a significant impact on Long Island, which is already seeing resurgence in manufacturing contracts. The skills training that will be covered by this proposal will be critical to the continuance of regional manufacturing growth, since the training will ensure that companies looking for employees will be able to find qualified applicants through their partnerships with our community college.

Governance Changes. During its 2011-2012 elections, the College's Board of Trustees elected Dafny Irizarry as Chairwoman. The Board appointment term ended for Ernesto Mattace, Jr. who was replaced by Anne Shybunko-Moore. Patricia McMahon resigned her term due to new work responsibilities and the remainder of her appointment will be fulfilled by James Morgo. Anthony Mangual was reelected by the College's student body for a second term as student trustee.

The Foundation's Board of Directors elected Ed Boughal as Chairman and Eric Martinez as Treasurer. New members to the Foundation Board are: Leslie Anderson, Michael Grant, Felice Jones-Lee, Dr. Randolph Manning, Belinda Pagdanganan, Edwin Roldan and Ernesto Mattace, Jr.



In July 2011, Dafny J. Irizarry was elected Chairwoman of the College's Board of Trustees.

Out of County Tuition Chargebacks. Last year, the County shifted over $10 million in college costs to each of the County's 10 towns. These costs pay for students who reside in Suffolk County but attend a community college other than Suffolk. In November, the Suffolk County Legislature approved a resolution to rescind the gasoline tax cap in order to eliminate the need to charge Long Island's towns for out-of-county tuition charges. The bill included a provision to sunset after 12 months and Legislators indicated they planned to reach out to members of the State Legislature to address the existing chargeback policy.

The College decided to survey Suffolk County residents attending out-of-County community colleges. In the spring of 2012, we sent out 3,535 questionnaires and received 324 surveys, which is a response rate of approximately 9%. Respondents were asked what the most important factor was in determining to attend a community college other than Suffolk. The number one reason cited was that the academic major they wanted was not available. The top three majors respondents wanted were fashion merchandising/fashion, mortuary science, and radiological x-ray technology. The out-of-County community college most commonly attended was Nassau Community College, followed by Fashion Institute of Technology and Tompkins Cortland Community College. We also wanted to find out if students had ever applied or attended Suffolk County Community College. There were 33% that answered yes. Of those, 63% attended. We asked these students to share with us their experience when they attended Suffolk County Community College. We learned from the survey results that once they got to know us, they liked us. We looked at the overall student experience, including facilities, labs, athletic programs, and recreational activities. The College secured overall ratings from survey participants of good to excellent.

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Community Leadership. At the Long Island Regional Advisory Council on Higher Education (LIRACHE) annual Board of Trustees meeting, I was elected to serve on the 2012-2013 LIRACHE Steering Committee. Suffolk was also selected to host LIRACHE's upcoming annual fall dinner at the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center in Riverhead. In addition, I was selected as a co-chair of the LIRACHE Superintendent-College President Partnership. This Partnership is an ongoing forum that addresses matters affecting teaching and learning on Long Island, in recognition of the fact that K-12 and post-secondary institutions are systemically interdependent.

In December, the Urban League of Long Island hosted their annual Equal Opportunity Day. As part of this event, the Urban League recognizes individuals,