discuss the important role that SUNY's consortium of 30 community colleges and their business and industry partners play in building a 21st century workforce in New York.

New York's community colleges are at the forefront of workforce training. Almost 80 community college projects are currently supporting job training across New York State as part of SUNY's Workforce Development Grant Program. The grants are providing job and workforce development training courses, such as English as a Second Language, training healthcare providers in the use of technology, or honing leadership skills. The projects are meant to promote and encourage the location and development of new business and to retain existing employment opportunities in New York. Among the programs funded by these grants at Suffolk, are programs at American Diagnostics Corporation and Country Life Vitamins; leadership training for developmental disabilities providers, and those working with and serving the Latino population. A total of approximately 424 students will be served through contracted courses offered through Suffolk.



In June, the College hosted representatives from Metal Industries Company (MIC) of Trinidad and Tobago to discuss manufacturing and other workforce training deliverables. The visit was part of the information sharing initiative etablished under the recently-executed MOU. Preliminary discussions revealed MIC's interest in "Train the Trainer" programs. In response, the College's Advanced Manufacturing program at the Corporate Training Center will be presenting a fee-for-service training sequence hosted at the Workforce Development Technology Center. MIC will select individuals from their current staff to attend training at the Michael J. Grant Campus to learn how to deliver SCCC's Advanced Manufacturing training sequence within a seven module structure. MIC's interests for the future include automotive and HVAC sequences, as well as marketing and branding of workforce models, which will also be provided on a fee-for-service basis.



Members of Trinidad and Tobago's Metal Industries Company (MIC) toured Suffolk's Workforce Development and Technology Center.

Associate Vice President John Lombardo participated in a panel discussion at the Cradle of Aviation Museum entitled, "The STEM-Industry Collaborative." He was joined by Peter Rettaliata, President of the Air Industries Group, Jamie Moore from ADDAPT, Andrew Parton, Executive Director of the Cradle of Aviation Museum, and Trustee Anne Shybunko-Moore, President of GSE Dynamics. The event, attended by over forty industry leaders, focused on the College's manufacturing training and the success of its collaborations.