

# PRESIDENT'S AWARDS



**MOLLOY  
UNIVERSITY**



**PRESIDENT'S YEARS-OF-SERVICE RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

2025 • The Larini Room at Molloy University • Public Square

# PROGRAM

## ***Presider***

James P. Lentini, D.M.A.  
President

## ***Master of Ceremonies***

Lisa Miller, MSILR  
Assistant Vice President for Human Resources  
and Title IX Coordinator

## ***Invocation***

Michelle Martin, M.S. '17  
Director of Mission and Ministry

## ***Ten Year Service Awards***

## ***Twenty Year Service Awards***

## ***Twenty-Five Year Service Awards***

## ***Thirty Year Service Awards***

## ***Forty Year Service Award***



## 10 YEARS



**Josie Bello, M.B.A.'19**

Senior Payroll Accountant  
Office of the Treasurer



**Inés Carpentier, B.F.A.**

Administrative Assistant I  
History and Political Science



**Dolores Cepeda, M.B.A.'20, CPA**

Controller  
Office of the Treasurer



**Karen Cusumano, A.A.S.**

Academic Planning Specialist  
Office of Academic Affairs



**Dawn DiStefano, D.P.S.**

Assistant Professor  
School of Business



**Jacqueline Flannery, Ph.D., RN, CNE**

Assistant Professor  
The Barbara H. Hagan School of  
Nursing and Health Sciences



**Tara Gold, M.B.A.'20**

Interlibrary Loan and Reserves Coordinator  
James E. Tobin "JET" Library



**Donna Headley, M.S.**

Library Assistant  
James E. Tobin "JET" Library



## 10 YEARS



**Michael Marino, Ed.D.**

Assistant Professor  
Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Sciences



**Carrie McDermott Goldman, M.S.'04, Ed.D.**

Associate Professor  
School of Education and Human Services



**Anmarie McMahon, M.A.**

Administrative Assistant II  
Communication Sciences and Disorders - Clinic



**Gail Mirsky, B.S.**

Financial Aid Counselor  
Financial Aid



**Maria Mullaly, B.B.A.**

Office Administrator  
The Barbara H. Hagan School of  
Nursing and Health Sciences



**Tabitha Marie Ochtera, B.A.'11, M.B.A.'21, MLIS**

Associate Director, Head of Electronic & Digital Services  
James E. Tobin "JET" Library



**Vanessa Podesta, B.S.'09, M.S.'11**

Assistant Director  
Continuing Education and Professional Studies



**Joan Rodriguez**

Custodian  
Custodial Services

## 10 YEARS



**Linda Silva Thompson, Ph.D.**  
Dean of Student Success and Assessment  
Office of Academic Affairs



**Keith Richard Weiner,  
Ph.D.'18, RN, NI-BC**  
Associate Director-Nursing and Health Professions  
Continuing Education and Professional Studies



**Francine Wisnewski, Ed.D.**  
Associate Professor  
School of Education and Human Services



## 20 YEARS



### Luis Arias

Luis Arias is a member of the Custodial Services Department. For two decades, Luis' dedication, hard work, and commitment have contributed greatly to creating a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for Molloy's students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Consistent and unwavering in his work ethic, Luis' commitment does not go unnoticed. From maintaining the cleanliness of our campus to ensuring that every detail is attended to, Luis' efforts have made a significant impact on our daily operations. He embodies many of the values of Molloy University: respect, responsibility and a commitment to excellence. An essential part of the Molloy family, Luis'

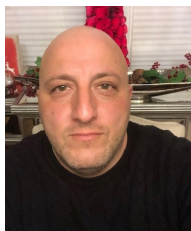
positive attitude and tireless efforts have left a lasting impression on those with whom he interacts on a daily basis. As we celebrate this incredible milestone with you, we are proud to have you as part of our team, and we look forward to many more years of success together. Congratulations on your 20 years of service and thank you for all the ways in which you have contributed to making Molloy a better place for all those on campus.



### Saihan Borghjid, Ph.D.

Dr. Saihan Borghjid, Associate Professor in the School of Arts and Sciences, earned a Ph.D. from SUNY Downstate in the areas of Cell and Molecular Biology. As a valuable member of the Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Sciences Department, Dr. Borghjid has taught classes in Biology and Chemistry to both Biology and Nursing students for the past 20 years. She continues to serve the scientific community through her work as an editorial board member of *Nutrition and Metabolism*, a high-impact scientific journal. Her expertise in this area provides a clear foundation for her teaching Nutrition and Health. With passion and enthusiasm, Dr. Borghjid challenges her

students to excel in both lecture and laboratory portions of each class that she teaches. Her current service on Faculty Council attests to her commitment to her colleagues and to Molloy. Thank you, Dr. Borghjid, for your contributions to the University and congratulations on your 20 years of service.



### Michael Cavalluzzo

Michael Cavalluzzo is an HVAC Technician in the Facilities Department. Michael has consistently exemplified professionalism, commitment, and exceptional skill. In his role, Michael ensures the comfort and safety of our faculty, staff, and students by maintaining and optimizing the university's HVAC systems. Over the past two decades, Michael's deep expertise and attention to detail have been invaluable to our campus operations. He has demonstrated a relentless work ethic and a proactive approach, addressing complex issues with efficiency and precision.

