

SCCC international officer heads to India

Yaroslava Babenchuk, a senior international officer and associate dean of special programs and external partnerships at Suffolk County Community College, has been selected for a Fulbright Scholar Award to India in 2017.

The program focuses on helping U.S. international education professionals and senior higher education officials create empowering connections with the cultural and higher education systems of other countries.

"This award is an honor not only for me personally, it is a great achievement for Suffolk County Community College," Babenchuk said. "While in India, I will be highlighting the excellent work we do at our college while advancing the international education agenda for Suffolk and community colleges nationwide."

Babenchuk will visit higher education institutions, nonprofit organizations and government bodies in the cities of New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Bhubaneswar to garner firsthand knowledge of the Indian higher education system. She will have an opportunity to interact with her Indian counterparts to springboard for future initiatives.

"Dr. Babenchuk's selection for this prestigious program is evidence of her scholarly reputation," Suffolk County Community College President Shaun McKay said, "and opens a new international window of learning and collaboration to our college and students."



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Yaroslava Babenchuk

The Fulbright Program, which aims to increase mutual understanding between people of the United States and other countries, is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government that awards about 1,100 grants to American scholars each year. Funded by the U.S. government, Fulbright Scholars are chosen based on their leadership and their abilities to teach, conduct research and contribute to solutions for shared international concerns.

