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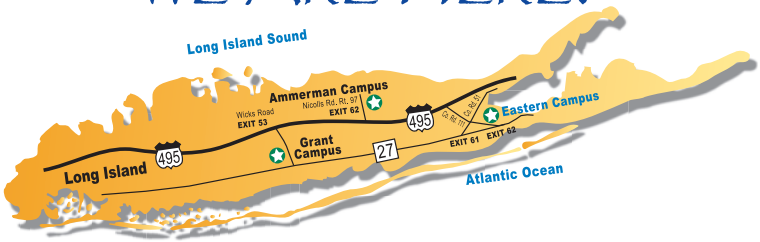


Suffolk County was established in 1683, when the historic New York Colony divided into 11 counties. Located 40 miles east of New York City and covering over 900 square miles, Suffolk County is 86 miles long and 20 miles at its widest point. SCCC's original campus, located in Selden, was set in the geographic middle.

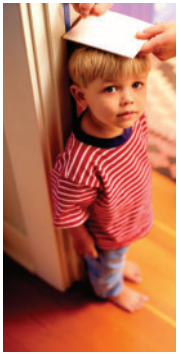
This little notepad contains 50 facts about Suffolk County Community College, demonstrating how it has brought big changes to the County-and its residents—during its 50-year history.

1 There's No Place Like Home

Almost 60 percent of the College's alumni still reside on Long Island, and more than 450 of these graduates currently work at the College.



2 A 50-Year Growth Spurt



Student enrollment for fall 1960: 506
Student enrollment for fall 2009: 23,000

Number of graduates in 1962 (first class): 42
Number of graduates in 2009: 3,100

Number of faculty in 1960: 171 full-time, 335 part-time
Number of faculty in 2009: 480 full-time, 1,370 part-time

Number of academic programs in 1960: XX
Number of academic programs in 2009: 69

Number of volumes in SCCC libraries in 1966: 15,000
Number of volumes in SCCC libraries in 2009: 259,000
(Not to mention the over 10,000 full-text journals available through the libraries' databases, which recorded 147,000 logins in 2008.)

3 The First with FIRST

In 2000, SCCC became the first college in New York State to host the exciting FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition, founded by former Long Islander Dean Kamen. This high-tech sporting event, held in the Ammerman Campus gym, pit gladiator robots against teams of high school students, teachers, corporate engineers, and other professionals to design and build robots in just six weeks.



4 To the Rescue



Even wildfires couldn't keep SCCC from helping out the community in 1995 when raging flames swept for days across the Pine Barrens in Westhampton.

The Eastern Campus in Riverhead served as a staging center for relief efforts for New York City and Long Island firefighters. After the flames died down, the College initiated a Sunrise Firefighters Scholarship.

5 Bon Voyage!

Rome, Florence, Madrid, Berlin, Quebec—students' horizons expand far beyond Suffolk County when they participate in SCCC's summer Study Abroad program. From 2005, when it was established, to 2008, the number of student travelers increased from eight to 62. Upon their return they shared, "It opened a whole new world to me," "There's not a day that I don't think about Rome," and more.

6 Good Use of Our Resources

Before there was a Suffolk County Community College, there was the Suffolk County Tuberculosis Sanitarium, located on the site where the Ammerman Campus now stands. The first f aculty offices were housed in the building that was the sanitarium's dorm for nurses, and today SCCC continues to use four of the sanitarium's original buildings for administrative offices and classrooms.

(PHOTO)

7 Veterans Plaza Keeps the Time

When the Ammerman Campus unveiled its newly renovated Veterans Plaza in 2006, new park-like grounds, a stately clock tower and a memorial timeline walk replaced the original Red Square (so named because it was all brick). The timeline walk memorializes 11 major military conflicts in our nation's history, while the clock tower keeps time to the ever-present bustling life of the campus.

(PHOTO)

8 "Mechatronics" Advance Local Manufacturing



The largest grant in the College's history was a $2.38 million community-based job training grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, awarded in 2005 to support education and training in advanced manufacturing on Long Island. The College's proposal was chosen from 388 applications nationwide and was the only one awarded in New York State. SCCC went on to receive a second grant in 2008 for an additional $1.7 million.