His contributions have been pivotal in maintaining the high standards of excellence that Molloy University strives to uphold. Michael's positive attitude, reliability, and willingness to go above and beyond have made him an indispensable member of our facilities team. His dedication has not only improved our campus environment but has also earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues across all departments. As we celebrate Michael's incredible milestone, we extend our sincere gratitude for his unwavering commitment and exceptional service over the last 20 years. On behalf of Molloy University, we are honored to recognize Michael for his outstanding 20 years of dedicated service, and we look forward to many more years of continued success and collaboration.



## Leonel Deleon

Leonel Deleon is a member of the Custodial Services Department. For two decades, Leonel's hard work, dedication and commitment to maintaining the cleanliness and upkeep of our campus are a testament to his devotion to Molloy. Leonel's reliability, attention to detail and pride in his work are to be admired. His work ethic has ensured that our facilities are welcoming and conducive to learning and growth for our students, faculty and staff. With a positive attitude and tireless effort, Leonel has truly become an integral part of the Molloy family. We are proud to honor Leonel's exceptional service to the university. Thank you, Leonel, for your continued contributions. We look forward to many more years of working together. Congratulations on reaching this outstanding milestone.



## Maria Dove, Ed.D.

Dr. Maria Dove, Professor in the School of Education and Human Services (SoEHS), earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Queens College, a Master of Arts degree from Hunter College, and an Ed.D. from St. John's University. Dr. Dove teaches graduate Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) education and is a well-respected scholar and educator who has focused her research on multilingual learners co-teaching strategies. She has authored and co-authored 10 books, multiple peer reviewed journal articles, book chapters, and editor-selected publications. Dr. Dove is a leader and mentor among her peers as she currently serves as a Molloy Faculty Councilor. She has received the Molloy Research Achievement Award and the Outstanding ESL Educator Award from NYS TESOL. Dr. Dove has been part of the team in the SoEHS which received the Clinically-Rich Intensive Teacher Institute (CR ITI) grant from the New York State Department of Education, Office of Bilingual Education. Dr. Dove is an Executive Board member for NYS TESOL, is a peer reviewer for *TESOL Journal* and Guest Editor for the *TESOL Journal Special Issue*, and serves as a member of multiple national professional organizations. The mother of two sons and three grandchildren, Dr. Dove is passionate about traveling with her family and loves cooking elaborate Italian dishes. Congratulations on 20 years of service to Molloy University, Dr. Dove.



## Vicky Giouroukakis, Ph.D.

Dr. Vicky Giouroukakis, Director of Graduate and Post Graduate Education Programs and Professor in the School of Education and Human Services (SoEHS), earned a B.A. from New York University, an M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University, and an M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Giouroukakis teaches courses in literacy and English education at the undergraduate and graduate levels. As Director, she has provided leadership in developing numerous new programs for Graduate Teacher Education and is a well-respected mentor to her colleagues in the SoEHS and across campus. Dr. Giouroukakis is an exceptional leader, educator, and scholar who has received the New York State English Educator Award, the Molloy Research Achievement Award, Molloy's Distinguished Service Medal, and this year, she is being honored with the Faculty Leadership Award. Dr. Giouroukakis has published five books and over 60 journal articles and book chapters and has presented her work at regional, national, and international conferences. Dr. Giouroukakis has served as a consultant to BOCES Centers as well as public and private schools throughout the region. She has served on the Board of the NYS English Council, NYS TESOL, St. Agnes High School, McClancy High School, and the Baldwin Teacher Center. She also served as President of the Archangel Michael Church Greek Language Institute and currently serves as the Co-President of the Tower Foundation of Manhasset. Outside of Molloy, Dr. Giouroukakis enjoys spending time with her husband and three children. Congratulations and thank you for all you do, Dr. Giouroukakis.



## D. Ward Hey, Ph.D.

Dr. D. Ward Hey, Professor and Chairperson of English in the School of Arts and Sciences, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia University and a doctorate from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Upon joining Molloy, Dr. Hey brought years of solid teaching with foci in contemporary American literature, new media studies, and contemporary literary theory and criticism. Dr. Hey has taught seminar classes on Thomas Pynchon, postmodernism, the Beat Generation and its avant-garde precursors, as well as classes on digital literature and culture. He oversaw the *Molloy Literary Magazine* for many years, and he is the founding editor of both *Stone Poetry Quarterly* and *Stink Eye Magazine*. Dr. Hey now serves as the chairperson for the English Department. Promoted to Associate Professor in 2009 and Professor in 2013, Dr. Hey richly deserves recognition for his twenty years of service and creative contributions to Molloy University. Congratulations.



## Debra Kantor, Ph.D., RN, CNE

Dr. Debra Kantor, Associate Professor in the Barbara H. Hagan School of Nursing and Health Sciences, earned a Ph.D. from Adelphi University in 2013, and she has presented her research, "Factors Influencing Psychological Distress in Patients with Cancer," at numerous conferences. Dr. Kantor is active within the School of Nursing & Health Sciences, including participating in student events, assisting student speakers for the pinning ceremony, and serving as mentor to new faculty and graduate students. She has been instrumental in the development of the accelerated adult health course, which she has taught from its inception. Dr. Kantor is the editor/contributor to numerous textbooks: *Issues of Cancer Survivorship: A Nurse's Guide to Care*, 2016; *Visual Nursing: A Guide to Diseases, Skills, and Treatments*, 2024, & Lippincott's *Brunner and Suddarth's Medical Surgical Nursing 16th ed.* 2025. Dr. Kantor is the first faculty member to achieve exemplary status for her design and delivery of online nursing courses. Her courses serve as an ideal model of quality online courses that were intentionally designed to support all students in achieving their learning objectives. Thank you, Dr. Kantor, for your 20 years of dedicated service to Molloy University.



