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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION RECEIVES
MAJOR GIFTS AT ANNUAL GALA**

Selden, NY – The Suffolk Community College Foundation recently hosted its annual Salute to Excellence Gala at the Bourne Mansion in Oakdale. The Gala honorees included: BBS Architects & Engineers, Mr. Roger P. Smith, A.I.A., LEED AP - *Industry Leadership Award*; Mr. Eric Brown, Head Baseball Coach, Suffolk County Community College - *Outstanding Alumni Award*; and The Honorable Rudrawatee Nan Ramgoolam, Consul General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, New York - *Community Leadership Award*.

Proceeds from this annual event support student scholarships, emergency student loans, special projects for professional staff development, and support for unique academic enrichment programs.

During the evening's program, the Foundation announced the receipt of two \$100,000 pledges. These donations were presented to the Foundation through the generosity of Butch and Linda Yamali, and the family of Michael J. Grant.

“We would like to thank the Yamali and the Grant families for their generous donations. These families understand the value of an education and specifically how their donations to Suffolk County Community College can make the difference in the lives of community college students, many of whom work more than one job and may also be raising a family at the same time they are pursuing their education,” said Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College.



Photo Caption (l to r): Robert M. Walther, Chairman - Suffolk Community College Foundation; Dafny J. Irizarry, Chairwoman - Board of Trustees, Suffolk County Community College; Alison Casey and Georgia Grant; and Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President - Suffolk County Community College.



Photo Caption (l to r): Robert M. Walther, Chairman - Suffolk Community College Foundation; Dafny J. Irizarry, Chairwoman - Board of Trustees, Suffolk County Community College; Linda and Butch Yamali; and Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President - Suffolk County Community College.

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 the lowest college tuition on Long Island, 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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