9 The Beauty of Form and Function

The Huntington Library at the Ammerman Campus won the Long Island Association's Grand Award, the highest award given for outstanding architectural design, when it opened in 1968. Designed by Dobiecki and Beattie, architects from Brentwood, it was equipped with an auxiliary instructional service that was ahead of its time: a complete audio-visual center that included television studio facilities.

(PHOTO)

10 We'll Do the Honors

SCCC's Honors Program began in 198X with an enrollment of XX. Today, this program has an enrollment of over 850 students. Its graduates have transferred to such institutions as the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, George Washington University, the College of William and Mary, the University of Maryland, the University of Pennsylvania, St. John's University, New York University, Columbia University and Stony Brook University. In 2009, five honors program graduates received acceptance to Cornell University.

(PHOTOS?)

11 We're Proud of Our National Scoreboard

Ammerman Campus

- Women's Division III Cross Country: 2007
  Coach: Bob Mott
- Men's Division III
  Basketball: 2003, 2004
  Coach: Richard Wrase
- Women's Division III
  Basketball: 2003
  Coach: Kevin Foley(?)
- Men's Lacrosse: 1979 (invitational)
- Women's Bowling: 1980 (invitational)

Michael J. Grant Campus

- Track and Field, 100-meter and 200-meter sprint: 2009
  Coach: Ed Burns

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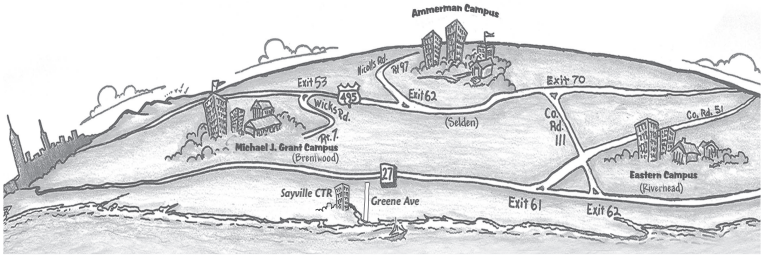
Location, Location, Location

When the College opened in 1966, it was located just off the major routes of Jericho Turnpike and Farm-to-Market (now Portion) Road. By 1969, the terminus of the Long Island Expressway was just three miles from the Selden campus. Now the Grant Campus can be seen from Exit 53 on the LIE, and the Eastern Campus is only a few miles from the County Center in Riverhead.



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E-I-E-I-O

When the Grant Campus opened in Brentwood, it inherited a barn, chicken coop and piggery from the grounds of Pilgrim State Hospital. For years, the campus used the barn (shared with chipmunks and rabbits) for student stage productions, dances, Halloween parties and building floats for the annual Brentwood Puerto Rican Day parade. Art classes were held in the chicken coop, but the piggery went unoccupied.



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Our Phi Theta Kappa Winners Top the List



SCCC is one of the leading community colleges in the nation in producing Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team members. To date, the College has a total of _____ such winners. Two Grant Campus graduates, Abby Cassella-Graeser (2005) and Tabata Borali (2009) were also named New Century Scholars, students who earn the highest ranking of all applicants in New York State.

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Something to Squawk About

In 2007 a squadron of Helmeted Guinea Fowl were brought to the Eastern Campus in Riverhead, where the deer population is large, to wage war against the dreaded Lone Star tick. The campus had become a battlefield for the disease-carrying insects after Suffolk County banned the use of pesticides on any of its property. Now the fowl forces devour the enemy daily-as well as scare off strangers and feral cats with their ear-splitting racket.



16 He Travels in Different Circles

SCCC's highest flying graduate is Commander Robert "Hoot" Gibson, who has orbited the earth numerous times in five separate NASA space flights, four of which he commanded. But he's still a down-to-earth and loyal alumnus, returning to campus over the years to give a presentation on NASA, help celebrate National Astronomy Day, and deliver a commencement speech. In recognition of his success and service, the College named the Grant Campus planetarium after him, and the American Association of Community Colleges named him a Distinguished Alumnus.

(PHOTOS?)

17 Ah, the Smell of Bread Baking

With state-of-the-art culinary and baking laboratories, a 50-seat demonstration theatre/lecture hall, and a retail bakery and café, SCCC's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center in downtown Riverhead met its four-year enrollment projections by the end of year one.

(PHOTOS?)

