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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOSTS STAY ON LONG ISLAND
SCHOLAR-TO-SCHOLAR SYMPOSIUM**

Selden, NY - Suffolk County Community College's Stay on Long Island Initiative (SoLII) was established by the College's President Dr. Shaun L. McKay in 2010, in order to help outstanding Suffolk County Community College graduates, who have contributed to the College or community, to continue their education here on Long Island. Through generous full- and partial-tuition scholarships offered at Adelphi University, Dowling College, Five Towns College, Hofstra University, Long Island University (C.W. Post, Brentwood and Riverhead Campuses), New York Institute of Technology, St. John's University and St. Joseph's College, SOLII scholars are able to attend quality four-year colleges and universities close to home, thus minimizing the brain drain and allowing us to keep high achieving students here on Long Island.

The Scholar-to-Scholar program is part of this initiative and is designed to provide Suffolk's outstanding students with an opportunity to engage with Honors program students from the SoLII partner colleges. SoLII and Phi Theta Kappa recently held a Scholar-to Scholar Symposium and Transfer Fair that enabled 100 students to visit with Transfer Admissions Directors from the SoLII Partner Colleges, learn about the schools and the available SoLII Scholarships, and discuss the symposium topic: The Democratization of Information: Power, Peril and Promise.

At lunch, Suffolk County Community College President, Dr. Shaun L. McKay encouraged the students with his remarks and Dr. Carla Mazzaelli, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, gave the keynote address. Dr. McKay noted, "Last May, our SoLII partner schools offered full- and partial-tuition scholarships to approximately 40 of our top graduates. We successfully generated a first-year value for these commitments of over \$500,000. This coming May, that figure will be multiplied when our first year recipients receive the second installment of their award and the recipients from our 2012 graduating class qualify for their first award."



Photo Caption:

The Scholar-to-Scholar program is part of the Stay on Long Island Initiative (SoLII) and is designed to engage Suffolk County Community College's outstanding students with Honors program students from SoLII partner colleges. Joining Suffolk's President Dr. Shaun L. McKay (front row, third from the left), are Dr. Carla Mazzarelli, Suffolk's Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs (front row, third from the right) and Professor Steven Epstein, who directs Suffolk's SoLII program (front row, right), along with representatives from the partnering institutions: Adelphi University, Dowling College, Five Towns College, Hofstra University, Long Island University (C.W. Post, Brentwood and Riverhead campuses), New York Institute of Technology, St. John's University and St. Joseph's College.

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 unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at sunysuffolk.edu.

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