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SCCC graduate Quinn Favilla thanks benefactor

Suffolk County Community College graduate Quinn Favilla had not planned on attending SCCC.

Her plan included wrapping up a successful senior year of high school, where she had excelled both academically and athletically as a member of the track team, and then to attend one of the many colleges that were offering her considerable scholarship money.

In Favilla's grand plan, she would attend Binghamton University and run Division 1 track after her 2012 high school graduation.

Then fate intervened. A running injury caused Favilla to rethink where she would attend college.

"It didn't make sense to spend the money, go into debt, and go away to a D1 school and not be able to do what I originally was going away for," Favilla said. "Plus, I still needed to see a doctor for my injury and needed physical therapy. My dad convinced me to go to Suffolk for a year and try it out."

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It was at Suffolk that Favilla acquired a love of math and ultimately was awarded the Frey Family Foundation Scholarship that paid for her continuing studies at Stony Brook University, where she is now a senior finishing her degree in applied mathematics and statistics and interning at a computer technology company in Manhattan.

Favilla recently met Robert Frey of Port Jefferson, who will be honored by Suffolk County Community College at its annual Salute to Excellence Gala on May 5. She was overjoyed to meet the benefactor whose scholarship allowed her to continue her studies. The Frey Family Foundation Scholarship provides $20,000 per academic year to deserving students.

"You not only helped me financially," Favilla told Frey. "But you reminded me of what it feels like to be a winner again. Your scholarship helped me pay for my entire first semester at Stony Brook University, freeing me up to work and save for my senior year, and now I am debt-free. Awarding me that scholarship reminded me of what it felt like to be a success in something after putting in hard work, determination and effort. After I got injured, I didn't know if I'd ever get that winning feeling again and it felt good. You reminded me that I can achieve anything I set my mind to and work hard to achieve it, and I carried that over with me to Stony Brook University, where I've continued to work, learn and succeed. Suffolk was, and always will be, considered the building block to the start of my success," Favilla said.

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Above, Quinn Favilla