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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT
OF DR. SHAUN L. MCKAY AS INTERIM EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT,
EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 2009**

Selden, NY - George Gatta, Jr., incoming Interim President of Suffolk County Community College (SCCC), has announced the appointment of Dr. Shaun L. McKay as Interim Executive Vice President, effective March 2, 2009. In this role, Dr. McKay will serve as the College's Chief Operating Officer and will have authority and responsibility for the planning, policy development, implementation and assessment of college programs and services. Dr. McKay has served as Executive Dean for the College's Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood since 2005. An interim Executive Dean for the Campus will be appointed shortly.

In announcing Dr. McKay's appointment, Mr. Gatta stated, "Dr. McKay brings over 16 years of progressive academic and administrative experience to this position. He has demonstrated significant career achievement in the areas of campus administration, academic program development, budget and finance, strategic planning, and institutional assessment. Dr. McKay is firmly committed to the important role played by community colleges in meeting the higher education needs of our region and is well-qualified to assume this leadership position."

Dr. McKay received his Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration with a specialization in Community College Leadership from Morgan State University in Baltimore, his M.A. in Management and Communication from the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore and his B.S. in Business Management from the University of Maryland, College Park. Prior to joining SCCC, Dr. McKay served as Director of Planning for the Community College of Baltimore County and spent eight years in various positions at Morgan State University. Dr. McKay has also taught both undergraduate and doctorate level courses at several institutions.

Active in national and local organizations, Dr. McKay has received numerous awards for distinguished service in higher education. He serves as a Systems Appraiser for the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) of the Higher Learning Commission-North Central Association. He has also served as a member of The State University of New York Chancellor's Advisory Group on Leadership and Professional Development. Before joining the administration

of SCCC, Dr. McKay was appointed and served as the Chancellor's representative of the Community College of Baltimore County to the University Systems of Maryland/Maryland Association of Community Colleges (USM/MACC) Solutions Committee. This committee was responsible for follow-up activities associated with a capacity study for the State of Maryland.



Photo Caption: Suffolk County Community College announces the appointment of Dr. Shaun L. McKay as Interim Executive Vice President, effective March 2, 2009.

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 more than 23,000 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.) degree as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering 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.

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