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**ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH
SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO OFFER FULL AND
PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO TRANSFER STUDENTS**

Partnership is part of Suffolk's "Stay on Long Island" initiative

St. Joseph's College and Suffolk County Community College have formalized a new partnership that will provide full- and partial-tuition scholarships annually to full-time students who graduate from Suffolk and transfer to St. Joseph's. The agreement was signed by S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D., President of St. Joseph's College, and Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College during a recent ceremony celebrating the new partnership. The signing ceremony was attended by members of the faculty and students from both colleges.

As part of the agreement, St. Joseph's College will offer one full-tuition scholarship to a selected graduate 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 reviewed by Suffolk's college-wide Scholarship Committee, recommended by Dr. McKay and selected by St. Joseph's scholarship committee. From among those candidates not selected to receive the full-tuition scholarship, St. Joseph's will also select two scholars from each campus to receive a Dean's Transfer Scholarship of \$12,000. In total, nine scholarships will be awarded each year. The agreement also provides the scholars with counseling and advising support as they transition from Suffolk to St. Joseph's.

Dr. McKay said the new agreement is part of his "Stay on Long Island" initiative. "On my inauguration day, I announced my intention to work with the Presidents from Long Island's outstanding four-year institutions on an initiative called "Stay on Long Island", where select

graduating scholars from my institution would receive full and partial scholarships to attend colleges and universities right here, giving these students every chance for continued academic success and increasing the likelihood that they will continue to live and work on Long Island. Through the Stay on Long Island initiative, we can cultivate and tap the intellectual capital of those individuals who have the best potential for transforming our region, and we will not lose them to outward migration,” said Dr. McKay.

“St. Joseph’s College is delighted to partner once again with Suffolk County Community in this new, exciting initiative,” said S. Elizabeth Hill. “I am grateful to Dr. McKay for proposing this scholarship program, and we look forward to working with SCCC in the future as we provide additional opportunities for all the students we serve.”

“This is a wonderful idea,” said Suffolk County Legislator Wayne Horsley, Chairman of the County’s Economic Development, Higher Education and Energy Committee. We need to seek ways to ensure that the best and brightest students on Long Island, are able to stay on Long Island, because we all know that once they leave our region, it’s unlikely they will return.

Suffolk has a similar agreement in place with the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University and has additional draft agreements entering the final stages with several other area institutions.



PHOTO CAPTION:

Shown at the partnership signing ceremony, are (l to r): Sister Elizabeth Hill, President of St. Joseph’s College, Suffolk County Legislator Wayne Horsley, and Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College.

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 over 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. With 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 www.sunysuffolk.edu.

About St. Joseph's College

St. Joseph's College has been dedicated to providing a diverse population of students in the New York metropolitan area with an affordable education rooted in the liberal arts tradition since 1916. Independent and coeducational, the College provides a strong academic and value-oriented education at the undergraduate and graduate levels, aiming to prepare each student for a life characterized by integrity, intellectual and spiritual values, social responsibility, and service. With campuses located in the Clinton Hill area of Brooklyn and in Patchogue, Long Island, the College offers degrees in over 23 majors, special course offerings and certifications, affiliated and pre-professional programs through its School of Arts and Sciences and its School of Professional and Graduate Studies.

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