JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION



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*Suffolk County Community College's SUNY Chancellor Award for Student Excellence recipients.*

In May, as part of NASA's Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) project, Ian Kotler of Lake Grove, an Earth & Space Sciences major with an Astronomy emphasis who attends the College's Ammerman Campus in Selden, was invited by NASA to visit the Johnson Space Center in Houston. As part of the NCAS application process, Ian completed a series of exams, earning a perfect score. He then delivered a design proposal for a Mars Rover. His design included operational s pecifications, mission objectives, project timelines and public outreach initiatives.

Ammerman Campus student Steven Curcio, was selected as a recipient of a 2015 Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship from The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, which will provide him with a scholarship that covers tuition, fees, books, and living expenses for up to a total of $40,000 annually, for up to three years. This award is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses – including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees – for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree. The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship is the largest private scholarship awarded to community college transfer students in the country. Steven is one of 90 Scholars selected this year to receive the award. This is the College's ninth Jack Kent Cooke Scholar in its history.

On March 9th, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation announced its Community College Academic Team. Two of New York's seven 2015 Coca-Cola Scholars were from Suffolk County Community College. They were Steven Curcio and Emily Rooney. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation recognizes 50 Gold, 50 Silver, and 50 Bronze Scholars, and provides nearly $190,000 in scholarships annually. Selection as a Coca-Cola Scholar is based on scores earned in the All-USA Community College Academic Team competition, for which more than 1,700 students applied this year. Bronze Scholars each receive a $1,000 scholarship and a special medallion that will be presented to them during the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Annual Convention taking place in San Antonio this April.

On behalf of the New York State Education Department (NYSED), the Nontraditional Employment & Training Program (NET) at the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society-SUNY Albany, announced the winners of the Vanguard Award for the 2014-2015 academic year. The Vanguard Award is presented to select students in New York State who are enrolled in secondary or postsecondary Career and Technical Education Programs that prepares them for careers not traditional for their gender. The NET program is committed to promotion of gender neutral educational strategies and practices. This year, eight winners were selected from a statewide pool of nominees. For the first time in its history, Suffolk County Community College has two winners in one year. Our students, Brianny Amaya from Bay Shore, who is enrolled in our Electrical Engineering Technology program, and Shailee Joshi from Coram, who is enrolled in our Engineering Science program were recognized in Albany with a dinner in their honor. They will also appear in a videotaped interview that will be posted on the NET Website.

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Biology Participation in Research and Education Program (BioPREP), is an NIH-funded program that encourages underrepresented community college students who wish to further their education and pursue careers in biomedical sciences. BioPREP participant, Ashley Markstaller, a student from our Biology program recently received an award for her research in the fields of Microbiology and Molecular Biology. She was recognized during the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS), which took place in San Antonio, Texas in November. Ashley conducted her research in the laboratory of