our transferring students, dubbing the initiative "Position Your Transition." Working in conjunction with admissions offices at participating four-year institutions, we arrange for groups of 20-40 of our students to visit Long-Island based four-year institutions they are interested in applying to for transfer admission. Those institutions agree to provide roundtrip bus transportation, transfer admission information, speakers, a campus tour and lunch with some of their currently enrolled students. In addition, Suffolk students are eligible for instant transfer credit evaluations and an application fee waiver if they enroll. The visits are a great opportunity for our students to experience another campus culture, discuss their transfer options, and engage directly with current students who attend the college or university under consideration. This year's transfer trips included visits to Hofstra University, Adelphi University, and St. Joseph's College.



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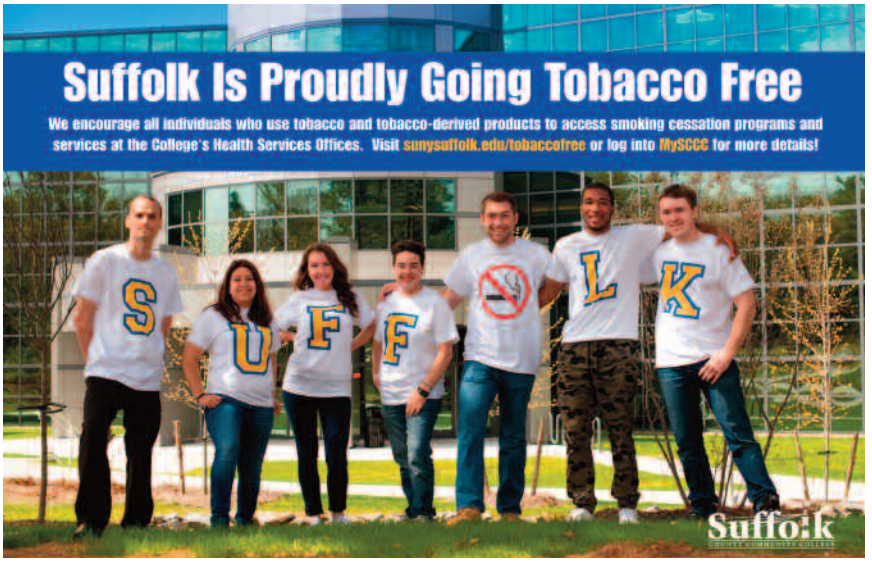
College administrators met with a field representative from the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP). SEVP mandates site visits of all institutions that are certified to issue student visas for international students. During the visit, SEVP was given a complete overview of the College's international student program, as well as the policies and procedures for the processing of international students' admission applications. The field representative was impressed by our use of the Google Translator tool, which allows all of the College's international student admissions Website information to be translated into a student's native language, leading to easy completion and submission of required documents. Following the visit, the College received approval notification for its recertification submission. This allows the College to continue issuing visas for international students.

In June 2012, the State University of New York's Board of Trustees passed a resolution endorsing the establishment of a "Tobacco-free SUNY" policy. To gather input on this important health and wellness initiative, at my direction, the College developed an online survey for faculty, staff and students. Nearly seven out of ten respondents (69.9%) strongly supported or somewhat supported the College becoming a 100% tobacco- and smoke-free institution. The Suffolk County Legislature approved the College's roll-out of smoke- and tobacco-free campuses and passed a resolution giving the College's Board of Trustees permission to deviate from County parameters related to a ban on smoking and tobacco products. Suffolk County Legislators Dr. William Spencer and Monica Martinez attended a Board of Trustee meeting to show their support for our new tobacco-free policy. I formed an implementation team charged with presenting the college community with education, communication and enforcement elements associated with this policy. Team members included representatives from our partners at North Shore LIJ Health System, the College's medical director and health services nurses, as well as our communications and Public Safety staff. On August 27th, the first day of the fall 2015 semester, the College will officially become smoke- and tobacco-free. In order to provide a clean and healthy campus environment, the policy will:



All of our campuses are tobacco free starting on August 27th.

- Protect Suffolk students, faculty, staff and visitors from unwanted and involuntary exposure to tobacco and passive smoke;
- Prohibit the use of all tobacco and tobacco-derived products on all College grounds; and
- Provide resources for tobacco users to get the help they need to quit for good.