

## PEOPLE



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Above left, Legislator John Kennedy and staff members, and above right, staff members from Legislator Tom Muratore's office.

# Elected county officials show support for SCCC

Suffolk County Community College celebrated its first-ever Spirit Week from Oct. 6 to 10. The event engaged students and audiences countywide, including a wide variety of elected officials who demonstrated their support for the college and its students, faculty

and staff by wearing blue and white.

Suffolk County Community College President Shaun L. McKay said he was thrilled by the outpouring of support for the college's students and the unwavering support of our local and state officials.

# SCCC Botany professor chosen for international conference

Rosa M. Gambier, Ph.D., Suffolk County Community College biology department chair, recently took part in a three-day conference titled *Botanists of the Twenty-first Century: Roles, Challenges and Opportunities*. Organized and held at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization headquarters in Paris, the event drew 350 international scientists, academics, educators and representatives from 65 countries.

The conference brought together participants with a particular interest in the plant kingdom and sought to develop forward-looking perspectives for the botanical profession in the 21st century.

The conference attendees recommended that UNESCO adopt 2017 as the International Year of Plants for Life and recommended that the theme of 2017 World Science Day be Botany and The Plant Sciences for Sustainable Development.



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Rosa Gambier, botany professor and biology department chair at Suffolk County Community College.

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