preparation of our monitoring report. In response to the Commission's changing accreditation standards, the Office of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness developed a compliance database to track the College's adherence to federal, state, and local regulations. Over the next two years, we will ask additional members of our faculty and staff to attend Middle States workshops to prepare for upcoming accreditation events.

I have already initiated planning to address the College's Decennial Self-Study, scheduled to begin next year.

College Highlights

On May 15th, the School of Nursing gathered for a celebration of 50 years of Excellence in Nursing Education. More than 1,000 guests attended this special pinning ceremony to induct the 2015 class into the nursing profession. Highlights from the evening included a procession of alumni who graduated between 1965 and 2014, and a special keynote address by alumnus Richard Menjivar '11, RN, BSN, a United States Army veteran who served as a combat medic in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. State representatives presented proclamations to the School and three graduates received special recognition for their military service. During its long, illustrious history, the College has seen over 8,580 Suffolk nursing graduates. A commemorative journal was produced, with all journal proceeds used to fund a future nursing scholarship.



During our celebration of 50 years of excellence in Nursing education, we were honored to be joined by alumni from our earliest nursing classes.

The College hosted its annual commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 17th. This year, we incorporated numerous logistical changes that helped to streamline and shorten the program. With 4,306 students meeting the eligibility requirements for graduation, the class of 2015 stands as the largest in the College's history and brings the total number of alumni that have graduated from Suffolk County Community College to over 115,000. I was honored to invite the Suffolk County Legislature's Presiding Officer, DuWayne Gregory, to serve as Grand Marshal for this year's ceremony. The Foundation's Office of Alumni Relations welcomed the Class of 2015, presenting each graduate with an alumni welcome package and encouraging them to stay connected with their alma mater so the next generation of Suffolk students will also succeed.



My series of Campus Town Hall Meetings were completed in both the fall and spring semesters. This year I joined the members of my Cabinet at each campus location, utilizing the opportunity to bring the college community up to date with the latest activities and accomplishments taking place across the College, in addition to answering questions brought forth through the proceedings. Each Town Hall allows for one session directed to faculty and staff, with a second session held exclusively for campus student leaders.



I have established a college-wide Space Allocation Review Committee. This group has been charged with conducting an analysis of space requirements and the efficient use of existing space, inclusive of developing a process for making future space decisions on our campuses and college-wide.

The college-wide Information Technology Steering Committee recommended that the College pursue two new project requests: one for an e-procurement system and one to develop an updated Banner Student Demographic form. The e-procurement project will serve to further streamline the College's purchasing processes, minimize the use of paper transactions, maximize discounts, improve reporting and assure compliance with institutional procurement procedures. Authorized users will have the