



**DuWAYNE GREGORY**  
Presiding Officer  
Suffolk County Legislature



**CONTACT:** Fran Evans  
Fran.evans@suffolkcountyny.gov  
(631) 853-5499

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
Tuesday, June 12, 2017

## **Presiding Officer Gregory Selected To Attend County Leadership Institute**

**HAUPPAUGE, N.Y.** – Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory was among a select group of 24 leaders in county government to participate in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual County Leadership Institute (CLI), a rigorous program developed by the National Association of Counties (NACo) and Cambridge Leadership Associates to address key issues facing counties.

The participants, who came from across the country, had a unique opportunity to learn from experts and work with other county leaders to hone their skills and tackle issues that are impacting constituents.

“Participating in the County Leadership Institute provided an insightful exchange and hands-on approach for professional development that hopefully will lead to accomplishing our goals in Suffolk County,” said Presiding Officer Gregory. “The challenges we are facing in our county are really no different than the complex issues other counties are dealing with as well. The innovative and creative ideas that were discussed are useful tools in finding solutions.”

County officials can learn a great deal from one another, said Matthew Chase, NACo’s Executive Director. The County Leadership Institute fosters peer-to-peer learning and encourages common-sense solutions to challenges that counties and their residents face each day.

The program is designed to assist county leaders in developing ways to solve complex challenges, to develop resources for invigorating organizational culture, to adopt best practices in communication and explore collaboration in decision-making.

Since its inception, the Institute – known for enhancing the capacity of country officials to identify and implement innovative solutions – has graduated nearly 300 leaders from 172 counties across 45 states. This year’s program focused on the demands of personal leadership in the modern era of government.

The program is made possible with the support of IBM, NACo's Financial Services Center and the National Council of County Association Executives.



Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory, center, is presented a certificate for participating in the 14th Annual County Leadership Institute (CLI) program from Matthew Chase, executive director, National Association of Counties and Linda Langston, director of strategic relations, National Association of Counties.

###