## Krista Lombardo, M.S.

Krista Lombardo, Director of the Center for Professional Studies, earned an M.S. degree from LIU Post. Krista joined the Molloy University community in January 2005 as the Coordinator for Off-Campus Programs at our newly established Suffolk Center. In 2007 she assumed the role of Assistant to the Vice President of Enrollment Management. She then rose to Assistant Director of Enrollment Management in 2010 and was later promoted to Director of Student Retention. In 2023 she returned to her roots as the Director of the Center for Professional Studies at the Suffolk Center. Krista's commitment to Molloy is evident in her unwavering support for faculty, staff, and students alike. She instills a culture of collaboration and inclusion and develops initiatives that positively reflect the mission of the university. Her leadership, problem-solving abilities, and work ethic have made her an invaluable asset to Molloy. Krista has not only demonstrated exceptional skill in her role but has also cultivated lasting relationships with colleagues, students, and alumni. Throughout her tenure, Krista has consistently exemplified dedication, professionalism, and a passion for the success of both students and the institution as a whole. It is with great pride and appreciation that we recognize Krista Lombardo for her exceptional 20 years of service to Molloy University. Thank you, Krista, for your remarkable contributions.





## Jeffrey Massey, Ph.D.

Dr. Jeffrey Massey, Professor of English in the School of Arts and Sciences, earned Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from Bucknell University, a master's degree in Classics from Washington University, St. Louis, and a doctorate in English and Medieval Studies from Emory University. Dr. Massey came to Molloy's English department in the fall of 2005 with a solid background in classical and medieval studies and linguistics. Updating these courses here, Dr. Massey supplemented the coursework with topic studies tracing the evolution of modern superheroes from classical and Anglo-Saxon texts. A frequent presenter at national and international

conferences, Dr. Massey has also co-authored books and articles on popular culture and medieval studies. Dr. Massey was also the recipient of the University's Maroon Monocle award in 2024. This award is presented in recognition of an individual's ability to align their philosophy of teaching with research practices in a creative, yet meaningful manner. Promoted to full Professor in the fall of 2013, Dr. Jeffrey Massey is a vital member of the University and richly deserves this recognition for his 20 years of service. Thank you, Dr. Massey.



## Kerry Mastrangelo, B.S.'95, M.S. FNP'06, DNP, RN

Dr. Kerry Mastrangelo, Associate Professor and Director of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) program in the Barbara H. Hagan School of Nursing and Health Sciences, earned a baccalaureate degree and a master's degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) from Molloy. In 2017, she earned a DNP from Case Western University and continues to maintain her clinical practice as a board-certified FNP in the pre-surgical testing department at Peconic Bay Medical Center. Dr. Mastrangelo is integral to the success of the APRN program, and her commitment to the institution, faculty and student success is noteworthy. She is an expert educator and

effectively mentors both students and faculty. This year she is the recipient of the Lighthearted Lion Award, which recognizes an individual who serves Molloy University students tirelessly, with a collaborative nature and a vision of the future. Dr. Mastrangelo demonstrates her commitment to vulnerable populations and service through the Medical Outreach to Jamaica, West Indies. As one student shared, "Dr. Mastrangelo is the best. She cares and works hard to make us the best Nurse Practitioners we can be." Dr. Mastrangelo is married to Ralph, and they have two children, James and Kaitlyn, and a grandson, Thomas, whom they enjoy spending time with. She is proud of her daughter, a Molloy graduate, who works at Mather Hospital as an RN, and her son, James, who works in finance. Congratulations, and thank you, Dr. Mastrangelo.



## Lisa Zakiya Newland, Ph.D., LCSW-R

Dr. Lisa Zakiya Newland, Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Social Work in the School of Education and Human Services (SoEHS), earned a B.S.W. from Morgan State University, an M.S.W. from Fordham University, and a Ph.D. from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work at Yeshiva University. A well-respected leader among faculty, she has served as Faculty President and Faculty Councilor and provided leadership, guidance, and consultation on multiple university-wide committees and other initiatives. Currently, she is working on a Workforce Development Initiative for SoEHS. Dr. Newland holds membership and provides leadership in

several social justice-oriented professional organizations. She has served as Convener for the Black Family Summit, Inc. and has served as a member of the Social Action Committee of the Nassau Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Dr. Newland's impact has been recognized through many awards she has earned, including the Bartolomé de las Casas Award, Molloy Faculty Leadership Award, Community Service Award of the Haitian Families of Long Island, STRONG YOUTH Strong Educator Award, and the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Centennial Service Award. She was named Social Work Educator of the Year by the National Association of Black Social Workers and named Woman of the Year in the Field of Counseling/Human Services by the National Association of Professional Women, as well as Woman of Distinction by NYS Assemblywomen of the 18th District. Dr. Newland is married to Robert and is the proud mother of Doris and Nathanael Lewis. Congratulations, Dr. Newland.



