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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO UNVEIL MULTICULTURAL  
TILE WALL AT THE MICHAEL J. GRANT CAMPUS IN BRENTWOOD**

Brentwood, NY– Suffolk County Community College will be hosting a ceremony for the unveiling of its newly installed multicultural tile wall outside the Gallery West in the Captree Commons Building on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood. The event will take place on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. and the general public is invited to attend.

As part of the year-long calendar of events scheduled to celebrate the College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the multicultural tile wall displays the compilation of 500 student sculptural relief tiles created over the past 10 years and collected by Michaelann Tostanoski, Professor of Visual Arts.

"We are so pleased to unveil this project in time to coordinate the display with the College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to kick off Cultural Diversity Month, which begins on October 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition to showcasing the artistic talents of our students throughout the years, the multicultural tile project will be a permanent structure that symbolizes the diverse cultures within our society from the mid-1990's through today," noted Professor Tostanoski.

In creating their individual tiles for this project, students were asked to think about the word culture and to explore what it meant to them personally. They were also asked to take into account the visual impact of the finished product and to use critical thinking skills to be creative. A one-page description of the thought process behind the tile, along with a full sketch, accompanied each 8"x 10" tile and completed the student's project.

Unparalleled creativity and raw personal life experiences are clearly apparent in the students' work. The cultural topics expressed in the artwork include the 9/11 terrorist attacks, breast cancer, anorexia, divorce, and the war in Iraq - just to name a few. Once mounted together, the tile wall presents society today and provides a glimpse of how we arrived at this point.



**Photo Caption: A portion of the multicultural tile wall being unveiled at Suffolk County Community College's Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood. The art project is being presented in time for Cultural Diversity Month as part of the College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.**

**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.) 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 unified 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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