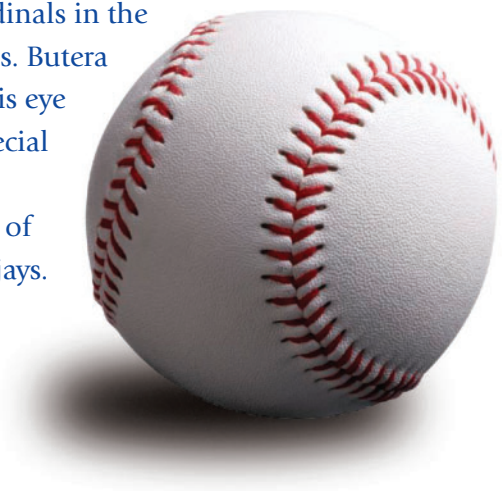
18 Nothing Succeeds Like Success



A new College Success Program, piloted in 2003 by then-President Pippins, helps eligible first-year students outperform their peers in staying enrolled, testing out of developmental courses, and attaining higher GPA's. Students begin the program in August by participating in an intensive three-credit College Success Seminar before they begin the regular fall semester.

19 Out to the Ballpark

That's where Suffolk County Hall of Fame member Sal Butera, Class of 1972, went when he signed with the Minnesota Twins and helped them defeat the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1987 World Series. Butera currently keeps his eye on the ball as Special Assistant to the General manager of the Toronto Bluejays.



20 Great Results on Her Lab Work

In 2006 SCCC received the largest National Science Foundation grant in its history (over $495,000), designated for scholarships for students majoring in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Since then, not only have all SCCC graduates of the program transferred to four-year institutions to continue as STEM scholars, but in 2009 Elizabeth Millings, who completed several summer internships at Brookhaven National Laboratory, received one of only 15 nationally awarded Merck scholarships, worth $35,000, for continued academic study and research.

21 Embracing Our Differences

The Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity and Human Understanding (CHDHU), located on the Ammerman Campus, is the only institution of its kind on Long Island. The Center houses an archive of Holocaust, slavery and civil rights artifacts, and each year sponsors a county-wide project titled "Embracing Our Differences," which exhibits juried artwork that explores and encourages peaceful co-existence and cultural understanding.

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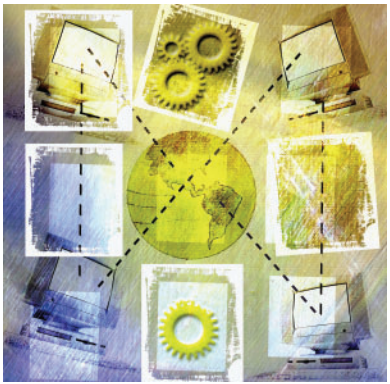
22 Our Courses Go the Distance

SCCC began offering telecourses in 1986. By 1989 it was offering ten [options, classes]. Today the College is the fourth largest provider of Distance Education programs in the entire SUNY system.



23 We Support Public Radio

Since 1991 SCCC has helped WSHU in Fairfield, CT, provide on-air programming to 82,600 Long Island listeners. A recording studio in the Southampton building is used by a WSHU reporter and commentator, and locations at both the Grant and Ammerman campuses have been used by the station to host cultural and fund-raising events.



24 Caps Off to Our Nursing Program

Not only is SCCC the largest community college in the SUNY system; it is also home to the largest nurse education program in the State. To date, we have graduated 3,000 Registered Nurses who are helping to meet the expanding demand for health care professionals on Long Island. The College has partnership agreements with seven local hospitals and one nursing home that help fund faculty position and increase the program's capacity.

(PHOTOS?)

