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SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT ATHLETE'S LAUDED AT AWARDS CEREMONY

(Long Island, NY) Suffolk County Community College student/athletes were honored one June 5 when more than three-dozen were recognized for their on-field skills as well as team spirit, sportsmanship, support of fellow athletes and academic achievement.

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Suffolk's Athletic Director Kevin Foley said that this year's men's national champion in the pole vault, Josiah Hoshyla had a perfect 4.0 grade point average and first team All-American and National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Academic All-American, baseball player Travis George scored perfectly as well.

Foley said that Tori Thompson of the Women's Track Team won three national championships this year while maintaining a 3.1 GPA. Foley added that Suffolk placed a total of seven student athletes on the NJCAA Academic All-American Team – four of the students had a 3.8 GPA or better.

Individual team awards were distributed for team Most Valuable Player (MVP) and Coach's Awards to individuals who were not only skilled in their respective sports, but also exhibited leadership qualities that go above and beyond.

Additionally, one athlete was singled out for a new prestigious award – The Gene Farry Award. The honor is named after former Suffolk Men's Head Basketball and Baseball Coach as well as Athletic Director Gene Farry and awarded to the student athlete who best embodies the qualities and characteristics of team spirit, leadership, commitment and excellence.

Galvin Biggs of Coram, a track team member and Coach's Award recipient, was presented with the Gene Farry Award.

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