Two-Year Colleges (NYSMATYC) Dan Dodway Memorial Scholarship Award in the amount of $1,000. Ms. Kucuk was one of only eight students throughout the State of New York selected to receive this scholarship.

In May, the College's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center sponsored the 2013 High School Student Chef Competition Finals. Participants were required to create two servings of an entrée using ingredients from a "Mystery Basket." Each student was allowed 1½ hours to prepare, cook and plate their finished dish. As the winner of this competition, Luke Gustafson of Hampton Bays High School received a $1,500 culinary arts scholarship to attend the College's degree program. Daniel Insoyna, a junior at Southold High School, came in second place; Ruben Bernacet, a senior at Bellport High School, came in third.



Luke Gustafson (center), of Hampton Bays High School, was the winner of Suffolk's culinary competition for high school students held at the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center in Riverhead.

This year, the College was able to include Stony Brook University among the 12 partnering four-year institutions offering full-tuition scholarships to graduating Suffolk students as part of our Stay on Long Island Initiative (SOLII). Stony Brook awarded three full-tuition scholarships as part of its agreement. In 2013, among our twelve partner schools, 21 full scholarships and 22 merit awards were offered. The total dollar amount awarded for the 2013-2014 academic year is $552,562. This represents a 23% increase from the previous year.

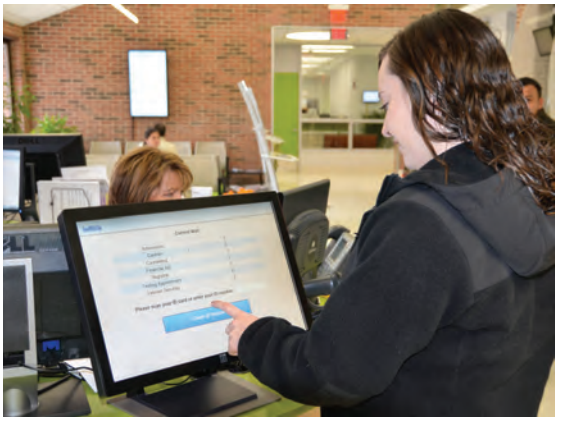
Improvements to Infrastructure and New Buildings. We are in the planning, design or construction stage for several significant capital projects that promise to generate millions of dollars into the local economy, particularly within the construction industry. Along with $10.3 million in improvements to our aging infrastructure, these projects include a new Health and Wellness Facility at our Eastern Campus, a new Learning Resource Center and the addition of a Renewable Energy/STEM Center at the Michael J. Grant Campus, and a new Science and Technology Building on the Ammerman Campus.



When completed, the Science and Technology Building will offer 64,000 square feet of labs, lecture halls and classrooms.

This past year, we unveiled the new Student Success Center at our Eastern Campus. This Center provides students with access to student support services in a convenient central location. Previously, students had to visit several different offices in order to meet with college representatives about financial aid, registration, counseling and advising. The new Student Success Center is a high-tech, high-touch space that appeals to today's tech savvy students who are used to digital displays and self-help kiosks. The Center reflects the shared campus vision for student service cross training through multiple departments. The single point of service has made all transactions easier and more efficient for students

In order to commence with our plans to construct the Health and Wellness facility on the Eastern Campus within the core preservation area of the Long Island Pine Barrens, the College's administrative team delivered a presentation to the members of the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission. The information and the legal argument we made were then considered by the Commissioners. In the spring, we received official correspondence stating that the Commission had determined that our proposal was a non-development activity.



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The only new capital project we advanced this year, was our proposed Renewable Energy/STEM Center. This state-of-the-art 25,000 square-foot facility will allow Long Island's best and brightest minds to apply their knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math toward the development of tomorrow's most