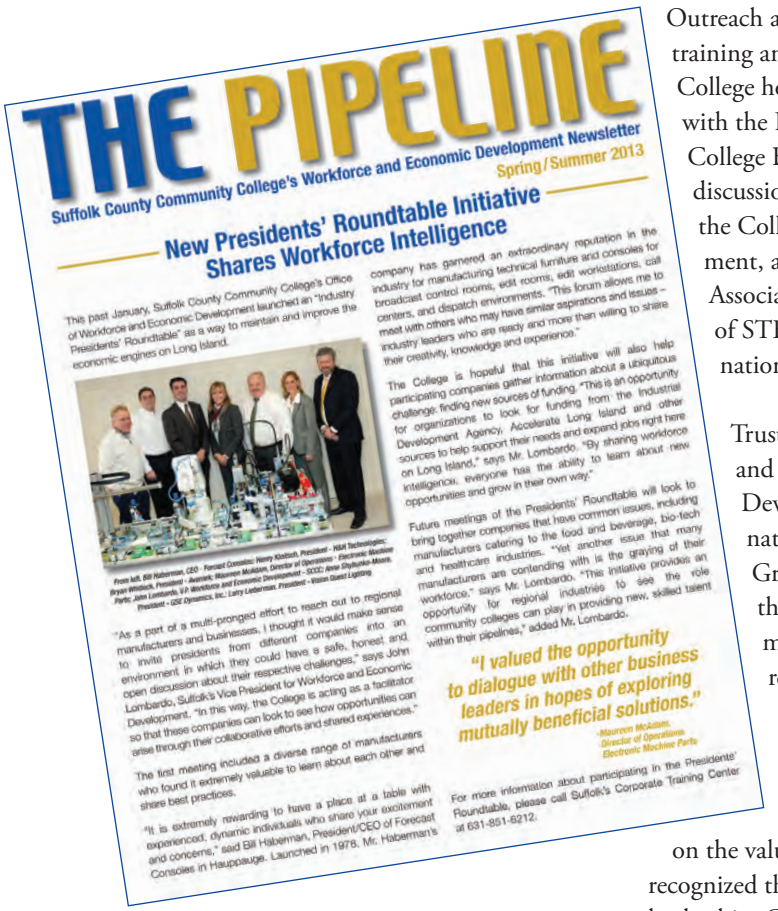
Workforce Development and Training. This past year, Suffolk's Advanced Manufacturing Training Center (AMTC), evolved from a grant-funded operation to a profitable fee-for-service model. As part of this transition, it provides noteworthy certifications in critical career-path industries, including welding, machining and soldering. Registration for the Advanced Manufacturing Training Center's first Advanced Welding Program was full, with half of the slots occupied by Veterans.



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New Presidents' Roundtable Initiative Shares Workforce Intelligence

This past January, Suffolk County Community College's Office of Workforce and Economic Development launched an "Industry Presidents' Roundtable" as a way to maintain and improve the economic engines on Long Island.

company has garnered an extraordinary reputation in the industry for manufacturing technical furniture and consoles for broadcast control rooms, edit rooms, edit workstations, call centers, and dispatch environments. "This forum allows me to meet with others who may have similar aspirations and issues – industry leaders who are ready and more than willing to share their creativity, knowledge and experience."

The College is hopeful that this initiative will also help participating companies gather information about a ubiquitous challenge: finding new sources of funding. "This is an opportunity for organizations to look for funding from the Industrial Development Agency, Accelerate Long Island and other sources to help support their needs and expand jobs right here on Long Island," says Mr. Lombardo. "By sharing workforce intelligence, everyone has the ability to learn about new opportunities and grow in their own way."

Future meetings of the Presidents' Roundtable will look to bring together companies that have common issues, including manufacturers catering to the food and beverage, bio-tech and healthcare industries. "Yet another issue that many manufacturers are contending with is the graying of their workforce," says Mr. Lombardo. "This initiative provides an opportunity for regional industries to see the role community colleges can play in providing new, skilled talent within their pipelines," added Mr. Lombardo.

"As a part of a multi-pronged effort to reach out to regional manufacturers and businesses, I thought it would make sense to invite presidents from different companies into an environment in which they could have a safe, honest and open discussion about their respective challenges," says John Lombardo, Suffolk's Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development. "In this way, this College is acting as a facilitator so that these companies can look to see how opportunities can arise through their collaborative efforts and shared experiences."

"I valued the opportunity to dialogue with other business leaders in hopes of exploring mutually beneficial solutions."

-Maureen McAdam, Director of Operations - Electronic Machine Parts

The first meeting included a diverse range of manufacturers who found it extremely valuable to learn about each other and share best practices.

"It is extremely rewarding to have a place at a table with experienced, dynamic individuals who share your excitement and concerns," said Bill Haberman, President/CEO of Forecast Consoles in Hauppauge. Launched in 1978, Mr. Haberman's

For more information about participating in the Presidents' Roundtable, please call Suffolk's Corporate Training Center at 631-851-6212.

Outreach and partnerships are critical to the growth and success of our workforce training and economic development activities. During this last academic year, the College hosted an event entitled "The Workforce of the Future" in conjunction with the HIA's Education and Manufacturing Committee. HIA Co-Chair and College Board of Trustee member Anne Shybunko-Moore presided over a panel discussion between members from business and industry. Representatives from the College, North Shore Health Systems, New York State Education Department, and East Islip School District were in attendance. Nina Leonhardt, Associate Dean for Continuing Education, offered a presentation on the value of STEM, its impact on business and industry, and the variety of local and national experiences available to Suffolk students.

Trustee Shybunko-Moore, President of Hauppauge-based GSE Dynamics, and John Lombardo, Associate Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development at the College, recently served as panelists and presenters at a national conference sponsored by the Next Generation Manufacturing Group, an organization comprised of Fortune 50 manufacturers from across the United States. The panel focused on training the next generation of manufacturing workers. At the conference, the College received national recognition for "Leadership in Manufacturing Training."

In April, AVP Lombardo was a guest speaker at the National Conference of Manufacturers in Denver. AVP Lombardo joined Trustee Shybunko-Moore at the conference where they conducted a feature presentation on the value of education-business collaborations. The national organization recognized the College for its talent pipeline development, sustainability and leadership. Companies such as Lockheed Martin, Tiffany and Company, Frito-Lay, Subaru, and Cisco were in attendance.

In May, I joined AVP John Lombardo, and several members of our Board of Trustees at a SUNY Community College Summit on the Future of New York's Workforce. I took this opportunity to emphasize that an important feature of the College's workforce preparation programs is the emphasis that is placed on the liberal arts, which is the foundation of critical thinking and creative problem solving. This event was an opportunity for leading business and education leaders across our State to



John Lombardo, Associate Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development at Suffolk County Community College; Anne Shybunko-Moore, President of GSE Dynamics, Inc. and member of the Board of Trustees at Suffolk County Community College; Dr. Jill O'Sullivan, President of the N.Y. Chapter of APICS; and George W. Nickle, III, Global Process Director from Johnson & Johnson.

