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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO MARK
UNITY DAY ON OCTOBER 24TH**

Brentwood, NY – Suffolk County Community College will mark *Suffolk County Unity Day* on Thursday, October 24, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Van Nostrand Theatre on the College’s Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood. This year’s program, designed for educators and for middle- and high-school students, is based on the theme ***Coming to America: The Immigrant Experience***. It will be hosted by the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding with its partners, the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission and the Suffolk County Interfaith Anti-Bias Task Force. There is no charge to attend the program.

The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Harold A. Fernandez, Professor of Surgery, Co-Director of the Stony Brook University Heart Institute, and Deputy-Chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. Dr. Fernandez is the author of “Undocumented: My Journey to Princeton and Harvard and Life as a Heart Surgeon.” His talk will be followed by a presentation by Joselo Lucero, brother of the late Marcelo Lucero, a victim of a hate crime. Mr. Lucero will refer to film clips from “Deputized” and engage in discussion on the importance of treating each person with dignity. The program will include a panel discussion during which immigrant students will talk about their personal stories. The panel will be moderated by Hendel Leiva of Long Island WINS. Suffolk County Community College President Dr. Shaun L. McKay will participate in the event.

Attendees at the program will have an opportunity to engage in dialogue stimulated by the ***Embracing Our Differences*** outdoor art exhibit. Through an Educational Guide, they will learn about how art can bring about social change. The exhibit will be located adjacent to the Sagtikos Building through October 27th.

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

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