



## 2025 NEWSLETTER

Newsletter

APRIL 2025

***Sussex County Community College is excited to share our latest updates with our community.***

### Academics

- The College is set to renovate the Library into an academic support learning commons, a \$1.7 million project that will start in May and be partially funded by grants.
- SCCC achieves Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education compliance, which the U.S. Fire Administration recognizes for meeting national fire science and emergency services education standards. The rigorous process, led by PSTA Director John Dixon, involved curriculum updates and alignment with industry best practices.
- Under Dean Jason Fruge, SCCC and Sussex County Technical School signed new pathway agreements for Diesel Service Technology, Automotive Service Technology, and Welding, integrating industry-valued credentials.
- Criminal Justice Coordinator Dawn Flanders hosted informative sessions and field trips for CJ students, including the NJ State Police Recruiting Unit and the NJSP Drug Monitoring and Analysis Unit. Students also visited the Sussex County Jail and the Morris County Police Academy.



### Enrollment & Marketing

Admissions and the Student Success Center will visit area high schools for college fairs and admissions events and organize special registration.

### Student Affairs & Campus Life

Interim President Homer and SGA President Josh Cole testified at the N.J. Senate Budget Hearings in March. This was in response to the State's



- Diane Harris, a Mathematics Instructor, was selected as an AP Reader for the 2025 AP Precalculus Exam by the College Board and Educational Testing Service.
- Adjunct Professor Veronica Coyne will lead the College's Film Festival in April, featuring student and community submissions.
- The College will present a student performance of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown." This children's production will take place in early April.
- Professor Daniel Warhol's haiku poem will be published in the May 2025 issue of Blithe Spirit, a journal by the British Haiku Society.
- Adjunct Professor Anita Collins successfully led the 56th Annual Sussex County Teen Arts Festival, attracting nearly 1,500 students and teachers.
- SCCC hosted a STEM Discovery Day, engaging over 100 local high school students in hands-on activities across various disciplines.



\$20 million funding cut from the community college sector.

In a mid-semester student survey, 31% of students reported their semester is going great—an increase from 23% in 2024. In 2025, 74% of students feel supported by SCCC, up significantly from 35% the previous year.



- The Foundation and Interim President Homer submitted three federal funding requests:
  - \$29,718 to the USDA for upgrades to the Culinary Arts food trailer;
  - \$1,135,948.50 to Congressman

- Gottheimer's office for Public Safety Training Academy equipment;
- \$428,000 to Senator Booker's office for allied health program equipment.



- In March, the Foundation's 100 Women Project hosted a Women's History Month Breakfast. Annette Niemtzw delivered the keynote address, "The Accidental Producer," to 74 guests. Culinary Arts students, led by Chef Martin Kester, provided breakfast. The 100 Women Project Endowment Scholarship has secured \$9,500 in gifts and pledges.



- Additional grant submissions are being developed for programs including Allied Health, the Adult Transition Center, the Art Gallery, and Anthropology.
- The Foundation's online scholarship application portal is open until June 30. Students can visit [sussex.edu/scholarships](https://sussex.edu/scholarships) for more information.

Please take a look at the [social media posts](#) from the Foundation.



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