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Suffolk's Cheryl Cavanagh was the recipient of a prestigious Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Scholar Award.

this past February. It was designed to provide Suffolk's outstanding students with an opportunity to engage with Honors program students from the SoLII partner colleges. It enabled 100 students to visit with Transfer Admissions Directors from the SoLII Partner Colleges, learn about the schools and the available SoLII Scholarships, and discuss the symposium topic: The Democratization of Information: Power, Peril and Promise.

Noteworthy Scholarship News. In May, the College learned that Eastern Campus student Shelby Harvey, had been selected to receive a 2012 Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. This is the seventh such award in our College's history. The scholarship will cover tuition, fees, books, and living expenses for up to a total of $30,000 annually, for up to three years. Ms. Harvey was one of 60 scholars selected for this award from among 786 applications received from across the nation. She will now transfer and complete her undergraduate degree at the University of Texas at Austin.

Through our Get There From Here Scholarship award, 33 new scholars were selected for the 2012-13 funding cycle from among student applicants enrolled for the fall semester. These scholars join the 16 continuing scholars selected in previous years. The maximum annual award for each scholar can be as much as $5,000. Funds can be used to cover tuition, fees and books. The scholarship is renewable for a maximum of five semesters, providing the student maintains a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Ammerman's Cheryl Kavanagh, was selected as a 2012 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Silver Scholar. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation recognizes 50 Gold, 50 Silver and 50 Bronze Scholars, and provides nearly $187,500 in scholarships annually. Selection as a Coca-Cola Silver Scholar was based on scores earned in the All-USA Community College Academic Team competition, for which more than 1,700 students applied this year. Silver Scholars each receive a $1,250 scholarship and a special medallion.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) scholarship program in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) at Suffolk County Community College provides a unique, educationally enriched environment for students pursuing careers in science (biology, chemistry, physics, earth and space, geology, computer science, information technology) technology, engineering and mathematics fields. The College seeks to fund at least 30 NSF-STEM scholars annually. Students accepted into the program are provided with academic support services, advising/tutoring, career-related field trips and seminars, job shadowing and internships. For over 10 years, Suffolk has increased STEM program retention, completion and transfer rates through National Science Foundation and New York State Education Department-funded programs. Last year, the College received its latest NSF STEM grant--a total of $600,000 for the years 2011-2016 to provide scholarships and to recruit and mentor academically talented, financially needy students through to completion of their associate degree in STEM disciplines. The College has had three NSF grants to support scholarships for science and engineering undergraduate students since 2001 and is the only community college in the SUNY system to have an NSF scholarship program funded continuously for more than 10 years. Our program was recently cited by the Empire State STEM Learning Network, which stated, "The alignment of state and county programs focused on increasing the inclusiveness of the STEM talent pipeline with NSF's STEM Scholarship program exemplifies a systems approach to closing the gap in workforce needs. Suffolk's collaboration with Brookhaven National Lab and Stony Brook University further models the systems thinking critical to advancing STEM teaching and learning across New York State and beyond."