Inspiring Philanthropy. Philanthropy transforms the lives of our students, enhances our academic programs and fosters goodwill among those we are privileged to educate and serve. Donations are received through the Suffolk Community College Foundation, a non-profit organization founded in 1989 to raise money to support the mission of the College, fund scholarships, offer emergency student loans and support academic enrichment programs.

Generous donations from alumni, friends, family foundations, corporate partners, faculty and employees enabled us to award $435,000 in scholarship support this year. New scholarships were established including a $300,000 gift to endow four scholarships in our Theatre Arts Program, support from the Atlantic Auto Mall to benefit students pursing a degree in Automotive Technology, a gift from the Knapp Swezey Foundation to fund nursing scholarships, a gift from The Rotary District 7260 Foundation of Suffolk County for students impacted by Hurricane Sandy and a gift from the Peconic Landing Lifetime Learning Committee to fund scholarships for returning, non-traditional students. Continued funding has enabled the growth and expansion of existing scholarships including support from Air Conditioning Contractors of America, Bank of America, Bed, Bath & Beyond, By Request Communications, the Frey Family Foundation, J. Kings Food Service Professionals, Long Island Street Rod Association, Giuseppe A. Nigro Lodge - Order of the Sons of Italy, Netter Real Estate, New York Community Bank and the New York Propane Gas Association. In addition, the Foundation's emergency student loan program provides approximately $60,000 in assistance each year to over 150 students on our campuses who are faced with unanticipated education-related expenses.

Our Vision 2015 campaign is helping to transform lives. Co-Chairs on each of the three campuses have been leading the employee initiative to move the campaign forward. This $7 million campaign is raising funds to support student scholarships, implement technology enhancements, endow College initiatives and develop green and sustainability initiatives, thus ensuring that our students have access to an affordable, robust higher education experience. Promoting the College's advancement through philanthropy has become a priority component of my work as President. To date, we have secured campaign commitments totaling over $1.78 million, including almost $305,000 from our own faculty and staff. 100% of the College's exempt administrators have contributed to the campaign. As we commenced the employee giving portion of the campaign, my family and I announced a considerable contribution commitment in support of Vision 2015. This donation has been directed toward support for the College's Theatre Arts program.



Pictured at the Salute to Excellence Gala (left to right): Edward Boughal, Chairman of the SCC Foundation Board of Directors; Dr. David J. Steinberg, President, Long Island University; Terri Alessi Miceli, President, Hauppauge Industrial Association; Mary Reid, community organizer from Bay Shore; Dr. Shaun L. McKay; Dafny J. Irizarry, Chairwoman of the College's Board of Trustees; Robert A. Isaksen, Long Island Market President, Bank of America.

The Foundation held its Salute to Excellence Gala on April 5th at Oheka Castle. The sold-out event grossed over $172,000 and honored Terri Alessi-Miceli ('80), President of the Hauppauge Industrial Association, Long Island with the Community Partner Award; Robert A. Isaksen, President, Long Island Bank of America with the Industry Leadership Award, Ms. Mary Reid, Community Organizer with the Community Leadership Award; and Dr. David J. Steinberg, President, Long Island University with the Leadership in Education Award. The date for next year's Gala is Thursday, April 3, 2014. In other event news, the Foundation has secured Rotary District 7260 of Suffolk County as the honoree for this year's Golf Classic, to be held on August 12th at St. George's Golf and Country Club in Stony Brook. The Rotary will be recognized for their creation of new Sandy Relief scholarships for Suffolk's students and for their support of the student clients that utilize our campus day care facilities.