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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S JOHN LOMBARDO RECEIVES
INTERNATIONAL MANUFACTURING LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Selden, NY – John Lombardo, Associate Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development at Suffolk County Community College, has been selected to receive a 2013 Manufacturing Leadership Advocacy Award from the Manufacturing Leadership Council. The awards honor companies and individuals that are shaping the future of global manufacturing through sustainability, operational excellence, workforce development, innovation, entrepreneurship and industry advocacy.

The Manufacturing Leadership Council is an exclusive invitation-only network of executives from all sectors of manufacturing, including GE, IBM, Verizon and Cisco. Nominations are entered into 11 specific categories: seven of the award categories celebrate outstanding projects undertaken and completed by a manufacturing company and four categories recognize the achievements of individual manufacturing executives. Nominations are evaluated by a panel of expert judges and the top 100 projects and individuals are selected for awards each year.

Manufacturing Leadership 100 Award winners will be honored on May 15, 2013 as part of the ninth annual Manufacturing Leadership Summit in Palm Beach, FL, a gathering of manufacturing leaders from around the world. The theme for the 2013 Summit is "Bold Ideas for a Better Future," and featured speakers include Rodney Brooks, founder, chairman, and CTO of Rethink Robotics; John Rogers, president and CEO of Local Motors; and Richard Dauch, co-founder and executive chairman of American Axle Manufacturing. The 2013 ML100 Award winners hail from the United States, Canada, China, Germany, India, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, and Switzerland.

John Lombardo will receive an award for individual manufacturing executive achievement. Mr. Lombardo has devoted his entire career to education and training on Long Island. He spent the last twenty-five years leading the charge for industrial training and providing career paths for students. He is an advocate for manufacturing training, a proponent of formalized programs, and has been instrumental in forming an "Educational/Industry Consortium" for the purpose of creating a formal training center for Long Island.

Mr. Lombardo joined Suffolk County Community College in January 2006 to direct its Corporate Training Center. Since joining the College, he has been instrumental in securing over \$5 million dollars in federal training grants and over \$500,000 in New York State workforce grants. He has been honored by the Continuing Education Association of New York for development of exemplary training programs for New York State. Mr. Lombardo also serves on United States Congressman Steve Israel's Federal Manufacturing Task Force and has presented before the Senate Sub-

Committee for Manufacturing. He was recently honored by the Hauppauge Industrial Association for his leadership in manufacturing training in the region.

Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College stated, “Suffolk County Community College is committed to economic empowerment, entrepreneurial development and workforce training. We are very proud of John Lombardo’s leadership in this area. His groundbreaking work has positively shaped our region’s workforce, and this latest award distinguishes the College as an innovator on a global basis.”



Photo Caption: John Lombardo, Associate Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development at Suffolk County Community College, will receive an international manufacturing leadership award for his advocacy on behalf of the manufacturing industry and training programs for career development in the field.

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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