

### *Mandia named Union Fellow and American Geophysical Union ambassador*

The American Geophysical Union awarded Suffolk County Community College meteorology professor Scott Mandia the American Geophysical Union Ambassador award, which is given annually to honorees for their contributions to the Earth science community. Additionally, Mandia was honored as a Union Fellow for “attained acknowledged eminence in the Earth and space sciences.”

“The entire college community joins me in congratulating Professor Mandia,” SCCC President Shaun L. McKay said in a statement.

“Scott’s commitment to our college, outstanding performance and high academic standards are an inspiration to each of our students, faculty and staff,” McKay said, adding “this award is well deserved.”

“I am honored that the American Geophysical Union has recognized me for this prestigious award and am pleased that the [American Geophysical Union] recognizes the work of community college faculty in promoting science education. There are numerous people who have helped me with my climate outreach efforts and



they share this award with me,” Mandia, a resident of Miller Place, said.

Mandia helped found the Climate Science Rapid Response Team, which matches journalists with scientists to enable the media to better explain climate change and meteorological phenomenon to the public, and co-founded the Climate Science Legal Defense Fund, to assist scientists when they face legal scrutiny of their work, including demands for their personal correspondence.