Unique Stay On Long Island Initiative Keeps Talent on LI, Suffolk Community College Students Earn Scholarships to LI Colleges & Universities

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Twenty-seven Suffolk County Community College Students were awarded Stay On Long Island Initiative (SOLII) Scholarships that will provide full tuition for at a Long Island College ...

The SOLII scholarship program conceived by Suffolk County Community College President Dr. Shaun L. McKay in 2010 to staunch Long Island’s “brain drain” by keeping talented, motivated students on Long Island and attending Long Island Colleges and Universities awarded scholarships totaling approximately $640,000 to 27 Suffolk County Community College students. The program has awarded more than $3.7 million in scholarships to 116 Suffolk County Community College students since its inception, McKay said.

“The SOLII Scholarships help our graduates achieve their academic dreams by continuing their education at quality four-year colleges and universities right here in our region,” President McKay said.

The initiative, McKay explained, provides full and partial-fellowship scholarships to current Suffolk County Community College students who graduate and transfer to partnering four-year Long Island colleges that include: Adelphi University, Brandeis College, Dowling College, Farmingdale State College, Five Towns College, Hofstra University, LIU Post, LIU Riverhead, LIU Brentwood, Molloy College, New York Institute of Technology, The College at Old Westbury, St. John’s University, St. Joseph’s College and Stony Brook University.

Pictured: Left to right - First row (bottom): Loc Moussou, Ivory Cook (St. John’s University), Ana Calejas, Riverhead (LIU Post), Collete Vazquez, Mastic Beach (Stony Brook University), Suffolk County Community College President Dr. McKay, Veronica Churton, East Hampton (Five Towns College), Jessica Guzman, East Hampton (Adelphi University).

2nd row: Suffolk County Community College Counselor Tom Law, Sarah Nangeron, East Northport (LIU Post), Evelyn DeSantis, Hampton Bays (LIU Riverhead), Daniel DeLuccia, Oakdale (LIU Post), Dr. Christopher Adams. 3rd row: Samuel Zang, East Seaford (Brandeis College), Megan Meyer (Molloy College), Alphonso Brown, Farmingdale (St. Joseph’s College), Thomas Pizzare, Deer Park (Farmingdale State College), Carla Sutherland.

4th row: Brianna DiPietro, Bay Shore (St. Joseph’s College), Courtney Boccher, Bay Shore (St. Joseph’s College), 5th row: Shalini Day, Deer Park (LIU Brentwood), Victoria Loewenstein, Bay Shore (St. John’s University), Mary Katherine D’Antoni (St. Joseph’s College), Candice Shekin, Miller Place (St. Joseph’s College), Yeatts Adams, Deer Park (Stony Brook University), Tricia Wiltman, Adelphi (Adelphi University). Last row: Janae Kendall and Harriet Peoples (LIU Post).