## Sherry Radowitz, Ph.D.

Dr. Sherry Radowitz, Senior Director of Grants and Sponsored Programs, earned a B.A. from Brooklyn College-CUNY, an M.A. from the University of Northern Colorado and a Ph.D. from Union Graduate School. With expertise in program development, community building and grantwriting, she has worked closely with faculty and administrators to obtain and implement 400 government and foundation awards totaling \$85 million. Her proficiency, creativity, attention to detail and mentorship contributed to this success. An ambassador for the Molloy mission, Sherry's collaborative spirit has resulted in many internal and external partnerships

and innovative programs. Instrumental in Molloy gaining approval for dual certification in early childhood/childhood education, Dr. Radowitz served as early childhood consultant, organized conferences, taught classes and arranged student teaching placements. She brought *Empowerment Skills for Leaders* to campus which she co-facilitates.

Committee involvement includes the President's Task Force on Community Engagement, Middle States, IRB, Siena Center for Women/Social Justice, CSTEP, Health and Welfare, MVP-CCRT, Mentoring Latinas, BHWET-C5, and several community boards, most recently COPE Foundation, a grief and healing organization. In honor of her son, the Jesse R. Radowitz Memorial Scholarship benefits Molloy M.B.A. students committed to community service. In 2016, she received the Distinguished Service Medal; in 2021, the Faculty Council Administrator Award; and in 2024, the Molloy Team Award and the Mother Anselma Ruth Medal of Presidential Excellence. Congratulations, Dr. Radowitz.



## Julie Reynolds

Julie Reynolds is an Administrative Assistant in the School of Education and Human Services. Prior to joining Molloy, Julie began her career with International Business Machines (IBM) as a computer operator on the company's internal data communications network as an Advisory Telecommunications Analyst. During this time, Julie held several positions in the areas of network implementation, both domestic and international, network design, and network capacity planning and performance. While working in network implementation, Julie traveled to many IBM locations; she has also traveled throughout the United States, having driven cross country twice, and visited many of the national parks and

monuments in more than 30 states. Julie began working for Molloy in 2005 in the Graduate Education Department as an Administrative Assistant. She has successfully applied her skills to create processes to manage data for students, especially in graduation and certifications. We are extremely grateful for her contributions. Julie is one of seven children and has 15 nieces and nephews, and 21 great nieces and nephews. She has two wonderful children, Taylor, who is married to Jamie, and Brice, who is married to Kim, and they are both making her a grandmother this year! Thank you, Julie, for your 20 years of dedicated service to Molloy.



## Sarah Shin, B.S.'05, M.B.A.'08

Sarah Shin, Director of Experiential Learning and Community Engagement, earned both a B.S. and an M.B.A. from Molloy. Sarah has recently expanded her role by taking on the additional responsibility of Community Engagement. With this change, she has grown her department and team to better support the institution's dedication to community engagement, including leading Molloy University's Carnegie Classification application. As a leader in one of the co-curricular offices under the School of Arts and Sciences, Sarah's impact extends across the University. Through her 20 years of service to Molloy, she has developed community-based and

service-oriented programs that provide students with meaningful opportunities to work in partnerships with the local community. These programs help foster in students a lifelong commitment to civic involvement and an understanding of complex societal issues. Sarah's dedication to the students and mission of Molloy is evident in her leadership of programs such as Mentoring Latinas, Molloy Mentors, and the Rising Star Day Camp. Sarah continues to support alternative spring break trips in partnership with Campus Ministries. She is an active participant in campus-wide committees and affinity groups, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues and students alike. In recognition of her many contributions, Sarah was honored with the Bartolomé de las Casas Award in 2024. We congratulate and celebrate Sarah on her 20 years of dedicated service to Molloy University.



### **Manyiu Tse, Ph.D.**

Dr. Manyiu Tse, Associate Professor of Mathematics, earned a B.S. degree from SUNY Binghamton and a Ph.D. from SUNY Albany. He taught at Russell Sage College and Baruch College and worked as a consultant in the financial service field before coming to Molloy. Dr. Tse's service has been instrumental in shaping the success and growth of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. He has been a driving force behind new course offerings and revisions that have strengthened the department's academic programs. He has worked to shift the focus on mathematics education and teacher preparation to the mathematics

degree. As chairperson of the department for the past six years, Dr. Tse has led the faculty in modernizing the computer science curriculum. He has successfully promoted conferences, research experiences, internships, and graduate studies with the students. A true achievement was bringing a mathematics conference to the university; his motivation enabled Molloy to host the KME 46th Biennial National Convention in 2023. Dr. Tse has served on several university-level committees, including the Middle States General Education Task Force, and the Promotion and Tenure Committee, and is an active participant in the School of Arts & Sciences leadership as a member of several committees. He also served as a Co-Principal Investigator for the *ASPIRE to Careers in Science* NSF Grant. Thank you and congratulations.



### **Susan Ann Vitale, Ph.D., RN**

Dr. Susan Vitale, Professor in the Barbara H. Hagan School of Nursing and Health Sciences, earned a bachelor's degree from SUNY Albany, a master's degree from SUNY Stony Brook and a Ph.D. from New York University (NYU), with a research focus on rare pediatric diseases. Dr. Vitale previously worked at Stony Brook as a Nurse Practitioner. Possessing a love of research, Dr. Vitale shares this passion with students at the graduate and doctoral levels. At the graduate level, she mentors students by making research "come alive" and relating it to current clinical practice. She is a much sought-after dissertation chair for the Ph.D. in Nursing students and has

chaired eleven committees. She is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners as well as the League of Women Voters. She has published and presented at the local, state, and national levels and assists students in doing the same. Her presence in the School of Nursing and Health Sciences is one of calm, committed service to our students. In addition, she volunteers with her church. Dr. Vitale and her husband, William, have three children, Lauren, Cheryl, and Ken, and four beloved grandchildren. Congratulations and thank you, Dr. Vitale.





