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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROFESSOR, DETECTIVE JAMES COLL,  
IS HONORED BY MAYOR BLOOMBERG & US AIRWAYS**

Brentwood, NY – Suffolk County Community College is proud to recognize the heroic efforts of Detective James Coll, Adjunct Professor of Social Sciences on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood, for his role in the emergency response and rescue efforts of US Airways Flight 1549. Detective Coll was among several members of the NYPD Emergency Service Unit that arrived on the scene following that flight's emergency landing in the Hudson River by Pilot Chesley Sullenberger. Detective Coll and his squad commandeered a Circle Line boat, donned their wetsuits and entered the plane to search for victims, and assisted in ensuring that passengers reached land safely.

At the Blue Room of City Hall in Manhattan, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and US Airway's CEO, Doug Parker, presented Detective Coll with a Certificate of Honor for his heroic efforts. During the ceremony, Mayor Bloomberg stated, "When a US Airways pilot made an incredibly skillful emergency landing in the Hudson River, New Yorkers wasted no time in helping the plane's passengers get to safety. Our Finest and Bravest...made split-second decisions that resulted in a dramatic rescue. And because of their efforts, and the calm, steady leadership shown by Captain Sullenberger and his crew, all 155 people on that plane made it to safety."

In recognizing Detective Coll's bravery and dedication to his field, George Gatta, Jr., SCCC's Interim President said, "I would like to applaud Professor Coll, who is a member of one of the most elite teams in the NYPD and part of the elite faculty here at Suffolk County Community College, for his integral role in the rescue effort. We are very proud to count him among our esteemed faculty members."



**Photo Caption: Detective James Coll, Adjunct Professor of Social Sciences at Suffolk County Community College, is honored by Mayor Bloomberg for his role in the emergency response and rescue efforts of US Airways Flight 1549. (Photo courtesy of the Office of the Mayor).**

### **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 more than 23,000 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.) degree, 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 unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at [www.sunysuffolk.edu](http://www.sunysuffolk.edu).

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