

*County News***Report Chronicles College's Clear Progress and Achievements**

Suffolk County Community College President Dr. Shaun L. McKay, in a just released annual "Review of Accomplishments," has documented his College's -- New York State's largest community college -- clear progress and achievement "in the areas of quality academic programs, student services, capital projects, improved infrastructure, advanced philanthropy, prudent fiscal management, timely contractual negotiations, and enhanced strategic planning and assessment activities."

President McKay wrote in his message introducing the document that "each annual review of our College accomplishments provides an opportunity to chronicle major achievements that have occurred through the numerous efforts of our faculty, staff, administrators, and students, as well as our Board of Trustees, State and County partners."

The 52-page report chronicles a year of achievement that saw Suffolk County Community College confer degrees on a record 4,189 graduates, the award of a record amount in scholarship monies and high praise for students, faculty and staff for academic, athletic, and other achievements.

President McKay detailed many notable College achievements that include:

- Notification in June by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education that the College remains fully accredited
- National recognition and awards of prestigious grants for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) scholarships for students – one of a small number of community colleges to be so honored
- Suffolk County Community College remains one of the strongest pipelines of interns to Brookhaven National Laboratory despite competition from Ivy League schools and others.
- Designation as one of the Top 20 Workforce Development Providers in the country and awarded \$3 million for the NY Job Linkages Program
- National recognition of the College's athletes, coaches and athletic teams
- Prudent fiscal management, despite rising costs, completing the 2012-13 fiscal year with a positive balance of \$1.9 million
- In the 2014-15 operating budget, the County

Executive recommended increasing the County's contribution to the College by 2% -- the first increase in five years.

- The College completed negotiations with the Faculty Association nearly a year and a half early and the contract was overwhelmingly approved by the Association membership as well as the County Legislature

Improvements in infrastructure and new building

- the construction of the new 64,000 square foot William J. Lindsay Life Sciences Building, slated to open October 21, 2014

- a new modular building on the Michael J. Grant Campus that is part of our partnership with Long Island University as well as a new Learning Resource Center

- a new Health and Wellness Center on the Eastern Campus

- design of the Renewable Energy/STEM Center on the Grant Campus

"As we prepare for the fall semester, I am looking forward to working with our students, faculty, administration and staff to again propel our College toward new achievements," President McKay said.

The College released the annual report this week and posted it to its website at: <http://www3.sunysuffolk.edu/About/3202.asp>.