## Danielle Albanese-Samuel

Danielle Albanese is the Records Coordinator in the Division of Continuing Education and Professional Development. Danielle began her career as an Office Assistant, a vital position in which she made certain all requirements were in place to ensure that all Continuing Education classes began successfully. Danielle's meticulous attention to detail and her ability to manage complex records with efficiency have played a pivotal role in the success of the Division. Her expertise in maintaining accurate and accessible records has ensured smooth operations and helped countless students and staff members navigate the University's Continuing Education programs with confidence. Danielle also generates hundreds of certificates that come out of the Division each year. Danielle has consistently gone above and beyond to provide support, offer guidance, and foster an environment of collaboration. Her contributions extend beyond her daily responsibilities, as she has actively participated in improving systems and processes; she is always seeking ways to enhance the Division's efficiency. Danielle and her husband, Danny Samuel, are the very proud parents of their 13-year-old daughter, Francesca, who attends Our Lady of Victory School in Floral Park. As we celebrate Danielle's 25 years of outstanding service, we acknowledge her profound impact on the Division, Molloy University, and the many individuals whose lives she has touched through her work. Her dedication, professionalism, and positive attitude continue to inspire those around her, and we look forward to many more years of shared success. Congratulations, Danielle, on this well-deserved recognition.



## Dorothy Bock

Dorothy Bock, Student Solution Center Representative, began her second career at Molloy University after spending more than 18 years in the banking industry. Her first role at Molloy was in Continuing Education & Professional Studies, where she served for 20 years as Accounts Coordinator, responsible for all billing and accounts receivable, as well as monthly/quarterly reconciliation reports. Dorothy then worked in Purchasing. In her current role as a Student Solution Center Representative, Dorothy is part of the group that is being honored with the Molloy Team Award in 2025. Dorothy has served on the Staff Advisory Committee, the Financial Resources Committee, and as a staff representative on the Middle States Evaluation Committee. Dorothy and her husband, Michael, have been actively involved in their parish, St. Raymond of Penyafort in East Rockaway, for more than 45 years. They have served as Pre-Cana facilitators for more than 43 years, receiving the Bishop John R. McGann Award for their service. Dorothy is an active member of the Sodality of Our Lady, co-chairing the Annual Spring Dinner for several years. For the past nine years, she has been involved in the ENDOW Group for Women (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women). She has been a Eucharistic Minister at Molloy and her parish since 2005. Dorothy has been a devoted wife to Michael for 57 years and a loving mother to four daughters, Maureen, Kathleen, Darlene, and Christine, and each of their husbands, Stephen, Robert, Jon, and Christopher. She is the proud grandmother of seven: Micaela, Kendall, Aidan, Sydney, Riley, Luke, and Braydon. Notably, her four daughters are all Molloy graduates who serve the local and Long Island community. Congratulations, Dorothy.



## Dawn Egan

Dawn Egan, Administrative Coordinator in the Department of Social Work, is a true representation of professionalism and lives out the Molloy University mission through her role every day. She effectively executes a range of duties with great care and dedication. In her 25 years at Molloy, she continually demonstrates a deep commitment and heartfelt compassion as she serves, manages, and leads with excellence. A combination of institutional knowledge and efficient management practices have resulted in Dawn being referred to as "the glue" of the department. Dawn was recognized for her contributions to Molloy with the Distinguished Service Award in 2014. Her creative flair led her to design a bulletin board to encourage coloring as a mindful activity, and students occasionally take breaks to color outside of the department's office. These collective contributions provide moments of peace and enjoyment for those who engage in the activity. Dawn's initial banner adorns the office, and the vibrant colors capture attention and are at the center of a beautiful story of community and connection. Important values of the social work profession and Molloy University come alive through this artful expression. Outside of the department, Dawn has been involved in mission-aligned projects, such as the MLK Day of Service, Midnight Run and Giving Trees. In each of these activities, Dawn provided leadership and fostered a strong sense of community building. Congratulations, Dawn, as you celebrate your quarter century of service. Your contributions to our beloved community reflect your skill and heart, for which we are extremely grateful.





### **Andrea Honigsfeld, Ed.D.**

Dr. Andrea Honigsfeld, a Professor in the School of Education and Human Services, earned an Ed.D. from St. John's University. She teaches graduate-level TESOL education courses focused on cultural and linguistic diversity, language and literacy development, and equity. Dr. Honigsfeld is an exceptional scholar who is nationally and internationally recognized for her work on co-teaching, teacher collaboration, and integrated language development practices. She is the author of 30 books, several of which are bestsellers. Dr. Honigsfeld has contributed to 12 book chapters and authored more than 50 articles. She has been an invited keynote speaker

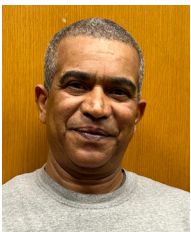
in multiple national and international conferences over the past decade. Her scholarly contributions also include service as an academic journal reviewer for six peer-reviewed journals and two book publishers. She continues to make a profound impact in the education community and is a true asset to Molloy. In 2024, Dr. Honigsfeld was selected to serve as an English Language Specialist for the US Department of State. She has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship, and she has received the Molloy Faculty Leadership Award, the Molloy Research Achievement Award, the St. Martin de Porres Community Awareness Award, the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Maroon Monacle Award from Molloy. What she enjoys most is spending time with her husband and three sons in their home in Vermont. Congratulations, Dr. Honigsfeld, on your 25 years of service to Molloy University.



