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**REALITY TV DOCUMENTARY BASED ON SCCC PROFESSOR WILLIAM O'CONNELL'S  
BOOK 'HOMELESS IN PARADISE' TO BEGIN FILMING ON JULY 4, 2009**

Brentwood, NY - Suffolk County Community College Professor William O'Connell's popular book, "Homeless in Paradise: Communicating with the Bohemian Venice Beach Subculture" is the inspiration for a new independent Reality TV documentary "The Other Side of Paradise". Ten-2 Media of New York will begin filming the documentary on July 4, 2009 in Venice Beach, CA.

William (Bo) O'Connell, a full-time tenured Assistant Professor of Communications at the Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood, has spent more than 1,100 hours with the homeless and has lived on Venice Beach for the past five summers. Born in Harlem, his unique street-smart approach to communication and his systematic and scholarly approach to learning about the homeless make him an important and crucial piece to understanding this crisis on a national level.

Commenting on this new Reality TV documentary, Professor O'Connell noted, "I feel that this is a story that needs to be told. Through the documentary, I want viewers to understand how and why people become homeless and to feel their pain. As we delve into the underbelly of this lifestyle, we depict the raw everyday survival of these individuals."

The show will bring viewers front and center into the day-to-day lives of the homeless as viewers meet the colorful, bohemian characters of Venice Beach filled with skateboarders, hippies, surfers, performers, and one man called, "Chief Soaring Eagle, or Chief Keetowah". The Chief has been homeless for 27 years and attests to hold a Ph.D. in Nuclear Astrophysics. He, along with many other unpredictable characters, will make this show an amazing success.

The reviews on Professor O'Connell's book have been nothing short of spectacular. Veda on Lulu publishing said, "I thought, if someone is homeless, it's their own personal choice. The book opens people's eyes about this tragedy of humanity. The author takes a life story of a character, and introduces it to a reader, through his own heart."

**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](http://sunysuffolk.edu).

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