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Molloy College Receives Grant for Irish Studies Institute

Molloy College received a \$50,000 grant from the Theresa and Edward O'Toole Foundation to support the development of a library/resource center for the College's new Irish Studies Institute. Partial funding will be used toward collecting and archiving information about Irish immigration experiences to create an oral history archive.

As a resource center, the Irish Studies Institute at Molloy College will be open to the community in addition to being used by students and faculty on campus. It will provide a combination of academic courses, cultural offerings, and workshops along with library and museum facilities that will broaden the community's understanding of the rich history of the Irish in the Long Island area, and will also highlight their significant contributions.

The Institute's inaugural event will take place on November 14, 2008 when the Honorable Bertie Ahern, the former Prime Minister of Ireland, will be the featured speaker at the College's Annual Joseph F. Maher Leadership Forum. Mr. Ahern's lecture will be immediately followed by a Panel Discussion: Irish America-Furthering Ongoing Peace.

For more information on the Irish Studies Institute, or the lecture, please contact the Office of Public Relations at 516.678.5000 ext. 6020.