at the Workforce Technology Development Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus, followed by a meeting of LIRACHE's Steering Committee, upon which I serve as a member. LIRACHE continues to address college readiness as a priority issue. The group is attempting to define a regional definition of college readiness, to ascertain descriptors of the successful college student, and to encourage higher education institutions to work with K-12 partners to expand sustainable collaborative readiness efforts, including using the Suffolk County Community College-Hampton Bays Initiative as a model. Staff members from the Office of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness are providing support for the effort.

In January, I attended the annual organizational meeting for the Suffolk County Legislature in Hauppauge. Among those installed to leadership positions, were DuWayne Gregory, who was re-elected as Presiding Officer and Jay Schneiderman, who was re-elected as Deputy Presiding Officer. I also attended the inauguration of the Honorable Kimberly Jean-Pierre, New York State Assemblywoman for the 11th AD, which was held at Babylon Town Hall.

In February, I served as the keynote speaker for the Sayville Rotary's breakfast meeting. In addition to a large audience that included numerous elected officials, the Rotary Club had arranged for a group of 20 high school students from Islip and Central Islip high schools to be in attendance. Rotarian Chestene Coverdale visited my office the following week to share with me that many of the parents in attendance had expressed their enhanced interest in seeing their children enroll at Suffolk. She also expressed the Club's appreciation and support for the College.

In April, the College hosted a Youth Entrepreneurial Financial Literacy and College Preparation event with Wyandanch High School students. The Entrepreneurial Assistance Center was awarded a grant through the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council- Opportunity Agenda to create an entrepreneur program at Wyandanch High School. The goal is to get students focused on improving their academic, business, technology, and life skills. Some of the topics covered were developing a Business Plan, Financial Statements, Marketing, Characteristics of the Successful Entrepreneur and Pay Yourself First.

College staff and I attended the 15th Annual Bay Shore-Brightwaters Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner held in April, honoring Mary Reid. The event was hosted by the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bay Shore and the Bay Shore Business Improvement District. I was among the group of Long Island leaders invited to share their experiences working with Mary during her years of public service to Suffolk County's communities.

This past spring, the College hosted a symposium on Common Core Mathematics that was deemed a major success. As this topic generates strong reactions across Long Island, participation exceeded expectations. More than 100 high school teachers, college faculty and school district superintendents participated. Many speakers from SUNY were on hand to discuss the Common Core curriculum, what it was supposed to accomplish, what it has become, and how to improve it through proper pedagogy.

The College, along with the Riverhead Chamber of Commerce, and the Southampton Business Alliance collaborated to host a symposium on May 1st at the College's Culinary Arts & Hospitality Center. The goal of the symposium was for attendees to leave with new strategies to encourage professional growth in their current and future positions. The morning session was targeted toward currently employed people who