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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S PROFESSOR SCOTT MANDIA IS
NOMINATED FOR CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR**

Selden, NY- Suffolk County Community College's Professor Scott Mandia has been nominated for Climate Change Communicator of the Year 2011, an honor awarded annually by the George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communication in Virginia.

Professor Mandia is one of six outstanding nominees in the individual category. Every year the organization honors one person and one organization for their excellence as climate change communicators. Honorees are identified through an open nomination and democratic voting process and the competition is international.

In addition to his position as Assistant Academic Chair and Professor of Earth and Space Science at Suffolk County Community College's Ammerman Campus in Selden, Professor Mandia is a noted expert on global warming. He maintains a comprehensive website (www2.sunysuffolk.edu/mandias/global_warming/) and blog (profmandia.wordpress.com) with the mission of climate science education. Mandia has also published articles on the internationally acclaimed science blogs Realclimate.org and Climateprogress.org, among many others. More recently, he co-founded the Climate Science Rapid Response Team, www.climaterapidresponse.org, comprised of over 140 of the world's top climate scientists. This endeavor has provided highly accurate science information to international media and federal and state lawmakers.

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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