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Legislator Monica R. Martinez attends the Suffolk County Community College ESL Graduation



(Photo: Legislator Monica R. Martinez addresses the students of the SCCC ESL program at the Graduation Ceremony on Friday January 24, 2014, Van Nostrand Theater, Suffolk County Community College, Michael J. Grant, Brentwood Campus)

(Brentwood, NY) Ninth District Suffolk County Legislator Monica R. Martinez joined over 80 students from different countries and ethnic groups on Friday, January 24 at the Van Nostrand Theater, located at the Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood, for a graduation ceremony. These students were presented a certificate of completion for the English as a Second Language (ESL) program offered by SCCC. The ESL program at SCCC equips second language learners with the linguistic ability to expand their horizons and widen their opportunities and encourages students to continue their studies at the College.



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The Graduation ceremony was led by Dr. Shaun McKay, President of SCCC, Dafny Irizarry, Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees, and Legislator Monica R. Martinez with keynote speaker Dr. Silvia Diaz. SCCC boast more than 26,000 enrolled students at the Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead campuses making it the largest Community College in the state of New York offering an associate degree in arts (A.A.), an associate degree in science (A.S.), an associate degree in applied sciences (A.A.S) and 100 professional certification programs.

"As an educator, it gives me great pride to be here with you today. This graduation should be one of many more to come for you. Remember, education is the gateway to a successful life. I congratulate the students for their efforts and achievement." She ended by proclaiming "As legislator of this great district and a Vice-Chair to the Education and Information Technology Committee, I look forward to working with Suffolk County Community College to assure the needs of all students are met."- Legislator Martinez