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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE SUFFOLK CENTER
ON THE HOLOCAUST, DIVERSITY & HUMAN UNDERSTANDING, INC.
PRESENT *OPPRESSION AND THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM***

Selden, NY - Suffolk County Community College and the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding, Inc. will present *Oppression and the Struggle for Freedom* in the Van Nostrand Theatre on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood on October 16 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The presentation is open to the general public.

Recent news reports document the reality of modern day slavery, whether they are factory workers, children abducted into guerrilla warfare or sex slaves. New York is considering legislation that would protect the victims and punish the perpetrators more severely. New York has also recently recognized the depth of this problem and established courts dedicated to handling prostitution cases and treating sex workers as a form of human trafficking.

At 9:30 a.m. this program will address human trafficking, both local and global. Our speakers will be Emily Amick, Esq. from Sanctuary for Families, an organization that supports and protects victims of human trafficking, and Stacy Skorupa, Esq., a prosecutor of human trafficking cases in the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

At 11:00 a.m. the speaker will be Denis Okema who, at age 9, was abducted by the warlord Joseph Kony and forced to become a soldier. He escaped that captivity and is now a graduate student in the United States and an advocate for human rights. Joseph Kony is believed to have kidnapped tens of thousands of children and is wanted for war crimes and crimes against humanity. Denis will relate his incredible, frightening story as a child inside the guerrilla camp.

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

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