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Noteworthy Scholarship News. Former Student Trustee Anthony Mangual graduated in May as the most decorated student in our history. During his final year at the College, he was named an Academic All-USA First Team member. In addition, he was selected as a recipient of a 2013 Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship from The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, which will provide him with a scholarship that covers tuition, fees, books, and living expenses for up to a total of $30,000 annually, for up to three years. The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship is the largest private scholarship awarded to community college transfer students in the country. This year, the Foundation received 769 nominations from 377 community colleges and awarded 73 scholarships. This is the College's eighth Jack Kent Cooke Scholar in its history.

Trustee Mangual was also named New York State's New Century Scholar, the accolade awarded to the single highest scoring student in each state. The last time a Suffolk student earned this prestigious award was in 2009. As the statewide recipient, he was honored at the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Convention in April in San Francisco, where I was able to join him along with our BOT Chairwoman, Dafny Irizarry. As a New Century Scholar, he represented all community college students from New York State at the AACC Opening Ceremonies, and was honored at a special reception and at the Annual President's Breakfast. Trustee Mangual also received a Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence from the State University of New York (SUNY) and was a recipient of a Suffolk Community College Foundation Get There From Here Scholarship. Among his other accomplishments, Trustee Mangual was President of the Business Club on the Michael J. Grant Campus, a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Beta Gamma Honor Societies and selected for Who's Who Among Students in Universities and Colleges. He will attend Hofstra University and plans to pursue a degree in law, subsequent to completing a Certified Public Accountancy program.

For the 2013-2014 academic year, the Scholarship Committee of the Foundation Board of Directors has approved a total budget of $245,012 to fund the Get There From Here scholarship program. The amount that has been designated will enable the College to add approximately 30 new Get There From Here scholars and extend funding for the 23 existing scholars who are continuing their studies next semester. I thank the Foundation Board for its noteworthy stewardship of this important program. Based on their applications and interviews, it is clear that the students are strong academically and have been able to persevere through many challenges. Over 115 applications were received for this year's round of funding. This response is more than double the number of applications we received last year.

Christopher Petrosino was selected as one of only twenty students in the nation to receive Phi Theta Kappa's 2012 Frank Lanza Memorial Scholarship. The Frank Lanza Memorial Scholarship recognizes the outstanding academic and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in registered nursing, respiratory care or emergency medical services associate degree programs. As a 2012 Lanza Scholar, Mr. Petrosino received a $2,500 scholarship and a commemorative certificate.

Three students, Dilek Kucuk, Jieyi Guan and Saida Mohibi received Dr. Robert Frey Family Foundation Scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to students who are majoring in mathematics or planning to embark on a career in a math-related field. Student applicants must have earned at least 32 college credits and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. This year, each student received a $5,000 scholarship. In addition, Ms. Kucuk received the 2013 New York State Mathematics Association of