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## **SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS CONTINUE TO OUTPERFORM THE NATIONAL NORM IN COLLEGE CHEMISTRY**

Selden, NY - Suffolk County Community College is pleased to announce that in the area of college chemistry, its students continue to exceed the national norm as measured by a nationally administered standardized test.

For the second year in a row, the College's Chemistry Department used the American Chemical Society (ACS) General Chemistry Exams as the final exam assessing student learning outcomes in College Chemistry I and College Chemistry II. These exams are nationally normed and are used by both community colleges and four-year colleges and universities to measure student learning. Based on the results, Suffolk's students have scored higher than the national norm in both courses for the past two years.

During the most recent tests, which were administered following the spring 2013 semester, Suffolk's students attained a norm of 41.59 when compared with the national norm of 37.13 for College Chemistry I; for College Chemistry II, Suffolk's students scored 38.82 compared to the national norm of 37.9.

In making the announcement, College President Dr. Shaun L. McKay stated, "I am very proud of these results and commend our students for their commitment to their studies. Academic diligence has enabled them to outperform the national norm for Chemistry I and Chemistry II—a highly noteworthy accomplishment. I also applaud the College's Chemistry faculty, who are clearly outstanding professors. These results demonstrate that the College continues to transform lives and empower individuals by ensuring access to high quality, affordable education. As part of our ongoing assessment activities, I look forward to sharing future College success stories related to student learning outcomes."

This semester, Suffolk has the honor of participating in trial testing for the newly developed ACS General Chemistry Second Term Exam. Suffolk's students' scores will be used to establish the national norm for this exam.

The American Chemical Society (ACS) is the world's largest scientific society. It is a congressionally chartered independent membership organization which represents professionals at all degree levels and in all fields of chemistry and sciences that involve chemistry. ACS publishes numerous scientific journals, convenes research conferences and provides educational policy and career programs in chemistry.

Chemical Education Examinations Institute is one of the ACS divisions. It produces nationally normed exams for most chemistry courses, ranging from high school through the entire undergraduate chemistry curriculum in the United States.

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

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