port Jefferson Station.

The Ammerman Chapter of Psi Beta is co-advised by four faculty members in the Psychology Department: Professor Harry Rooney; Dr. Joe Vollaro; Dr. Claire Rubman, and Dr. Nelly Sta. Maria. The chapter will receive a Chapter Excellence Recognition plaque later in the year at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

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 sunysuffolk.edu.

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