

In June, Theresa Sanders became the newly elected Chair for the College's Board of Trustees.



Denise Lindsay Sullivan was appointed to the College's Board of Trustees last fall.



Board of Trustees

In September, the Suffolk County Legislature's Education and Information Technology Committee recommended appointing Denise Lindsay Sullivan as a member of our Board of Trustees, to serve a seven-year term replacing Trustee Arthur Cliff who chose not to seek reappointment. Trustee Sullivan is the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum for the Hampton Bays school district and is the daughter of the late Presiding Officer of the Legislature, William Lindsay.

In March, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo appointed Bergre Escorbores, Ed.D. as a member of our Board of Trustees for a term to expire on June 30, 2017. Dr. Escorbores is a principal in the Brentwood School District and succeeds Belinda Alvarez-Groneman, whose term expired in 2010.

In April, Eastern Campus student, Maria Gomez, was elected by the College's student body as the next Student Trustee on the College's Board of Trustees. Her term of office will be July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Trustee Paul Pontieri accepted an invitation from the College's ESL program to deliver the keynote address during at the ESL Certificate Completion Ceremony in May.

At its June 2015 meeting, the Board voted for the following slate of officers for the forthcoming year: Theresa Sanders - Chair; Jim Morgo - Vice Chair, and Bryan Lilly - Secretary. My Cabinet and I look forward to continuing to work with our Board and with its new leadership.

Community Leadership

In October, the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding, together with the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission and the Suffolk County Interfaith Anti-Bias Task Force, initiated a series of conversations to identify the state of difference and the actions needed to overcome the obstacles to a fully inclusive society. There were several panel discussions, each taking a view from a unique perspective and each open to the general public. The first session began with an Embracing Our Differences reception that featured a panel of artists including Patricia Lannes as moderator, and Robert Carter, Juan Lopez, and Chang-Jin Lee. The next session featured a panel of members from the Multi-Faith Forum that discussed how differences within and among religions have kept people apart, and how religion can become a force for positive change. The final session was our annual Unity Day program. This year's program featured a keynote address by James Banks, the College's Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs, a panel discussion led by student leaders, and a panel discussion led by community leaders who were members of various town Anti-Bias Task Forces.

As part of the College's Institutional Goals associated with community outreach, I participated as a member of the Bank of America's Long Island Selection Committee for its Neighborhood Builders Award. Following serious deliberation, the committee reviewed and ultimately selected the award recipients. The organizations that will benefit from this award will really make a difference on Long Island. I was honored to serve as the committee's only individual representing the field of higher education. Robert A. Isaksen, Bank of America's Long Island President, is an alumnus of the College.

During the fall, the College hosted the Long Island Regional Advisory Council for Higher Education (LIRACHE) Presidents and Superintendents Partnership meeting