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Molloy College Celebrates the Year of Languages With Cultural and Literary Events

The Department of Modern Languages at Molloy College is sponsoring a number of cultural and literary events in observance of 2005: The Year of Languages. Established by a Resolution before the U.S. Senate, this nationwide initiative is designed to create awareness about the importance of language proficiency and to encourage students to study languages.

Colleges, schools, universities and organizations affiliated with the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages will observe the year with special events, competitions and the distribution of material promoting the value of language education.

At Molloy College planned activities include an international film festival, a concert featuring music from around the world, a foreign language scavenger hunt and a day of reading Don Quixote. The goal is to build support for language programs among students and the community at large.

“Every student at our college should include language learning in their academic plan and career preparation curriculum,” said Dr. Susana Rubio, Chairperson of the Department of Modern Languages at Molloy. “Government and industry both have a pressing need for employees with a clear understanding of the languages and cultures of other countries. Since we are part of a global community, people with multiple language proficiency will command a premium in the workforce.”

In addition to enhancing a resume, research has shown that students who have concentrated on foreign language studies generally are among the highest performers in other subject areas. For individuals who have been out of the classroom for a number of years, language

study offers benefits as well. “Language proficiency can be a stimulating, rewarding activity for someone who has been away from the classroom for a number of years. The mental discipline required and the cultural exposure make language study a positive experience,” explains Dr. Rubio.

For details about Molloy’s 2005: The Year of Languages events contact Dr. Susana Rubio, Chairperson, Department of Modern Languages, at 516-678-5000 ext. 6891.