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ASSISTED BY J. PETROCELLI CONTRACTING; AIMED FOR LEED GOLD **BBS completes \$29.8m William J. Lindsay Life Sciences Building**

SELDEN, NY Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) leadership, local and state elected officials, community leaders, and representatives of BBS Architects, Landscape Architects and Engineers and J. Petrocelli Contracting have officially opened the new, \$29.8 million William J. Lindsay Life Sciences Building.

The educational and research facility is named in honor of Suffolk County legislator, a former presiding officer of the Suffolk County legislature, and a long-time supporter of the SCCC, who passed away in 2013. BBS served as architect; interior designer; and civil, mechanical, and electrical engineer for the new building. The building is aiming at LEED Gold certification, indicating a high level of sustainability in design and construction.

The Life Sciences Building is the first new academic structure completed on the Ammerman Campus in



William J. Lindsay Life Sciences Building - Selden, NY

50 years. It will house programs for students pursuing biology, marine biology, chemistry, environmental science, and nursing degrees. A rapidly growing enrollment in life sciences disciplines such as biology, chemistry, environmental science, and nursing necessitated the construction of the new facility. Approximately 5,000 students will attend classes in the building throughout the spring semester beginning in January 2015. The building will also allow for the ex-

pansion of science classes to include an additional 100 students in the spring and 300 students next fall.

BBS principal architect Roger Smith, AIA, LEED AP, said, "The \$29.8 million, 63,000 s/f structure is designed to serve as a learning tool itself. It incorporates pioneering sustainability and educational features, such as interactive boards displaying – in real time – the building's sustainability data and power performance. It is a very cool feature, you can literally walk around and watch the building work."