dedicated to the success of this cohort and initiated block scheduling and arranged a "Meet and Greet Night" for the students and their parents so they would have an opportunity to visit with the Associate Dean, faculty, and other enrolled students. Throughout their program of study, data will be collected to assess the needs of this newest cohort as compared to the College's student body.

The College has several externally accredited programs and, in spring 2015, hosted a continuing accreditation visit by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) for our Automotive Service Specialist A.A.S. program. The School of Nursing will be hosting a site visit for continuing accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) for the Practical Nurse Certificate and Associate Degree program in late October 2015. The Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic A.A.S. program is currently a candidate for initial accreditation with the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) and will be a hosting a site visit in the near future.



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Enhanced Student Life Experiences Lead to Achievement

In September, the College hosted a Transfer Fair sponsored by the State University of New York (SUNY) at our Health, Sports and Education Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus. The SUNY Transfer Fair was a new SUNY initiative to encourage more community college students to transfer to a four-year SUNY institution after graduating. The event was advertised via email, Facebook, Twitter, direct mail, posters, portal ads, flyers, on-campus digital screens, and on the College's homepage. There were over 25 SUNY units at the fair. Later that same day, the College went on to host the SUNY College Fair. The College Fair is for Suffolk and Nassau County high school juniors and seniors as well as their parents. This event affords students the opportunity to speak with campus representatives about academic programs. The SUNY Office of Enrollment Services was highly complimentary of the College's efforts in promoting these events and with the level of student participation and audience generation.



For the first time in the College's history, we celebrated Spirit Week on all three of our campuses. This concept, created by students from all three campuses, championed by Student Trustee Gardy Amilcar, and supported by me as President, took place from October 6th-10th, and included Blue and White Day, where everyone was invited to wear our school colors; College History Day, where everyone had an opportunity to learn about the College's history through various interactive activities; Completion Day, where students were encouraged to commit to their degree completion; and Opportunity Day, where students interacted with alumni speakers and learned about scholarship opportunities, and Study Abroad Programs. The week concluded with "Suffolk Gives Back" and "Sports Night," where students were encouraged to get involved in a community service activity and attend a sporting event. The College kept its internal and external audiences updated during the event by sharing photos on its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, helping to spread College spirit throughout the week. We saw a high level of enthusiasm for this event and look forward to showcasing our new shark mascot during Spirit Week 2015.



In October, we had an opportunity to test elements of our Emergency Response Plan, when the Ammerman Campus addressed a false threat that evolved through a social media app. News coverage at that time, reported that this application had emerged as a common source for a series of similar threats at local schools. We worked closely with the Suffolk County Police Department seeking the offender who issued the hoax message.