

Suffolk County Community College President Dr. Shaun L. McKay Appointed to AACC Commission on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity.

The Board of Directors of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) has appointed Suffolk County Community College President Dr. Shaun L. McKay to the group's Commission on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity. President McKay was notified of the prestigious appointment by a letter from AACC President and CEO Walter G. Bumphus. President McKay's appointment term is from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017.

Bumphus, in his letter appointing President McKay, wrote, "We are sure that your insights and leadership will significantly contribute to the Board's decision-making process and its ability to serve the interests of all AACC member institutions."

"It is a distinct honor to be appointed to the AACC

Commission on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity," said President McKay, "and I look forward to being a strong and vocal advocate on behalf of our students and College as well as the more than 13 million students who attend community colleges across the country."

Among the major programs and issues the AACC Commission on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity are involved in include providing leadership development, job shadowing, preparing students for STEM careers and closing the achievement gap for students of color and low income students.

The AACC is the primary advocacy organization for the nation's community colleges and represents nearly 1,200 two-year, associate degree-granting institutions. ■



"Suffolk County Community College has embraced social media as part of our evolving efforts to engage our students, faculty and staff, future students, and citizens. Social media has changed the landscape of education from K-12, through community colleges and the university. In this medium, hierarchy is displaced and everyone has a "digital voice." Social media provides opportunities for students and faculty to chat, share, and collaborate, ad-hoc, across the room or across the world. Social media participation can happen anytime, anywhere, to satisfy the need to feel connected to classmates, instructors, and their institution. Ownership of ideas and the conversation allows them to have a voice in shaping their education — at the course or even at the institutional level."

— Dr. Shaun McKay, president, Suffolk Community College

Suffolk County Community College promotes intellectual discovery, physical development, social and ethical awareness, and economic opportunities for all through an education that transforms lives, builds communities, and improves society.

Suffolk County Community College commits to maintaining high educational standards, to fostering and inspiring student success, and to creating diverse



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opportunities for life-long learning. By attracting strong leadership and distinguished faculty to a college of excellence, Suffolk Community creates an enriched learning environment that empowers students to transform their lives. ■

