



To Halt 'Brain Drain'



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SCCC culinary students traveled to Florence, Italy, this summer.

It pays to stay on Long Island, according to the folks at Suffolk County Community College. Two years ago, College President Dr. Shaun L. McKay conceived a scholarship program designed to keep talented and motivated students on the island attending area colleges. So far, it's awarded scholarships totaling about \$640,000 to 31 SCC students.

"The Stay on Long Island Initiative (SoLII) helps our graduates achieve their academic dreams by continuing their education at quality four-year colleges and universities right here in our region," McKay said in a recent release.

SoLII provides full and partial-tuition scholarships to current Suffolk Community College students who graduate and transfer to participating four-year schools.

They include Adelphi University, Briarcliffe College, Dowling College, Farmingdale State College, Five Towns College, Hofstra University, LIU Post, LIU Riverhead, NYIT, St. John's, St. Joseph's and Stony Brook.

To find out more about the program, visit the sunysuffolk.edu website or call 631-851-6847.

In other Suffolk County Community College news, a contingent of SCCC culinary students traveled to Florence, Italy, this summer, honing their skills under the guidance of renowned Chef Andrea Trapani, executive chef and head of the culinary and baking department of Apicius International School of Hospitality.

Students spent their days in class and interning at a local restaurant. They visited Parma and Modena, the birthplaces of parmesean cheese and balsamic vinegar, and toured local production facilities to see how the two Italian kitchen staples are made.