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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS ACADEMIC  
CONVOCATION TO COMMENCE NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

Selden, NY – On Monday evening, August 27<sup>th</sup>, students, faculty and administrators at Suffolk County Community College convened on the Ammerman Campus for an Academic Convocation. The Convocation coincided with the first day of classes for the fall semester at the College.

The program included a welcoming address from Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of the College; a keynote address by H. Carl McCall, Chairman of the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees and remarks by Dafny Irizarry, Chairwoman of the College’s Board of Trustees. In addition, the College welcomed faculty members and students, honored six SUNY Chancellor Award recipients, two Professor Emeritus designees and one faculty member recently honored with a special state-wide award.

While addressing the audience, Dr. McKay noted, “Today we celebrate the College’s progress, the success of our faculty, students and staff, all while discussing our plans for the future. There are many things to be proud of as we move forward into the 2012-2013 academic year. In May, we graduated the largest class in the history of Suffolk County Community College with 4,012 graduates; last year, our College had the largest number of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) students in the country selected from a single institution to conduct research during the summer at the nation’s leading laboratories. Additionally, our workforce and training programs are consistently heralded for their excellence and their impact on the community.” For a full summary of the College’s accomplishments for the past year, access the following link: <http://www.sunysuffolk.edu/About/accomplishments1112.asp>.

In her remarks, Chairwoman Irizarry stated, “As we begin this new academic year, and on behalf of all the members of our College’s Board of Trustees, I pledge our continued commitment to govern the College in a manner that ensures confidence in the institution’s leadership, and in its academic, financial and strategic priorities. We will continue to embrace the College’s educational mission and will seek to take advantage of every opportunity to build support for this institution.”

“I see this convocation as a testament to the capacity of our community colleges to excel as institutions of learning,” said H. Carl McCall, Chairman of the State University of New York

(SUNY) Board of Trustees. “I know the value of a liberal arts education because it was **my education** – it broadened my thinking and gave me the skills to succeed. I also know that SUNY’s community colleges know how to deliver the kind of liberal arts experience that molds leaders and innovators in all fields, because we see them do it year after year.”



**Photo Caption:** (left to right) H. Carl McCall, Chairman of the State University of New York Board of Trustees is welcomed by Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College at Suffolk’s Academic Convocation on August 27, 2012.

#### **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.

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