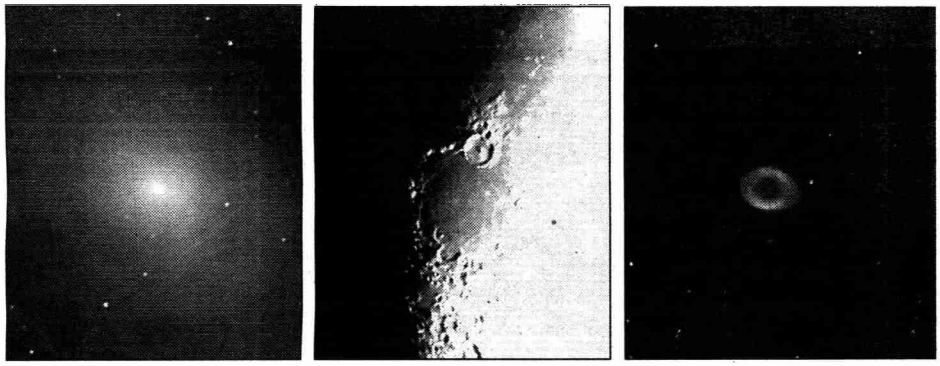
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Photos from SCCC

From left, the Andromeda galaxy; the moon; and the Ring Nebula

SCCC images are out of this world

Astrophysics Professor Michael Inglis and Associate Professor of Physical Science Sean Tvelia recently captured two stunning, out-of-this-world images — a photo of the moon and another of the Ring Nebula, which is some 2,300 light-years away, and the Andromeda galaxy — from Suffolk County Community College's state-of-the-art observatory. A light-year is equivalent to the distance that light travels in one year, which is nearly six trillion miles; that's a 6 with 12 zeros!

The College's Observatory, on the Ammerman Campus in Selden, is housed under a 20.5-foot-rotating dome. Suffolk County Community College now has one of only five observatories in our county, and one of the largest. The others are located at Stony Brook University, Custer Institute in Southold, Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport and in Montauk.

Astronomers using the new telescope record what they are seeing through the college's CCD camera, equipped with filters that meet astronomical research standards.



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