

This year's Gala recognized leaders within the financial industry and was attended by more than 300 friends of the College.



The Foundation's Annual Golf Classic continues to raise funds for student scholarships.



Head Baseball Coach Eric Brown was named the American Baseball Coaches Association NJCAA - Division III Regional Coach of the Year.

I hosted the Salute to Excellence Gala on May 7th celebrating leaders within the financial industry and raising significant funding to benefit student scholarships. More than 300 guests gathered at the Hilton Long Island in Huntington to honor Mr. Bill Brown, Executive Vice President, US Head of Network, HSBC Bank USA, N.A.; Mr. David L. Calone, Founder, Long Island Emerging Technologies Fund, LP; Honorable John C. Cochrane, Sr., Vice President, Commercial Banking and Investment Operations, The First National Bank of Long Island, and Mr. Gregory S. Garritano, CPA, CFO '77, Founder, G.S. Garritano & Associates, CPAs, CFOs and CFO, The Lauro Group. Students were the highlight of the program and the audience was able to enjoy several musical performances from four of our theatre arts students and heard the personal stories of three current students featured in College videos. County Executive Steve Bellone took the opportunity to share his vision of the partnership between the County and the College, and each of the evening's honorees graciously accepted their award and complimented the College, its administration and our students for advancing the institution and its reputation.

During the July 10th weekend, the Foundation hosted a Trailblazers Reunion for graduates from the classes of 1962 through 1975. Activities included a wine and cheese reception, campus tours, an outdoor performance of "*As You Like It,*" presented by the Long Island Shakespeare Festival, and a buffet dinner with dancing. Members from the Greek societies that were active during the early years of the College were invited to participate. These included Alpha Delta Tau, Beta House, Chi Kappa Psi, Kappa Delta Rho, Phi Delta Omega, and Sigma Tau Lambda among others.

Support from the Foundation enabled the College to remain visible at a number of major events this past year: the Suffolk County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission's Annual Award Luncheon; the Martin Luther King Empowerment Luncheon sponsored by the Bay Shore Baptist Church; I joined members of my administration and students from the Black Male Network representing the Eastern Campus at the 30th Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast presented by the First Baptist Church of Riverhead; and the Child Care Council of Suffolk's 29th Anniversary Champions of Children Luncheon.

The Foundation will celebrate its 32nd Annual Golf Classic on Monday, August 24th at The Hamlet Golf and Country Club in Commack, where they will honor John C. Gallagher, Suffolk County Police Commissioner (Retired) and former Executive Dean at the College.

The Foundation Board of Directors has elected new officers. The following members will be installed for three-year terms that begin on September 1, 2015: Belinda Alvarez-Groneman - Chair; Michael J. Grant, Jr. - First Vice Chair; Kevin Rooney - Second Vice Chair; Brian T. Petersen - Treasurer; Robert J. Frey, Ph.D. - Secretary.

Excellence in Athletics

Women's Basketball Head Coach Kevin Foley earned his 400th Suffolk career win this year, when the team defeated Hostos CC by a score of 86-30. Coach Foley's career coaching record stands at 433-125, and he is the winningest coach in Suffolk County Community College history. Coach Foley's 23-year tenure is also the longest achieved at one college by any coach in the New York metropolitan area. Foley's career includes teams that played in 14 semi-finals, winning six regional championships, and a national title. Additionally, his teams have won 12 regional sportsmanship awards and more than 40 of his former players have continued their intercollegiate athletic careers at four-year Division II and Division III schools. I have announced that the basketball