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Suffolk County Community College

'Don't wait until tomorrow'



HEATHER WALSH

Angie McEnery, 25, of Sound Beach, hugs her daughter Adrianna Barry, 6, after yesterday's graduation ceremony.

Number of graduates
4,189, including those who graduated in January.

Keynote speaker
William D. Moore, former board of trustees chairman at Suffolk County Community College, told students: "Going forward, may a life of education take you to places you may have never dreamed of."

Honor student speaker
Elizabeth T. Ammenwerth, 40, obtained an associate degree in business administration.



A mother of two, she dropped out of college 20 years ago after becoming pregnant with her first child. "Time will pass on anyway, so just do it," she told the school's largest graduating class. "Don't wait until tomorrow or the day after."

Stanley Julien
33, business admin.

It feels good graduating, knowing that I'm getting another level of education and opening more doors in the future."



Yuliya Kolomiyets
24, liberal arts

It feels pretty good," she said. "This is only the beginning."
Kolomiyets graduated in January and formally received her diploma yesterday. She's enrolled in Briarcliffe College as an accounting student.



Brian Finazzo
20, liberal arts

It's pretty exciting. It's nice to finally be out of there. I may apply to Stony Brook University and get into another program."



Ray Diaz
22, business admin.

It took a little while, a little more than what it was supposed to," said Diaz, who may apply to a Long Island university or somewhere upstate. "I want to start my own business and be self-employed."



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