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Molloy College Receives \$5,000 Grant from State Bank of Long Island

State Bank of Long Island has awarded Molloy College a \$5,000 grant to establish a new program that will provide text books to students in need. The program will help prevent low-income students from falling behind in course work, or dropping courses, because they cannot afford textbooks thereby improving academic performance.

“The cost of academic textbooks is rising at an alarming rate,” said Nicolette Ceo, Director, Academic Support Services, Molloy College. “Many students who are already having difficulty meeting tuition payments become overburdened with the purchase of textbooks, resulting in undue stress. Thanks to the understanding and generosity of State Bank, the student participants of the TRiO Program (Student Support Services) at Molloy College will be afforded the opportunity to engage in a multi-pronged project that will assist them in either purchasing or borrowing their books.”

Molloy College provides a value centered transformational education to both undergraduate and graduate students in a range of subject areas within a campus culture that stresses the importance of kindness and respect for others, cultural diversity, community service, partnership, and good stewardship of the Earth’s resources.

In 2001, the College established the TRiO Program, Student Support Services, funded by the Federal Department of Education, to assist eligible low-income students and those with disabilities in achieving their educational goals. There are no funds in the government budget to help with the cost of student text books. This barrier was identified by students of the TRiO Advisory Board as a major obstacle to college success.

“The advantages inherent in this project are many; the obvious one being that

the students will be able to have their required books at the beginning of the semester, thereby enhancing the opportunity to keep up with course work," continued Ceo. " We are very grateful to State Bank for the grant and hope that our students will soon become their clients and successful employees."

For more information on this grant, or other ways you can help contact Sherry Radowitz, Ph.D., Senior Grants Officer, Molloy College at 516.678.5000 ext. 6801.

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