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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH
STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY TO OFFER FULL-TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS**

Partnership is Part of Suffolk's "Stay on Long Island" Initiative

Selden, NY - Suffolk County Community College and Stony Brook University have formalized a new partnership that will provide full-tuition scholarships annually to full-time students who graduate from Suffolk and transfer to Stony Brook. The agreement was signed by Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College, and Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD., President of Stony Brook University.

As part of the agreement, Stony Brook University will offer one full-tuition scholarship to select graduates from each of Suffolk's three campuses, each academic year. Nominees for the scholarship must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75 and, in addition to superior academic achievement, must demonstrate contributions to their campus and communities through activities and student leadership. Scholarship finalists will be recommended by Dr. McKay and selected by Stony Brook's scholarship committee. The agreement also provides the scholars with counseling and advising support as they transition from Suffolk to Stony Brook.

Dr. McKay said the agreement is a continuation of his "Stay on Long Island" initiative. "I am pleased to expand the 'Stay on Long Island' initiative through our new partnership with Stony Brook University. The 'Stay On Long Island' program is one I have been working on closely with Presidents from Long Island's four-year institutions to ensure select graduating scholars from Suffolk receive scholarships to attend colleges and universities right here in our community. Through these scholarships, students now have every chance for continued academic success and an increased likelihood that they will continue to live and work on Long Island. The 'Stay on Long Island' initiative is a way of cultivating the intellectual capital of those who have the best potential for transforming our region," said Dr. McKay.

Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD., President of Stony Brook University stated, "Stony Brook University and Suffolk County Community College have a long-standing history, and an on-going commitment, to serve the educational needs and aspirations of Suffolk County residents. Each year more than 600 students from Suffolk County Community College enroll at Stony Brook, one of the country's leading research universities and a member of the AAU. Stony Brook

is proud to sponsor scholarships through the ‘Stay on Long Island Initiative’ and we applaud the efforts of Suffolk County Community College and the other partner schools to help us keep the best and brightest minds here on Long Island. Our County and our State deserve no less.”

Suffolk has similar agreements in place with Adelphi University, Briarcliff College, Dowling College, Five Towns College, Hofstra University, Long Island University - C.W. Post, Long Island University - Riverhead, Long Island University - Brentwood, New York Institute of Technology, St. Joseph’s College and St. John’s University.

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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