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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW YORK
STATE COMPLETION DAY ON OCTOBER 3rd**

Selden, NY – On October 3, 2012, Suffolk County Community College will participate in New York State Completion Day, a day the 37 State University of New York (SUNY) and City University of New York (CUNY) community colleges have set aside to send a simple message: *Students who complete an associate degree have better prospects for jobs, scholarships and transfer to four-year schools.*

Suffolk County Community College will be holding the following events on its campuses:

- **The Ammerman Campus in Selden** will hold a Completion Day Fair and Signing Event for Students and Faculty on Veterans Plaza. Students will be signing a wall, pledging to complete their community college credentials; faculty and administrators will be signing a pledge to support the students in this endeavor. Representatives from various campus support areas like the tutoring centers, counseling, and the library will also be present to promote the services they offer students in the pursuit of a degree. Along with giving out commitment bracelets and snacks, a raffle will be held and one lucky student will win a bookstore gift card.
- **The Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood** will be distributing pledge bracelets to all who sign pledge cards outside Captree Commons and the Sagtikos Arts and Sciences Building. Faculty members on the campus will be asked to take 5 minutes of class time to discuss how they overcame obstacles they once faced. The campus will also feature a keynote address by Associate Professor and Academic Chair for the Department of Natural Sciences, Dr. Janet Haff, who is a graduate of Suffolk.
- **The Eastern Campus** will have a Completion Day Celebration, with a BBQ, music, and T-shirt and banner signing events.

All campuses will broadcast the statewide Completion Day Program streaming live from Finger Lakes Community College beginning at 1:00 p.m. This will be followed by a live-streamed keynote address by Isa Adney, author of *Community College Success: How to Finish with Friends, Scholarships, Internships, and the Career of Your Dreams*. Ms. Adney, a graduate of Seminole Community College in Florida, will share her inspirational life story. These videos will be available on the College's YouTube channel and Facebook page after the event.

Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College stated, "Completion Day is an historic event that is being held simultaneously at all SUNY and CUNY community

colleges across New York State. It offers participants a greater understanding of how completing a degree can transform their lives, change their communities and advance our nation. SUNY and the Presidents of each institution are committed to the success of all students who are admitted under the completion agenda.”

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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