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## **Palisades Federal Credit Union Celebrates Thanksgiving with RCC's International Students**

**Suffern, NY** – November 21, 2012 – Over 100 individuals including students, faculty, volunteers and community leaders came together to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> annual International Student Thanksgiving Luncheon at Rockland Community College. The event which has been a longstanding tradition at the community college provides RCC's international students an opportunity to learn about American customs and share in Thanksgiving traditions.

The luncheon which took place in RCC's Student Union building was created to help assimilate the international students into the American lifestyle. Being that the majority of the international students will be away from their families this holiday season, the annual event allows them to unite for support and companionship.

"We're delighted to have had the opportunity to welcome and celebrate our customs with Rockland's international students," said Mark Welshoff, President & CEO of Palisades Federal Credit Union. "We congratulate the faculty and administrators at RCC for executing another successful event and continuing to support our Rockland county community." The NY Credit Union generously provided funds and volunteers for the holiday event which brought together students from over 20 countries.

"We are truly grateful to Palisades Federal Credit Union, DeCicco's Family Markets and the volunteers who helped make our Thanksgiving luncheon a success," stated Dana Stilley, Dean of International Student Services at RCC. "For many, the Thanksgiving holiday kick starts the season of giving, and there is no better way to start the season than by saying thank you to our supporters."

The Thanksgiving holiday meal was prepared fresh by students in the College's Hospitality Program using Turkeys donated by the DeCicco Family Markets.

## About Palisades Federal Credit Union

Headquartered in Pearl River, NY, Palisades Federal Credit Union ([www.palisadesfcu.org](http://www.palisadesfcu.org)), with more than \$150 Million in assets, is the largest Rockland County based Credit Union. The New York Credit Union operates 3 branches and provides full service banking products and surcharge-free access to over 40,000 ATMs nationwide. Credit Union membership and Credit Union loans are open to anyone who lives, works, studies, or worships in Rockland County, NY.

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