

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**April 4, 2012**

No. 47/11-12

**MEDIA CONTACT:**

Mary M. Feder, Director of College Relations  
Suffolk County Community College  
(631) 451-4256  
federmm@sunysuffolk.edu

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S SISTER MARY ANN BORRELLO  
NOMINATED FOR THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS'  
EVERYDAY HERO AWARD**

Brentwood, NY – Suffolk County Community College's Sister Mary Ann Borrello, Professor of Sociology, has been nominated for the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Everyday Hero Award. She has been selected as one of five national semi-finalists in the higher education division. The award is given to AFT members who go above and beyond expectations to make a difference in their workplace or community on a daily basis. Earlier this year, Sister Mary Ann was selected as a New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) Community Service Award winner.

Sister Mary Ann has been selected for these prestigious awards based on her efforts both inside and outside the classroom. She organizes campus blood drives, raises scholarship funds during the annual Mother Cabrini Festival hosted by the Sons of Italy, collects and distributes food to local families in need, and is a constant source of support to the College and the local community.

The general public is invited to vote online for the award semi-finalists throughout the month of April at <http://www.aft.org/everydayheroes/>. Finalists will be chosen and notified on April 30, 2012. They will be honored in person at the annual AFT convention in Detroit, Michigan on July 27, 2012.

The American Federation of Teachers, an affiliate of the AFL-CIO, was founded in 1916 and today represents 1.5 million members in more than 3,000 local affiliates nationwide.

Five divisions within the AFT represent the broad spectrum of its membership: pre-K through 12th-grade teachers; paraprofessionals and other school-related personnel; higher education faculty and professional staff; federal, state and local government employees; and nurses and other healthcare professionals. In addition, the AFT represents approximately 80,000 early childhood educators and nearly 250,000 retiree members.

**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 (I.E.), Associate in Science (ADS'), 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](http://sunysuffolk.edu).

###