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SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOSTS CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION ON THE MICHAEL J. GRANT CAMPUS

Brentwood, NY –Students at Suffolk County Community College recently celebrated the Chinese New Year through a program of performance art at the Van Nostrand Theatre on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood. The show was presented by the Communications and Language Arts Department, The Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs and the Chinese Culture Club, and featured talented students from SCCC, along with students from Stony Brook University, dancers from the New York Chinese Cultural Center and master performers from the Authentic Shaolin Kung Fu Studios.

Along with an array of bright and vivid costumes, the show included a variety of Chinese folk dances such as: *The Lion Dance*, *The Peacock Dance*, *The Mongolian Dance*, *The Tibetan Dance*, and *The Ancient Flying Dance*. A Shaolin Kung Fu demonstration, Chinese Folk Fashion show and a Beijing Opera performance highlighted the celebration.

A slide show reflecting 5000 years of Chinese history was displayed. Raffles and free Chinese food rounded out the event.

“The celebration was a fun and exciting way to pique students’ interest in Chinese culture,” stated Dr. Shaun L. McKay, Suffolk County Community College’s Interim Executive Vice President. “The inclusion of so many faculty members, administrators and students, along with professional performers added an overwhelming feeling of community to the event.”



Photo Caption: At Suffolk County Community College's Chinese New Year Celebration a performer from SUNY at Stony Brook dances *The Flying Dance*.

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 on the web at www.sunysuffolk.edu.

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