### **Sean Laurie, B.S.'14**

Sean Laurie, Director of Information Security, earned a B.S. degree from Molloy in 2014. Sean's career has been a testament to his unwavering commitment to excellence, innovation, and the highest standards of integrity. He has played a pivotal role in safeguarding the university's technological infrastructure, ensuring the protection of critical data, and fostering a culture of security awareness across the institution. Sean has consistently demonstrated an exceptional ability to adapt to the evolving challenges of the digital age. His information security leadership has fortified the university's defenses against emerging cyber threats and contributed to

developing robust systems that support the academic and administrative needs of the entire Molloy community. Colleagues admire him for his collaborative spirit, mentorship, and dedication to solving problems. Beyond his technical expertise, Sean possesses a unique skill set that extends far beyond his professional role and he embodies a rare blend of technical proficiency and hands-on craftsmanship. His diverse talents and resourcefulness have made him an invaluable asset, both professionally and personally. Sean and his wife, Louise, have been married for 37 years and have four children and two grandchildren. As we honor Sean Laurie's 25 years of service, we recognize his significant contributions to the university and the enduring impact of his work on the lives of students, faculty, and staff. Sean's legacy is one of resilience, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to the mission and values of Molloy University. Congratulations, Sean, on this remarkable achievement, and thank you for your invaluable service!



### **Manuel Mendez**

Manuel Mendez is a member of the Custodial Services department. Manuel's commitment to maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for students, faculty and staff is invaluable to our campus. Throughout his years of service, Manuel has demonstrated an unwavering work ethic with an excellent attention to detail. These traits, along with his positive attitude, have made a lasting impact on all those who have the pleasure of working with him. Manuel's contributions may go unnoticed, but they are integral to the smooth operation of the daily activities on campus and the well-being of our community. We extend our thanks to Manuel

for the hard work, reliability, and care that go into every task he undertakes. His service to Molloy University has made a significant difference, and we are grateful for his years of dedication and loyalty. We look forward to many more years of working together. Congratulations on this remarkable milestone.



## Deborah Opperman, B.S.'99, M.S.'21, RN

Deborah A. Opperman, Nursing Lab Instructor at the Barbara H. Hagan School of Nursing and Health Sciences, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in 1999 and a Master of Science degree in Nursing Education in 2021, both from Molloy. Through her education and broad knowledge base, Debbie has been a strong nursing instructor in the Clinical Learning Center for the past 25 years. Debbie's passion for nursing and commitment to teaching have not only shaped countless future healthcare professionals but have also inspired and positively impacted so many. Her commitment, support, knowledge, and care have made a lasting difference in the

lives of her students and colleagues in the Clinical Learning Center and Molloy University. She brings years of clinical experience and expertise to her teaching. Debbie has worked in several different clinical settings over the past 25 years, including a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit caring for children after open heart surgery, an adult telemetry unit, a general pediatric unit, and in a pediatric home care setting. While at Mount Sinai South Nassau, she was a part of the Hospital Shared Governance Council and a founding member of the Pediatric Unit Based Council. A member of the Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society, Debbie has also been nominated for a Nurse.com GEM Award and recognized as a Clinical Nurse of Excellence by Mount Sinai South Nassau. Debbie's strongest supporter is her son, Henry. Thank you, Debbie, for all your hard work and for being such a remarkable mentor and leader. Congratulations.



## Lilian Osorio, B.S.'08, M.B.A.'12

Lilian Osorio, Human Resources Information System Data Specialist, earned a B.S. degree in 2008 and an M.B.A. degree in 2012, both from Molloy. As a valuable member of the Human Resources team, Lilian successfully manages the data and records for over 1,200 employees at the university. Over the last 25 years, Lilian has demonstrated her ability to add value to the Human Resources department, not only through her expertise with information systems, but additionally with her willingness to share her thoughts and concerns as changes are made to ensure all voices and issues are heard. Her patience in working on digitizing and continuously

improving Molloy's personnel records and processes is truly a reflection of her commitment to the team and to the university at large. In recognition of her contributions to Molloy, Lilian was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and was selected to represent Molloy at the Dominican Higher Education Council's Summer Study Program in Fangeaux, France. Outside of Molloy, Lilian lives the Molloy mission by volunteering at her church to serve and support the homeless. Her commitment to inspiring young adults to get involved in their community through service is truly inspiring. Lilian is the proud mother of Oscar, Cynthia and Daniel, and grandmother of six beautiful children. As we celebrate this milestone with Lilian, we express our gratitude for her dedication to the HR team and exemplary service to Molloy for the past 25 years.



