Dear family and friends,

I am honored to be here tonight in the company of so many that I have known for so long. To my family, my fellow alumni, my friends, and to my Molloy community I give special thanks. It is an humbling experience to be recognized by an institution that has been the source of so many of the opportunities in my life and by those who have accompanied me and encouraged me. My vocation, my avocations, and any success I have achieved are to their credit. As an alumna of the class of 1960, I have had the opportunity to not only watch our college grow from a one room schoolhouse to this wonderful institution of higher learning recognized around the world, but also to be a present as it happened. Only by looking back can one imagine its future.

It is with great pleasure that I share this evening with Joan Hope MacNaughton and with Buddy and Chris Haunss. Molloy’s recognition of their achievements and community service are examples to all and particularly to our students. I am thrilled to be in their company.

I congratulate Dr. Drew Bogner who is leading us into a bright future with an outstanding administration, Board of Trustees, and faculty. The very venue in which we enjoy this Gala is an example of his foresight and determination.

To the Gala Committee I express my appreciation, especially to Cynthia Metzger, Cathy Muscente and Ed Thompson who worked so tirelessly to make this evening the success it is.

I thank all benefactors and friends for your constant and generous support of Molloy. Contributing to Molloy is an opportunity to recognize the value of the college and, in particular, to allow so many of our students to continue achieving their goals. The college and its graduates will continue to make the Long Island community a wonderful place to be educated, to be cared for, to work, and to live. Just imagine Long Island without a Molloy College!

Sincerely,

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