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**SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION TO HOST ANNUAL
SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE GALA ON MARCH 30, 2012**

Selden, NY – The Suffolk Community College Foundation will host its annual Salute to Excellence Gala on Friday, March 30th at the Bourne Mansion in Oakdale. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature dinner, dancing and entertainment.

This year's Gala honorees are: BBS Architects & Engineers, Mr. Roger P. Smith, A.I.A., LEED AP - *Industry Leadership Award*; Mr. Eric Brown, Head Baseball Coach, Suffolk County Community College - *Outstanding Alumni Award*; and The Honorable Rudrawatee Nan Ramgoolam, Consul General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, New York - *Community Leadership Award*.

"I am thoroughly delighted to have been identified as an honoree for the 2012 Salute to Excellence Gala," said The Honorable Rudrawatee Nan Ramgoolam, Consul General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. "Excellence and education are two currents that run deep in my personal philosophy and I take every opportunity to marry the two. I consider educated youth to be the future, and I welcome the opportunity to celebrate this cause with you."

Proceeds from this annual event support student scholarships, emergency student loans, special projects for professional staff development, and support for unique academic enrichment programs. Sponsorships, journal ads and tickets for the Gala can be purchased by contacting Jeanine Reynolds in the Foundation Office at (631) 451-4486 or reynolj@sunysuffolk.edu.

About Suffolk Community College Foundation

The Suffolk Community College Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded to raise money to support the mission of Suffolk County Community College—the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling more than 26,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. While scholarships comprise the largest use of the assets of the Foundation, contributions also help fund emergency student loans, staff development, academic enrichment programs, and activities to enhance the community's awareness of the College.

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