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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS *PURPLE HEARTS*
FROM OCTOBER 14 –NOVEMBER 10 ON THE MICHAEL J. GRANT CAMPUS**

Brentwood, NY – Gallery West, located on the Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood, will present *Purple Hearts* from October 14 - November 10, 2009.

The public is invited to view an exhibit composed of a series of photographs by Nina Berman, a widely published and exhibited documentary photographer with a primary interest in the American political and social landscape. Her exhibit, *Purple Hearts*, highlights work from her monograph, *Purple Hearts – Back from Iraq*. Her work has been the subject of solo and group exhibitions in museums and galleries in New York, Chicago, Seattle, Los Angeles, London and Berlin. She is a contributing photographer for *Mother Jones* and has worked for top editorial clients including *TIME*, *Newsweek*, *The Sunday Times Magazine*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Colors*, *German Geo*, *National Geographic*, *Fortune*, and *Marie Claire*.

Ms. Berman's work has been recognized with awards in art and journalism from the New York Foundation of the Arts, the Open Society Institute Documentary Fund and the World Press Photo Foundation. She is internationally known for her photographs of wounded American military, and her *Marine Wedding* portrait showing a disfigured marine and his bride on their wedding day, is considered an iconic image from the Iraq war. She frequently lectures on photography, conducts workshops and is on the faculty of the International Center of Photography (ICP) in her hometown of New York City.

An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, October 14 at 11:00 a.m. and is open to the general public. Ms. Berman will conduct a slideshow lecture on Monday, November 9 at 11:00 a.m. to commemorate Veteran's Day. For directions and gallery hours, please call 548-2559.



Photo Caption: Gallery West, located on the Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood, will present *Purple Hearts*, a series of photographs by documentary photographer, Nina Berman, from October 14 - November 10, 2009.

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.

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