

Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Washington. Among Suffolk students currently engaged in research internships, one has been asked to continue their paid research during the upcoming fall semester, fully supported by their scientist mentors.

I am proud to relate that three of our NSF S-STEM research scholars had their research projects accepted to the 2015 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) held this year in Washington State. Chosen from more than 3,700 submissions, our students presented their work within a particular field of study to peers, faculty, and staff from around the world. The accepted presentations were as follows: Jonathan Millings, "Effects of Histone Deacetylase Inhibition on Tumor Radiosensitivity Following Charged Particle Irradiation"; Ammara Saeed, "Generation of TALEs to Block REST RE-1 Site Interactions"; and Yao Aleke, "Using Brookhaven National Laboratory's electric vehicle fleet as grid support."

Suffolk County Community College is one of a handful of community colleges nationally that have been awarded prestigious grants for STEM scholarships for its students. We have had a decade of support from the National Science Foundation including two back-to-back grants for STEM scholarships totaling $1.2 million. Work is underway to submit the next grant proposal for continued funding.

Philanthropy Fosters Student Success

The Suffolk Community College Foundation was established in 1989 to foster student success through philanthropy that enables Suffolk County Community College to provide quality educational experiences for its students. Scholarship funds constitute the largest single use of the assets of the Foundation.



Student scholarships totaling more than $650,000 were awarded this past year.

Donor investment in the Suffolk Community College Foundation has enabled the growth of new and existing scholarships, and provided an opportunity to expand educational opportunities to benefit students attending Suffolk County Community College. Generous donations received from individuals, corporate partners, foundations and friends contributed to more than $650,000 in scholarships awarded to deserving students college-wide.

New scholarships that were established include the William J. Lindsay Memorial Scholarship Fund, created to honor the memory and legacy of William J. Lindsay, a public servant who was a champion for the College and for access to education; The Preston Family Memorial Scholarship as a tribute to the Preston family and in support of students in financial need; the Mark Jekel Long Island Street Rod Association Endowed Scholarship in Automotive Technology to honor the memory of car enthusiast Mark Jekel; and the Marilyn Stolzberg Memorial Scholarship to honor her passion for our School of Nursing.

Scholarships were also established to fund specific programmatic areas including the Bethpage Federal Credit Union "Heart of Bethpage" Scholarship for students in our STEM related disciplines; the Paul A. Shackel Student Experience Fund providing students with the opportunity to pursue a program related travel experience either domestically or internationally; the Kenneth E. Senior Aerospace Scholarship for students pursuing a career within the Manufacturing Technology program; the Gordon L. Seaman Electrical Industry Scholarship Fund for students in Construction Technology-Architectural Technology, Electrical Technology, Electronics, Engineering Science, Fire Protection Technology or Manufacturing Technology; the New York