The College was recognized for having one of the best SUNY Campus photos of 2014 based on Instagram user interactions. This SUNY effort was meant to showcase the beauty of SUNY's campuses through photographs taken by SUNY students. The photo featured our Montaukett Learning Resource Center on our Eastern Campus.

Vickie F. Calderon, Ed.M. was honored in March by the National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers (NCCCC) as the 2015 Director of the Year. Ms. Calderon's selection was based upon her history of work in early education, her commitment to excellence in teaching, and most of all, her leadership and positive impact on early care and education on our Michael J. Grant Campus. The Children's Learning Centers at Suffolk County Community College are State licensed and provide a comprehensive, developmentally appropriate child care program for children between the ages of six weeks and five years of age. The Learning Centers are open to children of college students, faculty, and staff; Suffolk County employees; and community residents. The National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers (NCCCC) is a nonprofit educational membership organization supporting excellence in programs for young children in communities of higher learning by providing opportunities for leadership, professional development, research, networking, and advocacy.



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In June, Linda McGuire one of our child care infant lead teachers, received the Marcia Brady Excellence in Early Care and Education Awards at the SUNY Early Care and Education Annual Conference. The Brady Excellence Award was created to celebrate the administrators, center staff and community partners who have made significant achievements in the improvement and advancement of early care.

The Career and Transfer Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus received honorable mention recognition from the Metropolitan New York College Career Planning Officer's Association (MNYCCPOA) for its submissions, "Career Conference 2014" and "Career Planning 101."

Associate Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development John Lombardo spoke to a group assembled at Stony Brook University's Wang Center on the subject of Manufacturing Training and the Educated Workforce. This economic development meeting was titled, "Economic Gardening" and was sponsored by County Executive Steve Bellone. Other speakers included College Trustee Paul Pontieri and Dean Yachov Shamash from Stony Brook.



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Student Awards and Recognition

Michael J. Grant Campus student Tricia Wildman, was selected as a member of the 2015 All-USA Community College Academic Team. She is one of only 20 students selected to receive this prestigious national honor from among more than 1,700 nominations. The All-USA Community College Academic Team is sponsored by Follett Higher Education Group and presented by *USA TODAY* with additional support provided by the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa. As part of this recognition, she was featured in a special section of *USA TODAY* in April. As an All-USA Community College Academic Team member, she received a $2,500 scholarship and special medallion. The award was presented at the Presidents Breakfast held during the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Convention in San Antonio, Texas. I was honored to be in attendance at the conference, which enabled me to be present as Tricia received her award. We congratulate her for this outstanding, national academic achievement.



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