25 Students STEP Up



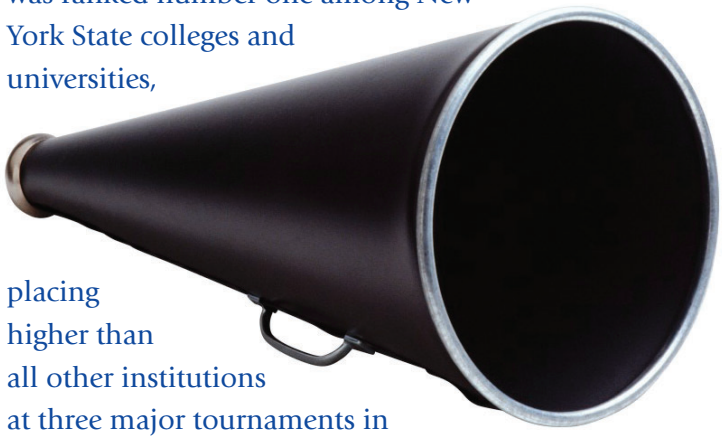
Students who participate in SCCC's Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) and Collegiate Science and Technology Entry program (CSTEP) are regularly selected as research interns at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL). Oluwafemi Bamgbose, a 2009 graduate of SCCC, was offered full-time employment as an engineering assistant at BNL based upon his work there during a 2008 summer internship.

26 Astronomy at SCCC is Looking Up

SCCC was the first college in the country to have a digital planetarium offering state-of-the-art representations of the night sky. Today, the planetarium, located at the Ammerman Campus, can be updated via the Internet to show the latest images and results and can show astronomy-related DVD's. The Astronomy Department also owns the impressive Palomar-National Geographic All-Sky Photographic Plate Survey, a series of nearly 2,000 large-scale photographs that cover most of the sky and allows students to undertake original research on diverse areas of astronomy.

27 Well Said!

In 2002 the Grant Campus Speech and Debate Team was ranked number one among New York State colleges and universities,



placing higher than all other institutions at three major tournaments in the region.

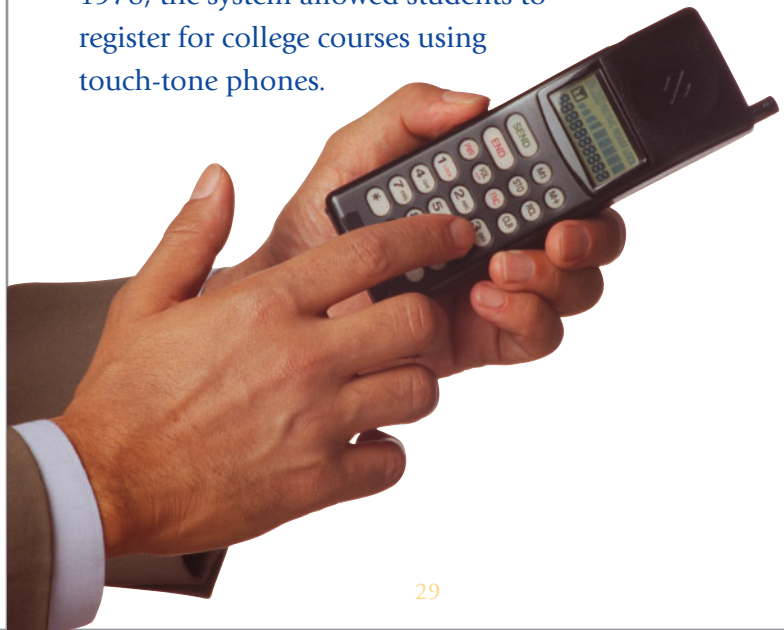
28 A Well-Oiled Economic Engine

Altogether, the Suffolk County economy is $1.4 billion stronger as a result of SCCC's operation.



29 Punch to Register

Voice Computing Technology (VCT) was one of SCCC's earliest forays into technology. Introduced in 1978, the system allowed students to register for college courses using touch-tone phones.



30 All Together Now

May 2007 saw SCCC's first single commencement exercise for the entire College, held in the Field House of the Health, Sports and Education Center at the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood. Graduates, faculty and staff from our three campuses came together to celebrate a year of academic accomplishment.

(PHOTOS?)

31 Authors! Authors!

They're everywhere on SCCC's faculty, publishing pieces from A to Z: books of non-fiction on maritime history, Jewish culture, addiction, church and state, political opinion, nature; textbooks on child psychology, mathematics, science, business, HVAC; novels and books of poetry; a childhood memoir; translations of literature from the original Hungarian that have won international prizes; and scholarly articles galore. Several of these authors have been cited by The New York Times. One was a Critic's Choice in People magazine. One faculty poet is the winner of three Fulbright Awards that allowed him to teach in China and Yugoslavia.



