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**SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION AWARDS
DR. MARIANNE BYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Selden, NY – The Suffolk Community College Foundation annually awards approximately 400 scholarships to assist students with paying for their education. A number of the scholarships are funded by donors in someone’s memory. One example is the Dr. Marianne Byers Memorial Scholarship, which offers \$5,000 annually to a graduating Suffolk County Community College student.

Dr. Marianne Byers was a faculty member at SCCC from 1975 until her passing on December 7, 1992. Dr. Byers taught English at the College including a Black Literature course she offered each spring. Dr. Byers was truly interested in helping all students pursue their academic goals. One of the last requests she made of her family was to make a significant contribution to SCCC students. With that in mind, her husband, Joseph Byers, established the Dr. Marianne Byers Memorial Scholarship in her honor. Each year, the Byers family makes a significant contribution of \$5,000 to the College Foundation and the scholarship is awarded to a graduating student with a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0, who is pursuing a bachelor’s degree. The 2009 recipient of this award, Patchogue resident, Stacy Salimando, is currently majoring in Marine Biology at the University of South Florida. The Byers family remains involved in the selection process and enjoys meeting the recipient and wishing them continued academic success.

Mary Lou Araneo, Executive Director of the Suffolk Community College Foundation commented, “The support we receive from Joe Byers and all our donors, allows the Foundation to touch the lives of students in a meaningful way. Through their generous contributions, the Foundation can have a favorable impact upon our students’ ability to pursue their educational goals.”

To apply for scholarships, contact the SCC C Office of Financial Aid at 631-451-4821.



Photo Caption: Stacy Salimando, recipient of the 2009 Dr. Marianne Byers Memorial Scholarship, is photographed with Karen Pepe, SCCC Admissions Counselor, and Joe and Cheryl Byers.

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.

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