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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT CHERYL KAVANAGH
IS HONORED AS A 2012 COCA-COLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC
TEAM SILVER SCHOLAR**

Selden, NY – Holbrook's Cheryl Kavanagh, a student at Suffolk County Community College's Ammerman Campus majoring in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Mathematics, has been selected as a 2012 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Silver Scholar.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver and 50 Bronze Scholars, and providing nearly \$187,500 in scholarships annually. Selection as a Coca-Cola Silver Scholar was based on scores earned in the All-USA Community College Academic Team competition, for which more than 1,700 students applied this year. This program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Silver Scholars each receive a \$1,250 scholarship and a special medallion. All Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Scholars will be listed in an April 23rd issue of the *USA Today* newspaper.

Ms. Kavanagh is a member of Pi Alpha Sigma and the Honors Program with a 3.9 grade point average. She serves as Co-President of Phi Theta Kappa and is a 2012 SUNY Chancellor's Award recipient. She has earned Dean's List recognition, published articles in the College's *Lilith Magazine*, tutors students in the Math Learning Center and has helped initiate a campus-wide recycling program.

"Suffolk County Community College's commitment to excellence includes providing an academically challenging environment for our students," said Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College. "We are very proud of Ms. Kavanagh and commend her for her academic excellence and her leadership in community service."

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society administers the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Program and recognizes Coca-Cola Community College scholars during All-State Community College Academic Team Recognition ceremonies held in 38 states. Student scholars also receive local recognition during ceremonies held on campus.

Community college presidents or their designated nominators may submit no more than two nominations per campus for this award. An independent panel of judges considers outstanding academic rigor, grade point average, academic and leadership awards, and engagement in college and community service in the selection process.

“We thank the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation for their vote of confidence in community college students by investing in their futures,” said Dr. Rod Risley, Executive Director of Phi Theta Kappa. “Their support is especially welcome during this challenging economic climate, as more and more community college students need additional resources to help them complete their degrees.”

“The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has a long history of providing financial assistance to outstanding students at community colleges,” said J. Mark Davis, President of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. “We are proud to partner with Phi Theta Kappa and make it possible for deserving students to achieve their educational goals.”

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1,280 chapters on two-year and community college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, Peru, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions. More than 2.5 million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 135,000 students inducted annually.



Photo Caption: Suffolk Community College student Cheryl Kavanagh, a resident of Holbrook, is honored as a 2012 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Silver Scholar.

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. Visit us online at sunysuffolk.edu.

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