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Annual Diversity Day Program to Focus on Long Term Care Issues

Molloy College's Annual Diversity Day will be observed on Tuesday March 4, 2008. Each year the Molloy community designs a unique program to address issues facing underserved and diverse populations. This year's program '**Chronic Challenges – Unequal Burden**' will target obstacles in accessing and coordinating long term care.

Disabled people are known to be the poorest of the poor in every country in the world. In the U.S. persons with chronic illnesses, disabilities, and functional limitations and their families are often forced to navigate a system that requires them to perform most of the coordination functions themselves. This program will explore the realities of the care recipients (also known as the consumers) from culturally diverse populations who need long term care, their family members and the professionals and organizations that serve them.

The Keynote Speaker for the event is **Dr. Hector Sepulveda**, M.D., M.A., M.P.H., Associate Dean, Suffolk Community College. Dr. Sepulveda's presentation is entitled 'Understanding Needs, Healing Lives.'

Panelists include: **Dr. Sharon Mullon**, Commissioner Nassau County Department of Senior Citizen Affairs; **Barbara McFadden**, RN, BS, Senior VP of Resident Care Services, Nursing Department Buena Vista; and **Andrew Peters**, LCSW, Director, Long Island Crisis Center.

The event will be held in the Multipurpose Room, Wilbur Arts Center. Reservations are required as a light lunch will be served. Please contact Dawn Egan, Department of Social Work, 516.678.5000 ext. 6478 or e-mail to dpegan@molloy.edu. Please R.S.V.P by February 27, 2008.

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