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Suffolk County Community College's Workforce and Economic Development Newsletter

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Suffolk Continues to Foster Education and Industry Linkages

Last year, Suffolk County Community College launched an awareness campaign that highlights how its academic and workforce programs are benefiting local manufacturers. The first ad in the campaign illustrated how a Long Island-based manufacturer of custom lighting fixtures has enhanced their computer numeric control (CNC) capabilities by sourcing talent from the College's Manufacturing Technology Program.

The newest ad in the campaign goes even further by showing how the College's Office of Workforce and Economic Development has been working with Brentwood-based Thuro Metals, a global provider of specialized valves, fittings and machined parts for companies ranging from Boeing to Lamborghini. In addition to providing advanced CNC training, the College has also been integral in working in conjunction with the Empire State Development Corporation (ESD) to support and retain quality companies within our region.

"There are many Long Island manufacturers like us who are growing," says David Thuro, President of Thuro Metal Products. "Working with Suffolk's Manufacturing Program, we have been able to receive additional training for our machinists. In addition, the tax incentives provided by ESD have been a key factor in our ability to expand our operations. Without these meaningful partnerships, we wouldn't be where we are today."



"With Suffolk as a key training partner, ESD is pleased to utilize the Excelsior Jobs Program to support and incentivize Thuro's continued growth on Long Island," said Andrea Lohneiss, immediate past Regional Director of ESD Long Island.

"We have been strengthening strategic partnerships to align our workforce training programs with industry needs so that we can keep businesses, workers and families right here on Long Island," says Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College.

Over the past year, Thuro Metals has grown by upwards of 20% and is now working with Suffolk by also including interns from within the College's Manufacturing Technology Program. "These students are smart and ready to work," says Mr. Thuro. "There is so much opportunity here. They can begin on the plant floor and move into quality control, estimating, purchasing, management …you name it."

To learn how Suffolk's academic and workforce programs can help your company, simply contact 631-851-6200.

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