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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT, TABATA BORALI,
IS NAMED AN ACADEMIC ALL-USA FIRST TEAM MEMBER AND IS
NEW YORK STATE'S 2009 NEW CENTURY SCHOLAR**

Brentwood, NY – Northport's Tabata Borali, a second year accounting student in the business curriculum at the Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood, was recently named an Academic All-USA First Team member and New York State's 2009 New Century Scholar.

The All-USA team is sponsored by Phi-Theta Kappa, *USA Today*, Coca Cola and the American Association of Community Colleges. Ms. Borali was selected as one of 20 students named to the First Team from nearly 1,450 applications nationwide received from 800 community colleges in 49 states. Additionally, Ms. Borelli was named as New York's New Century Scholar, the accolade awarded to the highest scoring student in each state. As the state-wide recipient, she was honored at the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Convention on April 4-6, 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona. As a New Century Scholar, she represented all community college students from New York State at the AACC Opening Ceremonies, and was honored at a special reception and at the Annual President's Breakfast, where she was joined by George Gatta, Jr., Suffolk County Community College's Interim President.

As part of her year-end honors, Ms. Borali also received a Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence from the State University of New York, and was one of only 10 students named to Phi Theta Kappa's All State-First Team in New York. Among her other accomplishments, are leading a campaign to raise awareness of children with cancer, raising funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, championing a campus book drive to benefit children in South America, and a recycling drive to help the campus child care center.

"At Suffolk Community College, we are committed to excellence and maintain an academically challenging environment for our students," said George Gatta, Jr., Interim President of Suffolk County Community College. "Tabata deserves recognition for her significant achievements. We are proud of her accomplishments and know that she has a bright future ahead of her."

As reported in *USA Today*, Ms. Borali, a Brazil native, had planned to attend Suffolk County Community College only to improve her English language skills. Today, she is President of the Phi Theta Kappa Chapter at the Michael J. Grant Campus, she has a 3.9 GPA and will be graduating in May. After graduation, Ms. Borali plans to transfer to a four-year college to continue her education. Her career goals include becoming a Certified Public Accountant.



***Photo Caption:* Suffolk County Community College student, Tabata Borali, is named an Academic All-USA First Team member and a 2009 New Century 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 more than 23,000 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.) degree, 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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