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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS WIN SECOND ROUND OF  
NEW YORK STATE MATH LEAGUE CONTEST**

Selden, NY – Christopher Lowell, a student at the Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College, recently placed first in the spring 2012 round of the New York State Mathematics Association of Two-Year College's (NYSMATYC) Math League Contest. Mr. Lowell is also the first place winner of the combined (spring and fall) competitions.

Maciej Wlodek, a part-time student at the Ammerman Campus in Selden, placed third overall in the combined competitions. Maciej is a seventh grade student attending Longwood Junior High School. He was the second place winner of the fall competition.

This year, the Ammerman Campus placed second in the team competition out of 26 schools, while the Michael J. Grant Campus placed seventh. Team scores are determined by adding the top five scores of the participating students. Since the fall 2006, the contest has been coordinated by Dr. Jerry Chen, SCCC Associate Professor of Mathematics at the Ammerman Campus and by Dr. Maria Alzugaray, SCCC Associate Professor of Mathematics at the Michael J. Grant Campus.

During each round, the students were tested on Logic, Set Theory, Probability, Intermediate Algebra, Geometry, and Pre-Calculus (College Algebra and Trigonometry). Students were given one hour to take the test. The use of calculators or computers, math tables, and notes of any kind were not permitted. The test consisted of 20 problems - some multiple choice and most free response problems.

Twenty-six community colleges throughout New York State participated in the fall 2011 and spring 2012 rounds, representing a total of 1,298 students.

Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College commented, "We are very proud of Christopher and Maciej. Their hard work and dedication has led them to achieve academic excellence in mathematics."

In May 1967, the New York State Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges (NYSMATYC) was established. Since that date, NYSMATYC has grown to a membership of over 350, representing more than 50 of the two-year colleges in New York State.

**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 over 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](http://sunysuffolk.edu).

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