## Mary Scanio, B.S.'13

Mary Scanio, Senior Development Officer/Events in the Office of Alumni Relations, earned a B.S. degree from Molloy in 2013. Mary is a shining example of dedication to her alma mater. Apart from coordinating alumni events, Mary's responsibilities also extend into fundraising with a particular focus on planned giving. The relationships she shares with her fellow alumni are special to her; for Mary, Molloy is not just her workplace but also her "home away from home." Mary serves on numerous committees and taskforces on campus and in the broader community.

These engagements range from promoting alumni/student interaction, facilitating fundraising efforts, supporting students directly or indirectly, as well as furthering the mission of Molloy in many ways. An achievement that brings immense pride to Mary is coordinating the participation of the Molloy contingent at New York City and Rockville Centre's St. Patrick's Day Parades every year since 2001. Mary's unwavering commitment resulted in the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee recognizing Molloy as an outstanding college marching unit four times. Mary is actively involved with the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Long Island Chapter (AFPLI). Committed deeply towards service even beyond office hours, she was commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in 2012 and continues to serve at masses in the chapel. On a personal note, both of Mary's children are alumni of Molloy University. Her daughter, Lisa Ferrandino, ('04), is married to Stephan and her son, Paul ('06), found his partner, Kate, ('03) at Molloy. Among all her roles, what brings the most joy to Mary is being a grandmother to her four grandsons: Tai, Finn, Noah and Wolfe. Congratulations, Mary!



## Patricia Bennett, Ph.D., M.B.A., RN

Dr. Patricia C. Bennett, Assistant Professor in the Barbara H. Hagan School of Nursing and Health Sciences, earned a Bachelor of Science from Syracuse University, two master's degrees in nursing administration and business administration from Adelphi University, and a Ph.D. from Walden University. Dr. Bennett has enjoyed nursing for over 50 years, held several roles at the bedside, and has had various promotions during her clinical career. In higher education, Dr. Bennett believes each student is unique and motivated to participate actively in their learning. She encourages mutual respect for all and promotes self-direction in educational

growth and development. Dr. Bennett is also committed to seeking positive student behavior change within her courses. Additionally, she believes that diversity, equity, and inclusion should be the behavior expressed by students as well as with colleagues. Since joining the faculty of Molloy's School of Nursing, Dr. Bennett has kept herself actively engaged. Moving into scholarship has led her to author articles. She has served on multiple committees, and has given presentations inside and outside the University. She has held a leadership position within her school. Finally, Dr. Bennett stated that her most joyful moments during her 30 years at Molloy were balancing the time spent in the classroom with students, collaborating with colleagues, and spending time with family and friends. Congratulations, Dr. Bennett, and thank you for your dedication and service to Molloy University.



**Audrey Cohan, Ed.D.** Dr. Audrey Cohan, Professor and Senior Dean for Research, Scholarship, and Graduate Studies in Academic Affairs, earned a B.A. in Elementary Education and Special Education from Brooklyn College, an M.A. in Special Education from New York University, an Ed.D. in the Department of Educational Administration and Policy Studies from Hofstra University. Dr. Cohan initially joined the Molloy faculty as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Education. She served as Chairperson of the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs from 1998 to 2005, and Interim Dean of Natural Sciences from 2017 to 2018. She has been serving in her current role as Senior Dean, since 2018. Throughout her career at Molloy,

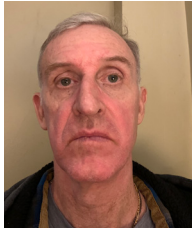
Dr. Cohan has taught at the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral level for the School of Education and Human Services. A highly respected scholar, educator, and mentor, Dr. Cohan has received the Faculty Leadership Award, the Research Award, the Distinguished Service Award, the Faculty Recognition Award, and this year she is being honored with the Mother Anselma Ruth Medal of Presidential Excellence. She has presented at regional, national, and international conferences and is a prolific and award-winning author and researcher. Dr. Cohan's impact on Molloy and the broader community is wide-reaching. She is currently the Principal Investigator of the prestigious NSF-funded Noyce Ambassador grant which supports students who are interested in teaching STEM in high-needs school districts. She has developed and coordinated the annual Molloy Principal Investigator Academy for Research and has provided leadership in the development of the Graduate Leadership Association. Dr. Cohan serves as a consultant in numerous school districts, collaborating with teachers and students in addressing the needs of at-risk students and multilingual learners. Congratulations, Dr. Cohan.



## Pedro Estevez

Pedro Estevez is a member of the Custodial Services Department. Over the course of three decades, Pedro has become an integral part of our university community, embodying the values of hard work, responsibility, and commitment. His unwavering dedication to maintaining the cleanliness and functionality of our campus spaces has played a crucial role in creating a welcoming and safe environment for students, faculty, and staff. Pedro's work goes beyond the maintenance of physical spaces; he has built lasting relations with those around him, always offering a helping hand or a kind word when needed. His presence on campus is a symbol of

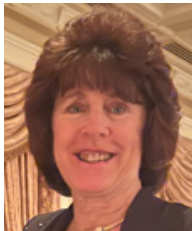
reliability, and his commitment to excellence does not go unnoticed. Whether working behind the scenes or directly interacting with the University community, Pedro has contributed immeasurably to the positive atmosphere that defines Molloy University. As we celebrate his 30-year milestone, we acknowledge the impact he has made in his role, and we extend our deepest gratitude for his years of tireless service. Pedro Estevez's work ethic, integrity, and dedication are an inspiration to all, and we are proud to honor him with this recognition. Here's to Pedro, whose commitment continues to make Molloy University a better place for all. Congratulations.



