Dear Irish Friends,

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as we say goodbye to 2012 and what has been a very tough fall semester for so many of our students and friends. To those who have been adversely impacted by Super Storm Sandy, please know that Molloy has put together a complete list of resources should you need some guidance or help sorting through the aftermath of the storm. For those who are looking to help, there is information on our website and the college has set up a Sandy Relief Fund to help our students;
for every dollar raised, the college will match the funds. It has been amazing to see the outpouring of help and assistance to our neighbors during these past two months; and we are heartened by the sense of community and service being demonstrated.

I hope to see you at the many wonderful offerings we are bringing to you this upcoming spring semester, and for those who have been waiting, we are finally able to offer the excursion to the 69th Armory this April. In addition, our Irish language classes have been growing every semester, it’s never too late to start to learn the language of our forefathers.

On a personal note, I want to thank you all for the many notes and well wishes I received after being honored by the Irish Americans in Government in September. It means a great deal to me to have the friendship and support of such wonderful organizations such as the IAG, AOH, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and the Rockville Centre St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee. I am happy to announce that this year we will begin to offer the RVC Parade Committee Scholarship to students interested in studying Irish language. For more information, contact my office.

Again, Happy New Year!

Catherine Tully Muscente
ISI Program Director
Director of Development

Pictured are District Court Judge Anthony Paradiso, NY State Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg, Nassau County Clerk Maureen O’Connell, President of Irish Americans in Government Jeffrey Clark, Dorothy Walsh, Honorees Owen B. Walsh and Catherine Tully Muscente, Nassau County Legislator Rose Marie Walker, Town of Hempstead Councilman Anthony Santino, Past President of Irish-Americans in Government Donal Mahoney, Supreme Court Judge Peter Skelos, and Past President of Irish-Americans in Government Maureen Fitzgerald.
The Irish Studies Institute works to illuminate and document the central role Irish Americans have played, and continue to play, in the United States; and to extend and enrich exchanges between Irish Americans and those from other cultural backgrounds. The Institute will highlight the rich history, integration and cultural exchanges of the Irish throughout the New York metropolitan area and beyond.

**IRISH LANGUAGE & GAELIC CULTURE CLASSES**

Using *Progress In Irish and Buntus Cainte* Lessons, students enrolled in Molloy’s Irish Studies Language Program will be able to progress from true beginner to advanced Irish speaker while learning Gaelic Culture. Total of 8 classes will be required to receive certificate of completion.

**Level 1 Beginners I - True Beginners** (no previous Irish) – 12 classes ($160, children 25% discount $120)
Class will cover phonetics, structure of the language and Irish Gaelic culture
Saturdays: 2/09 through 5/11 (no classes on Easter Saturday, 3/30) 10:30 am – 11:50 pm

**Level 2 Beginners II** – 12 classes ($160, children 25% discount $120)
Saturdays: 2/09 through 5/11 (no classes on Easter Saturday, 3/30) 2:00 pm – 3:20 pm

**Level 3 Beginners III** – 12 classes ($160, children 25% discount $120)
Saturdays: 2/09 through 5/11 (no classes on Easter Saturday, 3/30) 12:30 pm – 1:50 pm

**Level 4 Intermediate I** – 12 classes ($160, children 25% discount $120)
Saturdays: 2/09 through 5/11 (no classes on Easter Saturday, 3/30) 10:30 am – 11:50 am

**Level 5 Intermediate II** – 12 classes ($160, children 25% discount $120)
Saturdays: 2/09 through 5/11 (no classes on Easter Saturday, 3/30) 9:00 am – 10:20 am

**LECTURES / CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

**Wogan Family Lecture: Marriage Brehon Style**
*Sunday, March 3, 3:00PM, Larini Room (MPR) – 2nd Floor, Public Square*
Presented by Jerry Kelly, Instructor in Irish Language and Gaelic Culture, Irish Studies Institute, Molloy College
This informational, interactive lecture will describe and elaborate on the continuing impact on Irish history of the conflict between Brehon Law & Common Law. Admission: Free.

**Festival of Imbolc - St. Brigid’s Celebration**
*Saturday, February 2, from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM, Wilbur Arts Lobby*
Celebrate the ancient Celtic feast of Imbolc, on the Irish calendar, the first day of spring! Refreshments will be served. If you’d like to take part by offering a song, short tale, or poem in Irish, email Jerry Kelly at jerrykelly@att.net or call him at 516-804-2968. Admission: Free.

**Museum Tour and Lunch**
*Saturday, April 13, 10am – 3:00pm, NYC – 69th Armory*
Join us as we travel back in time at the 69th Armory and learn the history of our Fighting 69th from the Civil War, and be brought up to speed on their most recent deployment. Tour the magnificent structure that is the Armory built in 1904. Coach bus will leave Molloy at 10am; returning at 3pm. Space is limited. $30 pp

**Festival of Beltaine – Gaelic Fire Celebration**
*Saturday, May 4, from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM, Wilbur Arts Lobby*
Come celebrate the ancient Celtic feast of Beltaine. This festival on the Irish calendar signaled the approach of summer and evolved into the May Day celebrations still celebrated today. Admission: Free

**Bloomsday 2013**
*Sunday, June 16, 2:00pm – Madison Theatre at Molloy College*
A tribute to James Joyce. June 16 is the day chosen by James Joyce for the events that take place in *Ulysses*. This has become an international celebration that includes readings of *Ulysses*, performances of Joyce’s works, festivities, music, dance and scholarly gatherings. This event is co-sponsored by the Division of Humanities at Molloy College and the James Joyce Society of New York. $7.50 pp

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