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General Colin Powell, 65th Secretary of State, Comes to Molloy College April 29th

General Colin L. Powell, 65th Secretary of State and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will highlight the fifth annual Joseph F. Maher Leadership Forum at Molloy College on Friday, April 29, 2005. General Powell will deliver the keynote address entitled "Diplomacy: Persuasion, Trust & Values."

The Forum is made possible by the family of Molloy Professor Joseph Maher. Professor Maher has a lifetime of public service including service as an aide to Senator Robert F. Kennedy and as the last elected sheriff of Nassau County.

Previous Maher Forum keynotes have been delivered by the 61st Secretary of State James A. Baker III (Preemptive War), NYS Attorney General Eliot Spitzer (Business Ethics), former Prime Minister of Pakistan Benazir Bhutto (Reaction to 9/11) and MSNBC's Chris Matthews (Civic Engagement).

A popular element of the Maher Forum is the awarding of the Molloy College Partners in Leadership Award to regional high school students who have exhibited an exemplary commitment to civic engagement and volunteerism. This year, twenty high school students will be honored by Molloy College and attend the session with General Powell.