Scott Mandia, Professor of Earth and Space Science, represented Suffolk County Community College and the Climate Science Rapid Response Team as a VIP guest of former U.S. Vice President Al Gore during a three-day Climate Reality Training Workshop in San Francisco. In attendance were individuals from 46 states and more than 60 countries. Professor Mandia delivered a 40-minute presentation about the Climate Science Rapid Response Team. Professor Mandia was also named as a Science Advisor and invited to sit at Al Gore's VIP table.

Faculty members Neil Buffett (Instructor in Social Sciences) and Dr. Sarah Grunder (Assistant Professor of Social Sciences) from our Ammerman Campus, have been selected to participate in the American Historical Association's "American History, Atlantic and Pacific" project. The project is a National Endowment for the Humanities "Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges" project that will bring together community college faculty from 12 institutions around the country to create or revise courses in an effort to promote a global perspective on U.S. history.

Acting Executive Dean for the Ammerman Campus George Tvelia, was chosen for the inaugural class of awardees to receive international recognition in the form of the 2012 John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award, presented by the League for Innovation. He is one of only two recipients in New York State. These awards are open to League alliance member institutions and are presented to celebrate outstanding contributions and leadership by community college faculty and staff.



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Professor Kevin Peterman received the Higher Education Member of the Year Award from the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT). The award is presented in recognition of his years of service, including his longstanding membership and his participation in the leadership of the Faculty Association.

Thirteen Suffolk County Community College students were selected to receive the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. Six Suffolk County Community College students were selected for the Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Teams: four to the First Team, and one each to the Second and Third teams. Three of the six students – all of whom were selected for the First Team – are also Get There From Here Scholars.

Tara Fagan was selected from among 1,700 campuses nationwide to be honored as a member of the inaugural class of Campus Event Planner awardees. This award honors Tara's hard work and dedication put forth creating memorable campus activities and events for our students during 2012.

Asya Ashour, an accounting major with a perfect 4.0 GPA and a history of community service, was the valedictorian of the LIU Post Class of 2013. Ashour attended LIU Post as a transfer student with a pre-accounting degree from Suffolk County Community College. Upon earning her associate degree, she was awarded a full tuition scholarship to LIU through the "Stay on Long Island" scholarship initiative.

Assistant Dean for Faculty and Professional Advancement Pina Arcomano Britton was honored with a 2012 North American Council for Staff, Program and Organizational Development (NCSPOD) Exemplar Award for outstanding achievement in professional development.

Nancy Ellis, Professor of Paralegal Studies at the College, received a Leadership in Law Award from the *Long Island Business News* in the category of Educator – Paralegal



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