



2025 NEWSLETTER

Newsletter

May 2025

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

Academics

Faculty and administrators were invited to Ramapo College for a first-of-its-kind articulation signing. Three 2+3 master's track program agreements were signed, including a Business A.S. to M.B.A., a Human Services A.S. to an M.S.W., and an Education A.A. to an M.A.



The College is excited to launch two new certificate programs in American Sign Language and Patient Care Technician for the Fall 2025 semester.

The College held a Business Networking event with local employers, a Criminal Justice Job fair for students, an Electrical Lineworker Expo, and the SCCC Film Festival. These events brought together hundreds of students, faculty, staff, and community members.

The Student Excellence Awards ceremony recognized outstanding students for their academic excellence, peer service, contributions to the College, and personal

Finance & Facilities

Public Safety Training Academy Director, John Dixon, was awarded the *Business Innovation Award* at the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce's Annual Luncheon. The award recognizes companies that initiate new ideas and approaches to business, challenging the status quo.

Diane Pienta-Lett, Director of Financial Aid, received the Arthur C. Richmond Distinguished Service Award by the NJ Assoc. of Student Financial Aid Administrators in recognition of her service to NJASFAA and the financial aid profession.

growth.

SCCC collaborated with NJCCC, the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, and Princeton University's Humanities Initiative. They sent three delegates to Princeton University for the first of a planned series of gatherings to explore, celebrate, and support innovative Humanities work at SCCC.

Criminal Justice Coordinator Dawn Flanders received the 2025 National Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence L.E.A.D.er of the Year Award. She is a Master Trainer for L.E.A.D. and was awarded this designation by the board of directors for her exemplary service in training L.E.A.D. throughout the U.S.

The Charlie Brown Spring Musical, directed by Christa Piper, and under the musical direction of Dr. Deb Gianuzzi, delivered a whimsical performance. Dr. Gianuzzi shared that this was the first SCCC musical in many years, featuring an entirely student and alumni cast.

The Phi Theta Kappa honor society celebrated its induction of new members. Led by PTK advisor and English Instructor Daniel Warhol, this celebration joyfully recognized our hard-working and high-achieving students.

The Opening Reception of the Spring Student Artwork Showcase will be on May 2, 5-7 p.m., in the PAC Atrium.

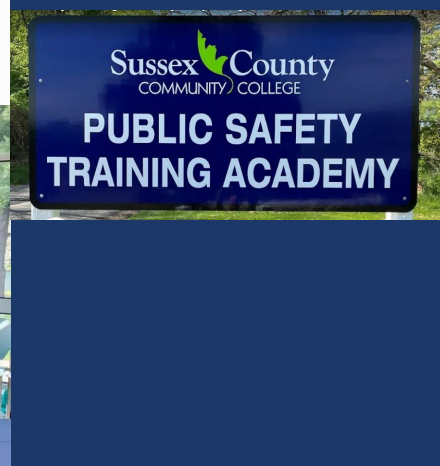
The College will host a free Health Fair on May 5 in the PAC from Noon to 3 pm. Medical Assistant students will screen attendees for blood pressure, cholesterol levels, hemoglobin levels, BMI, and other health indicators during the event.



Many capital projects are in different phases including:

- Construction on the Optics Technology lab began with digging the foundation for the building extension.
- Work on the Adult Transition Center building continues during Phase 2 with electrical and data.
- The Learning Commons bid was awarded. Work has begun securing permits and planning project phases. The library functions will be moved to the E-Building during renovation.

Upgrades at the Public Safety Training Academy include new multimedia, carpeting, and classroom furniture. A bid to reconfigure the basement for an egress and training space for local police was submitted to the board. Planning and sitework will also begin on an outdoor shooting range.



Athletics

SCCC is excited to sign with Skylands Stadium as the home field of the Skylanders baseball and football teams for the upcoming season.

Student Affairs/Campus Life

The SCCC Veteran Advisory Board convened its spring 2025 meeting, focusing on supporting Veteran students through initiatives that



Skylanders Athletics is excited to announce the addition of the new JV baseball team set to debut in 2026.

Men's Lacrosse will host a tournament on campus for junior high and high school teams, May 31 & June 1.

enhance their academic and personal experiences. The Veteran student population increased by over 34% from the previous year.

The American Red Cross Blood Drive yielded 28 donations, which helped 84 people in need.

The College is moving forward with a suggestion made by the environmental club and supported by the Student Government Association to create an on-campus community garden near the greenhouse.

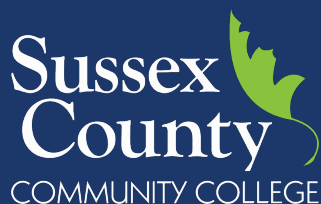


The Foundation submitted a \$25,000 request to the John and Margaret Post Foundation to support the purchase of equipment for the College's Allied Health programs. The Post Foundation has generously supported the Foundation over the past 3 years.



The Foundation continues collaborating with faculty and staff on several grant opportunities, with funding requests for allied health, the Adult Transition Center, the Art Gallery, and the anthropology department.

The Foundation's online scholarship application portal opened on April 1st. To date, 170 students have begun their application process. New and current students interested in applying can visit sussex.edu/scholarships. Applications are due by June 30.



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