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Molloy College Annual Ball Honoring Frank Kurre, Msgr. Frank Caldwell and Carole Neidich-Ryder '72

Molloy College will be holding its annual ball on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at the Garden City Hotel in Garden City. The Ball will honor three individuals for their significant contributions to the College: Frank L. Kurre, Monsignor Francis J. Caldwell, and Carole L. Neidich-Ryder '72.

Frank L. Kurre, National Managing Partner Higher Education & Not-For-Profit Industry, Grant Thornton, LLP, will be awarded the College's Lifetime Achievement Award. The 2007 award recognizes a highly respected corporate executive who demonstrates exceptional leadership and service within their community, and who holds in high esteem the notion of volunteerism and philanthropy.

Mr. Kurre is responsible for all services performed by Grant Thornton for not-for-profit and higher education clients nationwide. His experience includes special projects relating to operational studies, budget reviews, treasury consulting, construction auditing, financial reporting, internal audit evaluations, fund-raising development and forensic auditing.

Monsignor Francis J. Caldwell, C.S.W., Pastor, St. Martha's Church will also receive the Lifetime Achievement Award. In the spirit of the Molloy College mission, this 2007 Award acknowledges an individual who promotes the ideals and faith-based values of Molloy College and whose life's work epitomizes compassion and selflessness.

Currently the longest-serving member of Molloy College's Board of Trustees, Msgr. Caldwell has been an active member of Molloy's Board since 1997. His loyalty and dedication to the church and his contribution to the community are demonstrated by the many appointments and awards he has received. In 2004, Monsignor Caldwell had the opportunity to return to his first parish, St. Martha's in Uniondale, as pastor.

Carole Neidich-Ryder, M.S., '72, Environmental Scientist, Sidney B. Bowne and Son, LLP, will receive the College's Distinguished Alumni Award. This honor is bestowed annually upon a Molloy College alumnus who has made significant contributions to the College, and whose professional career is characterized by a series of outstanding achievements.

Colonel Neidich-Ryder's career began in 1972 when she worked as a Naturalist for Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums. She served the Department in several capacities and retired in 2007 after 35 years of service. She was the Facility Supervisor of Tackapausha Museum and Preserve, Supervisor of South Shore Greenspace Preserves and Senior Curator of Life Science. She is currently an Environmental Scientist with Sidney B. Bowne & Son LLP. In addition, Colonel Neidich-Ryder has had a military career spanning over 20 years as a member of the New York Guard.

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