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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S AMMERMAN CAMPUS
PSI BETA CHAPTER RECEIVES 2011-2012 CHAPTER EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Selden, NY – Suffolk County Community College's Psi Beta Chapter on the Ammerman Campus recently received the 2012-2013 Chapter Excellence Award. Psi Beta is the National Honor Society in Psychology for Community and Junior Colleges. It is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society as well as a member of the Association of College Honor Societies.

The Psi Beta Honor Society promotes professional development of psychology students in two-year colleges through promotion and recognition of excellence in scholarship, leadership, research, and community service.

Dr. Claire Rubman, Professor of Psychology at the College, and Dr. Courtney Brewer, Assistant Professor of Psychology, are co-advisors to the Psi Beta National Honor Society. The College will receive a plaque on behalf of the Chapter's recognition.

With Dr. Rubman's support, Psi Beta students participated in fall and spring Activities Days; ran six movie programs with discussion and lectures on topics including advertising, behaviorism, autism and personality disorders; participated in Mental Health Awareness Day; attended a workshop on prescription drug abuse; planned and ran a fundraiser for ClubHouse of Suffolk County; and conducted a food drive in conjunction with the College's Harvest Food Drive.

During the year, Chapter members also hosted Psi Chi from Stony Brook University and a Career Day with St. Joseph's College to promote and discuss careers in the field of psychology. They also welcomed Dr. Joy Bulger from Brookhaven Lab for a joint lecture with Dr. Joe Valero on depression and the brain.

Dr. Rubman noted, "I am so proud of the Ammerman Campus' Psi Beta Chapter. The students in this chapter have shown an interest and ability in Psychology that is refreshing and that goes well beyond the classroom to extend a helping hand to the community at large."

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 the lowest college tuition on Long Island, 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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