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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS BLOOD DRIVES ON  
ALL THREE CAMPUSES**

Selden, NY – During October, Suffolk County Community College hosted the first of many blood drives planned for its three campuses during the academic year. The College is pleased to announce that, to date, these drives have resulted in 392 donations to Long Island Blood Services from members of the College and the local community. SCCC hopes to reach its goal of 850 donations by the end of the full academic year in May 2010.

According to the New York Blood Center, nearly 2,000 men, women and children across all ethnic groups in our region require donated blood each day. These include surgical patients, accident victims, cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, and open-heart surgery and organ transplant patients. While many people are quick to donate blood when a disaster occurs, only 2% of the locally eligible population donates blood each year.

George Gatta, Jr., Interim President of Suffolk County Community College, took the opportunity to donate blood on the Ammerman Campus on October 28 where he noted, “In order to assist the communities we serve and to help ensure that an adequate blood supply is available for all Suffolk County residents who require it, SCCC has stepped up to the challenge by sponsoring blood drives on each of our campuses. These drives are open to faculty, students, administrators and people in the local community. I am pleased to say that we are all doing our part.”



**Photo Caption: George Gatta, Jr., Interim President of Suffolk County Community College, is photographed with Lisa Lee-Sarro of Long Island Blood Services, as he prepares to donate blood on the Ammerman Campus during one of the College's numerous blood drives.**

**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 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. 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. Visit us online at [sunysuffolk.edu](http://sunysuffolk.edu).

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