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SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS COLLEGE-WIDE EVENT TO COMBAT BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING

Selden, NY – Suffolk County Community College recently held a college-wide event to combat bullying and cyberbullying. The event was conducted live on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood and was broadcast electronically to the Ammerman and Eastern campuses.

The forum offered faculty and student discussion, prevention and reporting information as well as steps students can take if they are being bullied or witness bullying. The program also included a feature presentation by Floral Park Police Officer John Groashans, who is also a School Resource Officer and a presenter for Child Abuse and Prevention Services. After the event, an anti-bullying pledge was placed on the College's Facebook page for students to sign.

In his introductory remarks, Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College, stated, "As a college community that is comprised of over 29,000 faculty, staff and students, we are here today taking a stand against bullying, including the development of a college-wide policy that will protect individuals from this demeaning behavior."

Officer Groshans noted, "Bullying is a hard subject to broach and with the Internet it can be the equivalent of beating someone up 24/7. Bullying itself is about power. The bully has power over everyone, not just the victim. What the College is doing is fantastic. It is helping everyone to understand that if you see bullying or are bullied, there is something you can do to break the bully's power. Report the incident. Everyone deserves to live a life that is free of harassment."

Maggie Marcincuk, Associate Professor and Counselor at Suffolk County Community College's Ammerman Campus, says she sees the side effects of childhood bullying, "The effects include depression, anxiety, and often a difficulty in forming friendships."



Photo Caption: (l to r): Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President - Suffolk County Community College; students Cassandra Holliday, Daniel Duffey, Hannah Lukeman; Maggie Marcincuk, Associate Professor and Counselor at Suffolk County Community College; and Police Officer John Groshans, at a recent college-wide event to combat bullying and cyberbullying.

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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