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– News Release –

**Farmingdale State College Hosts “Give Kids A Smile Day”  
Children from Suffolk, Nassau to Be Given FREE Dental Care and Education**

Farmingdale State College will host its eighth annual “Give Kids a Smile Day” on Friday, February 5, from noon to 4:30 p.m. Children ages 1 – 17 and their parents are invited to visit Farmingdale’s Dental Hygiene Care Center, in Gleeson Hall, to receive free oral screenings, dental cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants, and oral health education, provided by faculty and students from Farmingdale’s dental hygiene department.

A speech pathologist will be on hand, and students from the college’s nursing program will conduct blood pressure screenings for parents. Proper hand-washing techniques will be demonstrated by students and faculty from the medical laboratory technology department.

“Give Kids a Smile Day” is free, but appointments are required. Call Farmingdale’s dental hygiene department at 631-420-2282.

“Give Kids a Smile Day,” sponsored nationally by the American Dental Association, was developed to provide children with access to a wide range of dental services. Approximately 200 children, parents, and volunteers are expected to attend. Local sponsors include Henry Schein, Colgate, and Dexis. Ronald McDonald will attend to bring smiles to the children’s faces at the Farmingdale College Dental Hygiene center from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

In addition to welcoming the children to the Dental Health Care Center, Farmingdale students and faculty will provide free screenings at events at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City and the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine and at the Atlantis Aquarium on February 6th. These events are hosted by the Nassau County Dental Society, the Suffolk County Dental Society, and Stony Brook University’s School of Dental Medicine

The Dental Hygiene program at Farmingdale State College is part of the Theresa Patnode Santmann School of Health Sciences, which enrolls almost 700 students. The department offers both the Associate in Science and Bachelor of Science degrees in dental hygiene. The on-campus Dental Hygiene Care Center provides patients with comprehensive care. All treatment provided at the center is supervised by registered dental hygienists and dentists employed by Farmingdale State College.

*Farmingdale State College continues to prepare students with the education, skills, and critical thinking needed to meet the challenges of tomorrow. As the largest of SUNY’s colleges of technology (with almost 8,700 students), Farmingdale equips students with the resources and knowledge sought by today’s emerging industries. Offering bachelor and associate programs, Farmingdale will soon offer its first graduate degree. At Farmingdale, students also have abundant opportunities in experiential learning—internships, clinical training, and guided research—that provide practical instruction and personal growth. Small, personalized classes, a residence hall with suite-style living, a lush 380-acre campus undergoing major renovation, and a highly successful NCAA Division III athletics program with modern facilities make Farmingdale State College one of the fastest-growing colleges in the region. In addition, in 2015 U.S. News & World Report ranks Farmingdale #28 among regional colleges in the north and in 2013 Farmingdale was the only SUNY school (and the only LI school) listed in the LEAST debt category in the section titled Student Debt Load at Graduation for regional colleges in the north. UniversityPrimeTime.com lists FSC the fifth safest college in the nation. For more information, contact Kathryn Coley at 631-420-2400 or [kathryn.coley@farmingdale.edu](mailto:kathryn.coley@farmingdale.edu). Look on our website [www.farmingdale.edu](http://www.farmingdale.edu). Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/farmingdale](http://www.facebook.com/farmingdale).*