



# TOP 10 REASONS





Each member of the Favilla family of East Islip has chosen to get his or her start at Suffolk.

# WHY PARENTS LOVE SUFFOLK



## 1. Small Classes

With dedicated faculty and smaller class sizes, Suffolk eases your child into the college experience with individualized attention. Smaller class sizes allow for better access to the professor, which translates into better learning and student success.

## 2. World-Class Professors

Suffolk professors are outstanding instructors who focus their energies on the classroom experience and devote their time to teaching. Suffolk's faculty members have exceptional credentials — holding master's and doctorate degrees from prominent national and international institutions of higher education. Most professors also have real-life experience in the fields in which they teach.

## 3. Honors Program

The Honors Program at Suffolk offers a challenging and rewarding environment for academically talented and highly motivated students. It is grounded in the traditions of the liberal arts and stresses the connections among various disciplines and the tools of artistic and intellectual creativity. By starting in Suffolk's Honors Program, students can save tens of thousands of dollars while actually increasing their chances of gaining admission to some of the nation's finest colleges and universities.

## 4. Affordable Tuition and Scholarships



**Suffolk is the largest community college in the SUNY system.**

Suffolk's tuition is among the lowest in the region, yet our education is second to none. For students who plan to attain a bachelor's degree, spending the first two years of their higher education experience at Suffolk provides reduced tuition now and gives families a chance to prepare for the financial demands of a four-year college or university. Each year, Suffolk awards more than \$60 million in federal and state financial aid to more than 16,000 students. The Suffolk Community College Foundation annually awards hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for incoming, continuing and graduating students.

## **5. Strong Advising and Support Systems**

In addition to the dedicated attention of our teaching faculty, your son or daughter will receive timely academic advising to ensure that he or she stays on track. Suffolk also offers extensive free tutoring and resources including libraries, writing centers, a Biology Learning Center, a Mathematics Learning Center, as well as the Virtual Learning Commons (VLC), which provides online video tutorials, interactive exercises, and enhanced extra help — all designed by members of our faculty.

## **6. Transferability**

Suffolk's advisors and counselors can provide students with advice regarding what classes will fulfill transfer requirements to other public and private colleges and universities in New York and throughout the nation. Long Island colleges and universities routinely work with Suffolk students throughout the academic year to create individual transfer plans so the transfer experience is as stress-free as possible. Suffolk currently has articulation, joint admission and "two-plus-two" agreements with numerous institutions, including SUNY colleges and universities as well as other public and private in-state and out-of-state colleges and universities. Additionally, the Stay on Long Island Scholarship program has been established to help outstanding Suffolk County Community College graduates continue their education locally. Through generous full- and partial-tuition scholarships offered at 13 area colleges and universities, high-achieving scholars are able to attend quality four-year institutions of higher education that are close to home. Since 2010, the partnership has generated over \$5 million in scholarship funds. With the success of the Stay on Long Island Scholarship program, the New York State Presidential Transfer Scholarship was created, offering full-tuition scholarships from nine partner institutions. Since 2016, the partnerships have generated over \$450,000 in scholarships.

## **7. A Safe Learning Environment**

Suffolk is committed to providing students with the safest possible environment for learning. We provide public safety officers at all of our campuses and satellite centers. The College also has blue light phones inside and outside buildings,



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## 8. Career Counseling and Internships

The career and transfer counseling centers at Suffolk provide guidance for students and alumni, while serving as a liaison with faculty and outside employers to help students realize their career potential. Suffolk's faculty and counselors identify students' core strengths, clarify career goals and identify academic majors to help them reach their educational and career objectives. Additionally, Suffolk is home to approximately 125,000 alumni — with the majority living and working right here on Long Island. This translates into numerous networking possibilities for students seeking internship placement or starting a career.

## 9. Athletic Excellence

Suffolk has been recognized among the top intercollegiate two-year athletic programs in the nation (Division III of the National Junior College Athletic Association – NJCAA) and has won 87 Region XV Championships. The College is home to 12 national team championships and 44 individual national champions and is also the recipient of numerous sportsmanship awards. Suffolk also offers a wide range of intramural sports.

## 10. Study Abroad Opportunities

Studying abroad isn't just an academic experience — it's a life experience. Suffolk offers a variety of study abroad educational experiences to expand students' boundaries and teach them to communicate across cultures. Students earn academic credit while gaining skills employers truly value.



**Suffolk offers the full college experience with more than 90 student clubs and organizations.**



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