

# Suffolk County Community College College Brief

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TO:                The College Community

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SUBJECT:        Middle States Commission on Higher Education Self-Study and  
                      Upcoming Evaluation Team Visit on March 18-21, 2018

We are pleased to present the college community with the completed Middle States Self-Study report. As you know, for the past two years the College has been undergoing an extensive Self-Study for our Middle States Commission on Higher Education reaccreditation. This document is the culmination of extraordinary efforts made by over one hundred individuals, including the Middle States Steering Committee, the working groups assigned to examine the specific standards, and members of the faculty, administration, and student body. As always, we want to thank the many members of the community who have supported and helped this process, and we are happy to report that the Self-Study document has been finalized and sent to our visiting evaluation team. The Self-Study Report is available on the Middle States Reaccreditation web page found via this link: <https://www.sunysuffolk.edu/about-suffolk/middle-states-reaccreditation/self-study.jsp>

During Professional Development Day on March 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be speaking about the upcoming Self-Study Evaluation Team Visit, which is occurring March 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. We ask that you please familiarize yourself with the Self-Study content in preparation for the team visit. Although the Logistics Committee has begun to make preliminary arrangements for the visit, we will be notified 10 days prior to the visit regarding the groups with which the Team members will want to meet. The meetings will occur on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Individuals who are invited to the meetings will be notified as soon as we receive the Team's request. In addition to the meetings, there are two Open Forums scheduled:

- **Faculty/Staff Open Forum: Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 12:00 p.m. in the Babylon Student Center, Montauk Point Room**

- **Student Open Forum: Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. in Babylon Student Center, Eaton's Neck Room**

It would be greatly appreciated if you could encourage colleagues and students to attend the forums. The forums provide an opportunity to meet the Team members and to hear more about the team visit process. The visit will conclude on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> with an oral exit report scheduled for 11:00 a.m. in the Babylon Student Center, Montauk Point Room.

Thank you again for your support and participation in this important process.