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## SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES HAITIAN RELIEF EFFORTS INCLUDING HUMANITARIAN BENEFIT CONCERTS

Selden, NY - Suffolk County Community College has announced a series of activities in response to the devastating earthquakes in Haiti:

- 1. Through Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, the College, working in conjunction with the Suffolk County Legislature, will be collecting needed items such as medications, relief supplies and sealed bottled water at its three campus cafeterias in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. Items can also be donated at the three respective SCCC Campus Activities Offices.
- 2. A humanitarian concert to benefit the Haitian relief effort will take place on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 10:00 p.m. at the Van Nostrand Theatre in the Sagtikos Arts and Sciences Building on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood. Sponsored by the College's offices of Multicultural Affairs and Campus Activities, the campus' Haitian Student Organization, the Girls Scouts of Suffolk County and Pronto of Long Island, the event will feature international music, dancing, spoken word performances and surprise guests. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and can be purchased at the door. The Girl Scouts of Suffolk County will be conducting a special flag ceremony prior to the concert. Proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Red Cross through the Suffolk County Legislature. For further information, please contact Norman Daniels at (631) 851-6341 or Mohini Ratna at (516) 318-1088.
- 3. On Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, the College's Eastern Campus in Riverhead will host a benefit jazz concert and fashion show at 6 p.m. in the Peconic Café. The event will include sounds of African-American music with the Billy Johnson Trio, a DJ, dancing and a student/faculty fashion show. Dinner will be served. The cost is \$7.00 for students, \$10.00 for faculty and \$15 for community residents. All proceeds will benefit the Haitian relief effort. Interested persons are asked to RSVP by calling (631) 548-2522.
- 4. On the Ammerman Campus in Selden, proceeds from the College's Spring Benefit Concerts scheduled for Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. will also benefit the Haitian relief effort. For more information, please call the Shea Theatre box office at (631) 451-4163.

## 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 25,000 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 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. Visit us online at sunysuffolk.edu.

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