

## *Smithtown's Contess is Chancellor's Award winner*

Nicholas Contess of Smithtown, a student at Suffolk County Community College, is an honored recipient of the 2015 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.

The award was bestowed at an Albany ceremony hosted by SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher on April 2.

The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence was created in 1997 to recognize students who have best demonstrated and have been recognized for the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts, campus involve-

ment or career achievement.

Each year, SUNY campus presidents establish a selection committee, which reviews the accomplishments of exemplary students. Nominees are then forwarded to the chancellor's office for a second round of review.

Finalists are then recommended to the chancellor. Each recipient receives a framed certificate and medallion, which is traditionally worn at commencement.

"The students selected for this honor are role models within the college and SUNY community," said Suffolk County Community College President Dr. Shaun L. McKay.

