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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF
FIRST ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL**

Riverhead, NY – The Eastern Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Riverhead has announced the winners of the First Annual Arts Festival.

- **Best in Show: Ericka Garcia (East Hampton High School) - *Violence Will Not Silence Us*** (watercolor, coffee, ink on paper)
- **Best Video/Animation: Thomas Van Scoyoc (East Hampton High School) - *Hesterna*** (DVD)
- **Best Photography: Casey Leach (Bellport High School) - *Woman*** (photo)
- **Best Drawing/Painting: Daniel Kim (Commack High School) - *X-Ray Vision*** (Charcoal Pencil)
- **Best Design: Esteban Aguilar (East Hampton High School) - *Graphic Maze*** (Digital Print)
- **Best 3D Design: Victor Rodriguez (Commack High School) - *Peacock*** (cardboard and wood)
- **Best Ceramics: Olivia Drutjons (Amityville High School) - *Under the Same Sky*** (ceramics)

The College received 99 pieces of artwork from 89 student artists representing several Long Island high schools – East Hampton High School, Bellport High School, Longwood High School, Eastport South Manor High School, Riverhead High School, Mattituck High School, Amityville High School, William Floyd High School, Commack High School, Center Moriches High School, Connetquot High School, and Hampton Bays High School, as well as Eastern Suffolk BOCES. Artwork was submitted in a wide variety of media, including drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, graphic design, fabric design, video, animation and mixed media. The theme this year was *Design for the Times*. To enhance atmosphere, current Suffolk County Community College students sang a mix of Beatles songs a cappella during the festival. Food was provided by Sunshine Café.

The competition was judged by members of the College's faculty, including Professor Laurette Lizak, Professor Laurie Buckley, Professor Richard Mizdal and Professor Mark Moritz.

Commenting on the event, Dawn DiPeri, presenter, organizer and Professor of Graphic Design at Suffolk County Community College, stated, "I want students to know that what they are

doing is in fact valuable. It is clear that these emerging artists will be the future creative innovators of tomorrow."



Photo Caption: Thomas Van Scoyoc, a student at East Hampton High School, won best Video/Animation for *Hesterna* in Suffolk County Community College's First Annual Arts Festival.



Photo Caption: Erika Garcia, a student at East Hampton High School, won Best in Show for *Violence Will Not Silence Us* in Suffolk County Community College's First Annual Arts Festival.

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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