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We Just Have to Broadcast This

SCCC's Radio and Television Production program has placed over 800 graduates, throughout the nation and the world, in jobs that involve all aspects of the broadcasting industry. Alumni can be found at Cablevision, HBO, MTV-Viacom and Rainbow Network Communications. In 2007, two alumni were named vice presidents at NBC-TV.



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We Mean Business

SCCC's Corporate Training Center, located on the Grant Campus, serves hundreds of companies with an array of courses that include customer service, executive coaching, welding, language skills, equipment-specific training, and stress management, just to mention a few.

[waiting for number of current businesses being served from John Lombardo]

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Jack Kent Cooke Loves SCCC

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Undergraduate Transfer Scholarships make it possible for the nation's top community college students to complete their bachelor's degree by transferring to a four-year college or university. Although only twenty-five scholarships are awarded annually throughout the country, SCCC can claim two recipients: Eastern Campus students Carla Dyck in 2005 and Katelynn Deluca in the 2008.

JACK KENT COOKE
FOUNDATION

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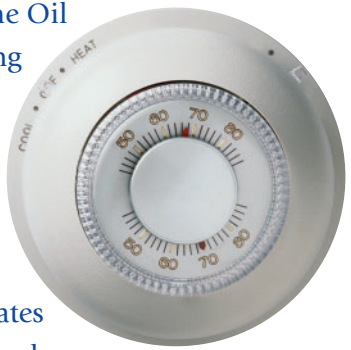
A Pipeline of Support

Scholarship funding flows to SCCC's Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) program from the Oil Heat Institute (OHI) of Long Island. This support goes to academic training for students in the only college-level program of its kind on Long Island. In return, HVAC/R puts graduates back into the pipeline as employees at local oil heat retail and service businesses.



36 Our Memory Serves Us Well

In 1997, SCCC became the first community college in the nation to compete on the MSNBC quiz show "Remember This?" with NBC's Al Roker. Taped at the station's world headquarters in New Jersey, four episodes of the show were cablecast nationally in July. The SCCC alumni who competed were Patrick Smith, Mary Rogers and Shaun Gerien.

(PHOTOS?)

37 We Speak in Many Tongues

New Horizons, the forerunner of SCCC's English as a Second Language (ESL) program, began operation in the spring of 1979 and won a National Association of Counties Achievement Award in 1983. In 2009, the College enrolled 2,200 students in its credit and non-credit ESL programs, providing support for students from more than 70 foreign countries.



38 You've Got My Undivided Attention

That's what our faculty can say to their SCCC students as a result of our low faculty-student ratio. In 1961 it was 17:1. Today, it's 18:1, even with the tremendous growth in our student population over the last 50 years. (See Number 2.)



39 Driven to Teach

Recognizing a quickly evolving technology that would require highly trained automotive technicians, General Motors chose SCCC as an academic partner in 1987 to design a program that would produce employees with both cutting-edge technical skills and a liberal arts background. Today, SCCC offers an A.A.S. degree not only with GM but with Toyota and Honda as well, and remains the only college in the New York Metropolitan area to offer such programs.

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What's in a Name?

Campus buildings that honor individuals and groups who have helped make our history:
The Ammerman Campus and **Ammerman Building**: Dr. Albert Ammerman, the College's founding president. **Kreiling Hall**, Ammerman Campus: Robert T. Kreiling, the College's second president.**The Shea Theatre**, Ammerman Campus: Dr. Bernard Shea, an early College trustee. **The Norman F. Lechtrecker Building**, Ammerman Campus: a former Board of Trustees president. **The Van Nostrand Theatre**, Grant Campus: LeRoy Van Nostrand, one of the College's original trustees. **The Michael J. Grant Campus** is named after the Suffolk County legislator who was the driving force behind the establishment of the Grant Campus.

