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SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN SECOND ANNUAL NEW YORK STATE COMPLETION DAY ON OCTOBER 2ND

Selden, NY – On Wednesday, October 2, 2013, Suffolk County Community College will participate in the second annual 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:

Ammerman Campus

On the Ammerman Campus in Selden, the Alpha Zeta Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will be holding a Second Annual Completion Day Rally at Veterans Plaza. Faculty and staff will be asked to participate in the event by featuring existing academic and student services provided on campus that aid in completion of students' degree requirements. Students, faculty and staff will be invited to display their support of the Completion Day initiative on the huge signing walls and by signing commitment cards. Lunch will be provided to the first 300 students, faculty and staff that sign the commitment signing banners. Commitment signing tables are also being set up at various times and in various academic buildings. Giveaways include tee-shirts, pins and bracelets.

Michael J. Grant Campus

On the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood, Completion Day will be a collaborative project with Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society that includes a week-long series of initiatives, "Completion Week" (September 30 – October 4, 2013), to raise awareness of existing academic and student services. A presentation to the Grant Campus Faculty Assembly will take place on October 1st to discuss the issues and importance of completion, discuss plans for Completion Week, and raise awareness of existing academic and student services available to support students.

Instructors are being asked to spend 5 minutes of class time telling their students what Completion Day is about and encouraging them to sign Completion pledge cards during the week of Sept 30th. The effort will culminate at Common Hour on October 2nd with a broad signing event.

Eastern Campus

On the Eastern Campus in Riverhead, Completion Day will be hosted on Wednesday, October 2nd, in the Campus Quad from 11:00 a.m. -12:15 p.m. Both Phi Theta Kappa and the Campus Student Government will host a Completion Day Rally. Students will be asked to sign personal pledge cards and will be given a “Commit to Complete” bracelet. The bracelets will serve as a ticket to the BBQ hosted by Phi Theta Kappa and Student Government, and will also remain a continual reminder of their personal commitment.

Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College stated, “Completion Day offers participants a greater understanding of how completing a degree can transform their lives, change their communities and advance our nation. At Suffolk, we are committed to the success of our students and applaud the students who have committed to 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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