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Molloy College Awarded \$348,399 for Math Partnership Grant

Molloy College was recently awarded a \$348,399 grant from the New York State Department of Education. This award will fund the Molloy College Mathematics Education Partnership, a program dedicated to improving math education in 15 Long Island public school districts and in every school within the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

"This grant typifies the effectiveness of partnerships between public school districts, private schools, colleges, and universities," said Dr. Philip S. Cicero, Superintendent, Lynbrook School District. Dr. Cicero was instrumental in working with Molloy College on the grant application.

The grant money was made available to colleges and universities to offset 50% of the cost (tuition, fees, materials) for public and private school teachers attending university or college-based 2007 summer classes, and to create institutes designed to improve teachers' content knowledge and refresh their competency in using and applying state-of-the-art technology in the areas of math and/or science. The Tomorrow's Hope Foundation will provide financial support for up to 100 Diocesan teachers.

"State funds in the amount of \$425,000 were allocated for Long Island," explains Dr. Drew Bogner, President of Molloy College. "We were able to obtain the majority of the available funding --82%-- in large part because of the excellent team who worked tirelessly on this grant."

Using the grant money awarded to the College, Molloy created 16 math institutes for K-12 teachers that will be offered through the Division of Continuing Education and Professional Development. Teachers from the parochial schools in the Diocese of Rockville Centre as well as teachers in the following districts have been invited to participate in the Institutes: Baldwin, Central Islip, East Rockaway, Farmingdale, Freeport, Hempstead, Long Beach, Lynbrook, Malverne, Massapequa, Plainedge, Rockville Centre, Uniondale, Wantagh, and West Hempstead. The funding provides financial support for 367 total teachers.

“Participating teachers will receive three graduate credits or two in-service credits,” explains C. Vincent Pané, Ed.D., Chairman of the Mathematics Department at Molloy College. “The courses offered conform with the NYS Board of Regents adopted learning standards and the NYS Education Department’s core curricula relating to these standards.”

The Molloy College Math Institutes will be offering courses beginning this summer. Teachers will have the flexibility of taking courses at the College’s main campus in Rockville Centre and at its Suffolk Center in East Farmingdale. The Math Education Summer Institutes will also be open to the public on a space available basis at regular tuition rates. Contact Lou Cino, Director of Continuing Education and Professional Development, 516-678-5000 Ext. 6357 or at lcino@molloy.edu to register for the Math Education Summer Institutes.

For more information, please contact the Office of Public Relations at 516.678.5000. 6020.