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**Molloy College Launches Irish Studies Institute
Former Irish Prime Minister to Speak**

Molloy College is pleased to announce the creation of its Irish Studies Institute. In recognition of this milestone the Honorable Bertie Ahern, former Prime Minister of Ireland, will visit the campus on November 14, 2008 to speak at the College's Joseph F. Maher Leadership Forum.

Mr. Ahern's speech, *Peace Through Inclusive Dialogue: Ireland's Journey*, will serve as the inaugural event for the Irish Studies Institute. His presentation will be followed by a thought provoking panel discussion *Irish America: Furthering Ongoing Peace*, sponsored by the Brehon Law Society of Nassau County.

Molloy's Irish Studies Institute will provide diverse academic courses, cultural offerings, workshops, library resources, and museum facilities all relating to the Irish/American experience in this region. The programs and resource material will highlight the rich history, integration, and cultural exchanges of the Irish throughout the New York metropolitan area.

"The Molloy College Irish Studies Institute is the only resource of its kind in the area," stated Drew Bogner, Ph.D., President, Molloy College. "It will provide deeper awareness and recognition of the contributions Irish Americans have made to our community."

The Institute will house various printed resources and audio-visual materials relating to the local Irish/American experience. It will be open to the community and will be used by students and faculty on campus.

The Forum will begin at 9:45 a.m., in the Hays Theatre, Wilbur Arts Building, Molloy College. The panel discussion will immediately follow. Reservations are required for this event.

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