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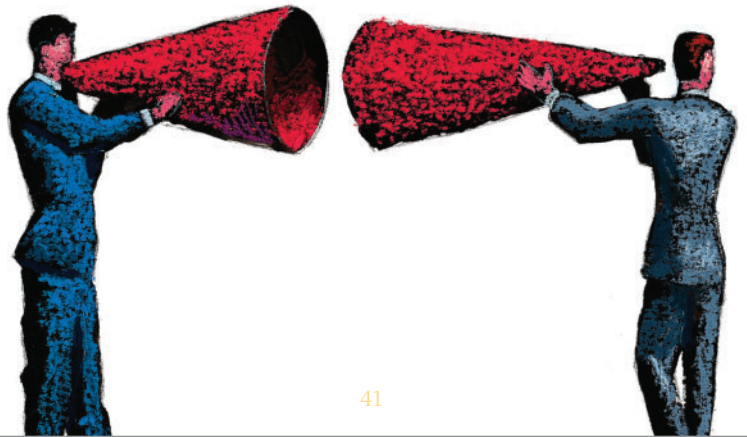
Please Lecture Us

We make a point of listening, especially to such notables as Elie Wiesel, Coretta Scott King, Andy Rooney, Janet Reno, Spike Lee, Helen Thomas, Gloria Steinem, Betty Freidan, E.L. Doctorow, Kurt Vonnegut, Tom Wolfe, Frank McCourt, Jerzi Kosinski, and Robert Bly, all of whom have spoken at the College.



42 Where the Bodies Were Kept



When the Selden campus was a tuberculosis sanitarium, the morgue was located in the basement of the Ammerman Building. Kreiling Hall, formerly the Marshall Building, housed cadavers (as it does to this day for biology students).

(PHOTOS?)

43 We Were the First to Go Public

Which SUNY unit has been located in Suffolk County the longest? We have! Although Stony Brook University opened in September 1957, its first classes were held at a temporary campus in Oyster Bay until the present site in Stony Brook was completed in 1962. SCCC began occupying the Selden campus in August 1961, making us the first public college located in Suffolk County.

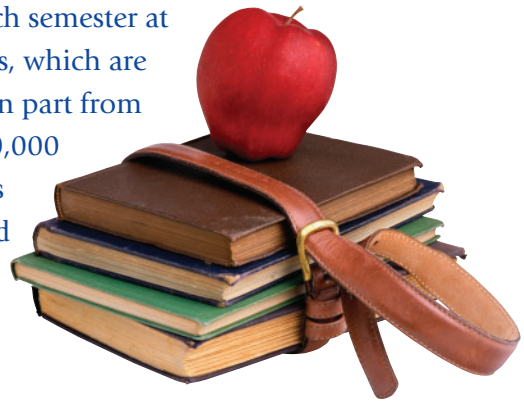
44 Let's Take a Bow

Our cast and crew of Theatre Arts alumni include a lighting designer who has won four Tony Awards, an actress who starred as Christine in the Broadway production of The Phantom of the Opera, head of wardrobe for Shrek the Musical, two cast members of The Sopranos, a costume designer for the movies Rendition, 300, and Babel, and several L.A.-based actors who appear regularly on television and in film.

We also have our share of winners at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival for current students, held each year in Washington, D.C. They include one national winner, seven national finalists, four national alternates in the Irene Ryan Acting Audition Scholarship competition, and two Barbizon design national finalists.

45 You Can Never Stop Learning

Each year thousands of Suffolk County residents grow more skilled, work-ready, and vibrant by taking non-credit continuing education courses at SCCC. Approximately 200 courses, ranging from culinary arts to alternative energy to summer camps for children, are available each semester at affordable prices, which are made possible in part from more than $600,000 in annual grants from federal and state sources.



46 Culture and the Community

Halloween Festival

[Free art exhibits and concerts)

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47 The Numbers Add up

Total Suffolk County residents who have taken courses at SCCC during the last 50 years: 500,000

Total Suffolk County Community College graduates as of 2010: 100,000

48 Ahead of the Technological Curve

As early as 1975, SCCC's Computer Center developed the College's first online application. It allowed the Registrar to view and print a student's transcript. Close on its heels came two other applications, one that showed a student's current class schedule and one with an instructor's individual class rosters. By 1977, the Registrar's staff was able to drop or add a student from class online—without having to use IBM punch cards.

49 Headline

George Gatta and Ernie Mattace now heading their alma mater?

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We've Seen the Future and It's Bright/Green

SCCC's new Workforce Development and Technology Center at the Grant Campus, opened in 2009, has been designed to meet Gold LEED standards, a nationally recognized process for adhering to strict green energy standards. This will be the College's first "green" building. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) designation recognizes energy efficiency, spare water usage and non-polluting construction systems. LEED certification is awarded to only the top 25 percent of environmentally responsible buildings in the nation by the U.S. Green Building Council.

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