talented candidates that were interested in furthering their careers by joining Suffolk County Community College. As a result, we were able to announce the following appointments: Dr. Lauren Tacke-Cushing, and Dr. Paul M. Beaudin were named College Deans of Instruction; we welcomed Carol A. Wickliffe-Campbell to the role of Chief of Staff to the President; Beatriz Castano accepted the position of Administrative Director of Business Operations; and Melanie Morris was hired as Assistant Director for Sustainability.

During the summer, the Foundation's Executive Committee asked to have Dr. Sylvia Diaz, promoted to Executive Director of the Foundation; and Christopher A. Williams was appointed Director of Development within the Foundation.

I want to express my appreciation to the search committee members for their efforts that resulted in the successful selection of these exceptional candidates, and I have been delighted to welcome our new colleagues to these important roles at the College.

During the course of the past year, I also realigned administrative reporting so that the College's Office of Public and Fire Safety would report to Dr. Christopher Adams, Vice President for Student Affairs; the College's Office of Information Technology would report to Gail Vizzini, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs; and the College's Office of Facilities would report to College General Counsel Louis Petrizzo.

Our institution said good-bye to two gentlemen who spent long careers with the College. We wish all the best for relaxing years of retirement to Ammerman Campus Executive Dean George Tvelia and Associate Dean for Student Affairs Dr. Gary Campbell.

The College successfully negotiated with the various bargaining units to implement a paperless payroll for all College employees. As a result, the College no longer issues Direct Deposit notices. A paperless payroll is an environmentally friendly solution to communicate accurate and timely pay information. It has helped the College save on costs like paper, printing and postage. Payroll information is now accessible online anytime.



*Carol A. Wickliffe-Campbell, Chief of Staff for President McKay*



*Dr. Sylvia Diaz, Executive Director, Suffolk Community College Foundation*

## Building Ongoing Relationships

U.S. Congressman Lee Zeldin held mobile office hours at the College's Culinary Arts & Hospitality Center in downtown Riverhead.

The Empire State Development Corporation held a half-day "Access to Capital" event at the College's Eastern Campus, which was attended by a variety of vendors.

The Office of Special Events is hosting summer camp at the Michael J. Grant Campus for the third consecutive year. SPORTS PRO Camps provides children ages 3-15 the opportunity to be safe and physically active during the summer months.

The Office of Special Events submitted a three-year bid to host the New York State Girls and Boys High School Volleyball Championships that normally take place during November upstate in Glenn Falls. The College's Field House was ultimately selected to serve as the tournament venue starting in November of 2016. This is a huge accomplishment, as hosting these types of events allows us to generate revenue and showcase our facilities to prospective high school students and their families.

Similarly, we continue to host Section XI high school track and field each spring. We normally average around 1,000-1,500 athletes and parents per event through

