

Generous support from the Retirees Association of Suffolk County Community College (RASCC) helped the Foundation sponsor its annual event to recognize and congratulate members of our faculty who have been selected to receive Campus Governance Awards for Academic Excellence and Service and SUNY Chancellor Award recipients. The luncheon was held on April 26th this year and it continues to be an event that is looked forward to with great anticipation. Other Foundation-sponsored events included the 30th Anniversary celebration of the Ammerman Campus American Sign Language Program in March and the Distinguished Student Awards Ceremony in May.

Each year, the Foundation coordinates a holiday outreach effort for the children of students in financial need who are currently attending our campuses. This year, 40 children were identified and received a happier holiday season thanks to support from the college community. Individuals and offices provided families with toys, coats, shoes and gloves for the winter months.

Advanced Institutional Reputation. During the past year, I was invited to participate in a number of major international panels: The Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica expressed its profound gratitude for my visit and the content of my presentation, "The Anatomy of a College CEO" at their annual conference. In May, I delivered the keynote address at the IVETA Conference in Trinidad. IVETA promotes the cause of international vocational education and training and provides focused, in-depth coverage of critical issues in the field of workforce development. The conference provides an annual forum for improving and advancing workforce development and training initiatives. This year's overarching theme was "Education for Workforce Development: A Caribbean and Latin American Perspective."

This year, I was named co-chair of the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council's (LIREDC) Education and Workforce work group. I was also nominated by the American Association of Community Colleges' (AACC) committee on directors and membership services for a position on the AACC Board of Directors.

The College enjoyed another award-winning visit to this year's annual regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF). The Kennedy Center American College Theatre is a national theatre program involving thousands of students from hundreds of colleges and universities across the country. Suffolk Theatre majors captured multiple awards in numerous areas of the theatrical discipline, including performance, design, technology, and management. Oya Bangura won the top prize in the prestigious Irene Ryan National Acting Scholarship competition over 15 other finalists from across the country and more than 2,500 student-actors who participated in the eight regional competitions. Robert Doyle was runner-up in both the National Partners of American Theatre Costume Design and the Barbizon awards. Michael Fales was one of three National Distinguished Actor Award winners for his



The Ammerman Campus Theatre Department holds the record for two-year schools in placing acting scholarship finalists at the Kennedy awards.



The Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) recognized the College's production of "The Foreigner."