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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS  
50 YEARS OF ASTRONOMY ON NOVEMBER 13, 2009  
TO CELEBRATE ITS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR**

Selden, NY, - Suffolk County Community College will present *50 Years of Astronomy*, a dynamic lecture given by Dr. Michael Inglis, Professor of Astronomy, on Friday, November 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 109 of the Smithtown Science Building on the Ammerman Campus in Selden. This free lecture is part of the College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year celebration and is open to the general public.

"The past 50 years have been unprecedented in our understanding of the universe, with discoveries ranging from the detection of planets orbiting distant stars, evidence of long-lost oceans on Mars, and the intriguing possibility that our universe may be just one of an infinite number of universes," commented Dr. Inglis.

In this lively and well-illustrated talk, Dr. Inglis will cover esoteric topics such as the origin of black holes, the search and discovery of other solar systems, and the ultimate fate of the universe. After the lecture, weather permitting, an observing session will take place using a selection of the astronomy departments' telescopes.



**Photo Caption:** Suffolk County Community College will present *50 Years of Astronomy*, a dynamic lecture given by Dr. Michael Inglis, Professor of Astronomy, as part of the College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year 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.) 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 on the web at [www.sunysuffolk.edu](http://www.sunysuffolk.edu).

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