Mission and Vision

Suffolk County Community College promotes intellectual discovery, physical development, social and ethical awareness, and economic opportunities for all through an education that transforms lives, builds communities, and improves society.

Suffolk County Community College commits to maintaining high educational standards, fostering and inspiring student success, and creating diverse opportunities for lifelong learning. By attracting strong leadership and distinguished faculty to a college of excellence, we create an enriched learning environment that empowers students to transform their lives.

Financial Aid and Transfer

The Office of Financial Aid is committed to assisting our students with exploring all of the funding options available. The College awards more than $61 million in federal and state financial aid to almost 18,000 students annually. In 2014-2015, more than 67% of Suffolk's student population received financial aid.

We share information regarding these resources on our website, via our experienced, professional staff, during site visits at high schools, and through several publications distributed throughout each campus Financial Aid Office. The College website provides prospective students and their families with the SUNY Net Price Calculator, which estimates the cost of a student's education. By inputting family income information, students can determine the federal, state, and college financial aid programs for which they may be eligible to apply. Furthermore, the College provides students with transfer opportunities through articulation agreements with some thirty-five baccalaureate-granting institutions, many of them conveniently located on Long Island.

Economic Impact

Completion of an educational experience increases lifetime income and provides an increased variety of opportunities for graduates. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey-2012, the median annual earnings among people 25 and older who have earned associate degrees or attended some college are 20% higher than for high school graduates. For Suffolk County residents, the difference is 23% per year. Over the course of a working lifetime, associate degree graduates in Suffolk County earn more than $550,000 more than someone with a high school diploma. All in all, it is estimated that students will receive a 13.8% annual rate of return on their Suffolk educational investment, recovering all costs (including tuition, fees and foregone wages while in school) in 10.8 years. Newly skilled college-trained workers deepen the state and local economy's human capital. This results in higher wages for students, greater returns to property owners, increased tax revenues to municipalities, towns, and to the state, as well as added revenue due to the multiplier effect.

