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### *SCCC salutes excellent at pregala gathering*

Suffolk Community College Foundations' 2014 Salute to Excellence Gala: The Year of Labor is the college's largest fundraising event. It provides funding for scholarships, emergency student loans and program development for students at the school.

This year's honorees are John R. Durso, president, Long Island Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, and president, Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW; Richard C. Iannuzzi, president, New York State United Teachers; Richard O'Kane, president, Building and Construction Trades Council of Nassau and Suffolk Counties; Ellen Schuler Mauk, past president, Faculty Association, SCCC; and, in memoriam, the late Suffolk County Legislator William J. Lindsay.

SCCC President Shaun McKay and the college foundation hosted a pregala gathering at the Insignia in Smithtown for the 2014 honorees on Jan. 30.

Pictured above, from left: Durso, Iannuzzi, McKay, O'Kane and representing his father, Suffolk County Legislator William Lindsay III.



### *Middle Country kindergartners and pre-k students learn about rhythm through interactive lesson*

Middle Country Central School District's Unity Drive Pre-K/Kindergarten Center students recently participated in a PTA-sponsored interactive lesson about rhythms and musical patterns.

With the help of the Strummin' and Drummin' musical group, students enriched their musical knowledge by following a series of story-songs and using plastic boomwhackers and drums.

The students were able to understand the concepts of rhythm and beats by strumming their instruments and dancing along to the music.



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