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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT IS A SEMI-FINALIST AT
NATIONAL FORENSIC CHAMPIONSHIP**

Brentwood, NY – Suffolk County Community College students from the Michael J. Grant Campus Speech and Debate Team, recently represented the College at the National Forensics Championship at Ohio University. At the competition, Shadrack Boakye, a resident of Brentwood, was named a national semi-finalist in the Dramatic Interpretation event.

Mr. Boakye finished 7th in the country out of over 150 competitors representing over 90 colleges and universities across the nation. Suffolk County Community College was one of only two community colleges at the event. This was the first time in more than ten years that a community college student made it to semi-finals at the national tournament.

“This is the best finish our team has had in my 12 years of coaching at Suffolk County Community College,” said Assistant Professor of Communications, Christopher Holfester.

“After the tournament, Shadrack was approached by Western Kentucky University and Bradley University, the two top-ranked schools in the nation in speech and debate, to attend their college next semester on a forensics scholarship. Students usually don't make it to semi-finals until their 3rd or 4th year of competition and most are never able to reach such a mark. It's amazing what Shadrack was able to achieve in his two years at Suffolk.”

"This year's tournament taught me to be fearless and to give my all no matter what the circumstances may be. Not only did I grow as a performer but also as a public speaker. I also gained more knowledge about the art of public speaking," Mr. Boakye said.



Photo Caption: Suffolk County Community College student Shadrack Boakye, a resident of Brentwood, was recently named a national semi-finalist at the National Forensics Championship at Ohio University. This was the first time in more than ten years that a community college student made it to semi-finals at the national tournament.

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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