General Information for Graduates
Class of 2015

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT

The Class of 2015 includes all students who complete degree and certificate requirements in January, May, or August 2015. Diplomas and certificates will be mailed approximately 8-12 weeks following your graduation date.

All graduates, including prospective August graduates, are encouraged to participate in the commencement exercises on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 10 a.m. in the Field House of the Health, Sports and Education Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood. ***You must file the application for graduation whether or not you wish to attend the commencement ceremony***.

PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY

Graduation Kick-Off:

Sponsored by Follett Bookstores, a graduation kick-off event will be held on each campus on ***Wednesday, April 22, 2015***. Please check with your campus bookstore for details.

Regalia:

Regalia (cap, gown, hood and tassel) may be purchased through the campus bookstores beginning on ***Wednesday, April 22, 2015***. The cost for the Associate Degree regalia package is $49. If you do not need to purchase the complete regalia set, individual pieces are available. You may use cash, Follett gift card, check, or personal credit card with photo ID as your payment options. Regalia can also be purchased online at herffjones.com/college/suffolkcc. The last opportunity to purchase regalia from the bookstore is ***Friday, May 15, 2015*** at 2:00 p.m. Please remember, guest tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis and a limited number of tickets are available. If you wait until the last minute, you may be unable to secure any guest tickets.

Guest Tickets:

One (1) graduate and up to two (2) general admission tickets will be issued to each graduate who plans to attend the ceremony. Guest tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. ***(Please note: guest tickets go quickly).*** These tickets will be distributed through your home campus bookstore. All students participating in the ceremony **MUST** have a graduate ticket.

All guests attending the commencement ceremony, including infants and toddlers, must have a ticket in order to gain entry; **NO ONE** will be admitted without a ticket. **Please note**: strollers or infant carriers are not allowed in the seating area. Strollers/carriers brought into the ceremony building will need to be brought to the stroller parking area provided under the bleachers. Guests without tickets will be able to view a live web stream of the commencement ceremony on www.sunysuffolk.edu. Guests without tickets may also attend a video simulcast in the Van Nostrand Theatre located in the Sagtikos Arts and Science Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus while seats are available. Please note that seating is limited in the theatre.

Rehearsal Night:

A rehearsal for graduates has been planned for ***Friday, May 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m***. in the Health, Sports, and Education Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood. Graduates should plan to attend this important event. At rehearsal, we will discuss where to assemble preceding the commencement exercises and procedures to follow during those exercises.

COMMENCEMENT DAY

Commencement exercises will begin on ***Sunday, May 17, 2015*** at ***10:00 a.m.*** Graduates should report to the lobby of the Health, Sports, and Education Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood ***no later than 9:00 a.m.*** and will then be directed to their designated robing area. Please do not leave valuables in the robing areas; robing areas will not be locked.

Web-streaming:
The ceremony will be streamed live on the home page of the College's website: www.sunysuffolk.edu.

Important Safety and Security Information:
Out of respect for fellow graduates, please remain seated until the completion of the ceremony; this includes refraining from leaving your seat to take pictures and departing before the ceremony ends. **Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, students should arrange to meet their family and friends outside of the building in order to avoid crowding within the facility.**

In accordance with New York State and Suffolk County fire code, no balloons will be permitted in the facility.

Special Assistance:
Our facilities are wheelchair accessible. Any student who requires special assistance in order to attend should contact the designated campus representative. Handicapped parking is limited and drivers are encouraged to arrive early. An interpreter will be signing throughout the ceremony.

Ammerman Campus	451-4045
Eastern Campus	548-2556
Michael J. Grant Campus	851-6250

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Photographs:

A professional photographer has been retained to take individual photos of you as you receive your diploma. The photographer will correspond with you directly, approximately one week after commencement. **You are under no obligation from the College to purchase these photos.** Special areas have been designated outside for you to take photos after the ceremony.

Alumni Association:

All graduates are members in the College's Alumni Association upon graduation.

Diplomas:

You will receive the cover for your diploma on the day of commencement. Approximately 8-12 weeks following your graduation date, your diploma will be mailed to the address indicated on your Application for Graduation. You must file the application for graduation whether or not you wish to attend the commencement ceremony.

For further information about regalia attire, diploma frames, class rings, announcements, or bookstore hours, please call or visit your campus bookstore or bookstore websites:

Ammerman Campus Bookstore	**Eastern Campus Bookstore**	**Michael J. Grant Campus Bookstore**
Telephone: 631-451-4379	Telephone: 631-548-2554	Telephone: 631-851-6768
www.sccc.bkstr.com	www.sccc-eastern.bkstr.com	www.sccc-grant.bkstr.com

For further information, please contact the Office of Campus Activities and Leadership Development at your home campus:

Ammerman Campus	Babylon Student Center, 100	451-4376
Eastern Campus	Peconic Building, 122	548-2522
Michael J. Grant Campus	Captree Commons, 110	851-6702

Directions to the Michael J. Grant Campus are available on the College's web page at:
http://www3.sunysuffolk.edu/About/Directions.asp.