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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S JAMES W. BANKS TO BE
HONORED AT 28TH ANNUAL REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
MEMORIAL BREAKFAST**

Riverhead, NY – James W. Banks, Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs and Associate Professor at Suffolk County Community College, will be recognized at the 28th Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast, hosted by the First Baptist Church of Riverhead. During the program, Professor Banks will receive the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. Meritorious Award for the work he has done for others, giving unselfishly of himself, and exemplifying the ideals of the late Dr. King. The Memorial Breakfast will take place on Monday, January 21st at the Hyatt Regency Wind Watch Hotel in Hauppauge. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and the breakfast will run from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tickets for the breakfast are \$50 per person.

A veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Professor Banks served during the Vietnam era. He went on to study Psychology at Fordham University and received a Masters of Social Work Degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, majoring in Policy Administration and Research and Integrated Direct Therapeutic Intervention. He is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker of the State of New York in private practice with 29 years of service to the community.

Professor Banks is also a certified hypnotist, assisting clientele with overcoming the habit of smoking, weight loss, anxiety, phobias, and relaxation training. He has counseled families and students for St. John's Parish in Center Moriches, served as the Peer Leadership Coordinator in the Center Moriches Junior/Senior High School, served as the President of the Board of Education in the South Country School District for several years, served on the Board of Directors of The Long Island Urban League and the Board of Directors for Long Island Head Start.

At Suffolk County Community College, Professor Banks teaches classes such as Principles of Interviewing, Introduction to Psychology, Group Dynamics, Sociology and College Seminar. As College Coordinator for Multicultural Affairs, his responsibilities include bringing together diversity initiatives, developing multicultural activities, workshops and programs for awareness and sensitivity training. He has also served as the advisor for over 27 of the College's student clubs and organizations including: The African American Student Union, The Latin American Student Union, The International Pakistani Student Union, The Multicultural Club, Being Equal, The Black Male Network and The Black Male Associates Network.

He was formerly an Adjunct Professor at Dowling College, teaching Cultural Anthropology, College Seminar, Social Welfare Policy, Social Work Practicum, Introduction to Social Work, Social Work Methods and Social Work Colloquium.

Professor Banks has traveled the country conducting workshops and seminars for Verizon, the SUNY Student Assembly, the National Association of Campus Activities, BOCES, town officials, school districts and various anti-bias task forces.



Photo Caption: James W. Banks, College Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs at Suffolk County Community College, will be recognized on Monday, January 21, 2013, at the 28th Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast.

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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