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### **SSC Foundation inducts new member and elects officers**

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL –The South Suburban College Foundation held their Annual Meeting recently at Calumet Country Club to close out 2005-06 and to conduct new business in preparation for the upcoming year.

The Foundation closed out the fiscal year and reviewed the fundraising successes and Foundation contributions to the college over the past year.

The Foundation raised over \$170,000 between their two major fundraisers alone - the fall Annual Donor Drive and the spring Showcase Dinner Dance. The increase in fundraising and investments permitted the Foundation to provide 240 total awards for over \$96,000 to SSC students in 2005-06. An additional \$30,000 was spent updating the Fine & Performing Arts programs at SSC with new state-of-the-art equipment, and \$25,000 was provided to the college by the Foundation to begin construction on a new high-tech multimedia lab.

“The SSC Foundation had a very successful year fulfilling our mission to assist SSC students by providing the best possible scholarship opportunities and cutting-edge technology,” said Pat Rush, executive director. “We assisted the largest number of students in our history, many of whom would not have been able to continue their education without our assistance. That is a tribute to our outstanding board of directors and all of our donors.”

Other business included increasing minimum scholarship awards to \$750 and increasing the endowed scholarships, or immortal annual scholarships, to a minimum amount of \$25,000. The Board of Directors also welcomed new director Susan Leary, [Banking Center Manager](#) of [Citizens Financial Services](#) in South Holland.

John Saphir of Heritage Community Bank stepped down as president after another successful term in office. Mike Fisher of Harris Bank will serve as the new president, and John Kasperek, Jr., C.P.A. will serve again as treasurer. The board appointed officers George Dammer, ex-officio, and Patrick Rush, executive director, and executive committee members-at-large Jack Lanigan, Jr. of Lanco International Inc., Donn Domico of mb Financial, Brian Oedzes of Brown Packing, and John Saphir of Heritage Community Bank.

The Foundation will kick off their Annual Donor Drive next month. For more information or to contribute to the SSC Foundation, please contact Patrick Rush, executive director at 708-210-5719.

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