## Charles Marquardt, B.S.

Charles Marquardt, men's basketball Head Coach, earned a B.S. from St. Joseph's College. Charlie has been a mainstay of the Molloy men's basketball program. He has served as its Head Coach since the 1994-95 season and is just the second coach in Molloy's men's basketball history. Charlie has spent decades as a role model, mentor, and leader to hundreds of student-athletes, not only as basketball players, but as young men. In his 30 years at Molloy, he has coached over 800 games, won over 300, appeared in 26 conference tournaments, had 37 All-Conference selections, and won the ECC Championship in 2018-19. A welcoming and kind presence on

the sideline, Charlie was awarded the Sam Shoenfeld Sportsmanship Award from the College Basketball Officials Association twice and was named the ECC Coach of the Year on four occasions. His dedication to developing players has helped countless student-athletes to pursue their basketball dreams with many playing professionally or semi-professionally overseas. Most famously, Jaylen Morris was drafted to the NBA G-League and was signed to an NBA contract, becoming just the second from the ECC to do so. In addition, nine of Charlie's former student-athletes were eventually inducted into the Molloy Athletic Hall of Fame. A resident of Belle Harbor with his wife, Kathleen, Charlie is also the proud father of Charles Jr. and Katie, both of whom graduated from Molloy and were members of the basketball teams. Congratulations and thank you, Charlie, for your 30 years of service to Molloy.



## Donna Newman, B.S.'86, M.S.

Donna Newman, Chairperson of the Physical Education Department and Assistant Professor of Physical Education in the School of Education and Human Services, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Molloy and an M.S. in Physical Education from Hofstra University. Donna has held various teaching assistant and coaching positions in schools throughout Long Island. A well-respected athlete, educator, and coach, Donna was inducted into the Molloy Athletic Hall of Fame and St. Anthony's High School coaching Hall of Fame. As a three-sport athlete, Donna was a dominant force in her time as a Molloy College Lion. She was a member of

the women's basketball, volleyball, and softball teams. Donna has taught numerous physical education courses and has held positions including Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach, First Aid and CPR Instructor, and Evaluator of Adjunct Faculty in off-campus settings. Donna's impact on others is experienced on and off campus. She volunteers and was awarded the Community Service Award at her parish of Christ the King and serves as the Volleyball Coordinator. She is a religious education instructor, participates in charity golf outings and events and is also a volunteer with the Special Olympics. Donna resides in Commack with her children, Travis, Gavin, and Gabriella. Congratulations, and thank you, Donna, for your 30 years of service to Molloy University.



## Paul Van Wie, Ph.D.

Dr. Paul Van Wie, Professor of History and Political Science in the School of Arts and Sciences, earned a Ph.D. in history from the CUNY Graduate Center. Prior to his appointment to full-time teaching at Molloy in 2013, Dr. Van Wie served as an adjunct professor from 1994 to 2013. Dr. Van Wie was a Fulbright scholar in the Netherlands and a German Academic Exchange Fellow. The author of six books on Long Island history, with another one on the way, he has volunteered for 30 years with the Town Landmarks Commission and, since 2017, has served as its Chair. A Trustee of the Nassau County Historical Society since 2018, Dr. Van Wie is also the co-editor

of its flagship journal. He was the Founder of The Franklin Square Museum in 1976, and he remains active to this day. His newest community roles include the Presidency of the Friends of Hempstead Plains at Nassau Community College and acting as Trustee of the Agricultural Society of Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk Counties. At Molloy, Dr. Van Wie currently serves as the advisor to the History and Political Science Club and the History and Political Science Honor Societies. In recognition for his many contributions, Dr. Van Wie received the Faculty Alumni Award in the fall of 2014 and the Mother Anselma Ruth Medal of Presidential Excellence in 2025. His research interests include the role of image and propaganda in twentieth century politics. In 2021, he contributed a chapter to the edited collection *Artistic Expressions and the Great War* from Peter Lang Press. Thank you for your 30 years of dedicated service to Molloy, and congratulations.





### **Louis Capone, B.A.'85, B.A.'92**

Louis Capone, Hays Theatre Production Manager, earned two Bachelor of Arts degrees in Business and Psychology from Molloy. Lou began his professional career at Molloy in August of 1985 as an assistant to the Theatre Administrator and eventually became the Theatre Manager. Lou's roles and responsibilities have expanded during his career at the University. At one time, he was responsible for the TV Studio and served as the University's photographer. Lou has also directed student productions and served as an advisor to the Molloy Performing Arts Club for many years. Lou's title does not do justice to the wide range of support he provides to the Molloy

community. He assists departments across the University in coordinating meetings and conferences and shares the responsibility for developing the schedule for events held in the Hays Theatre. Lou has produced exhibits of his photography, acted in plays, and performed in concerts. Reliable, trustworthy, stalwart, dedicated, warm, attentive, and caring are the words his colleagues use to describe Lou. In recognition of his many contributions, Lou was recognized with the Distinguished Service Medal in 1999. Lou is an integral part of the fabric of Molloy and a champion of the Theatre Arts Department and its students. He assists with the department's day-to-day operations in the Hays Theatre, supports the student run Cabaret series, and consistently goes out of his way to make sure each class has the space and equipment needed to succeed. We consider ourselves lucky to call Lou a colleague and friend. We offer him a heartfelt congratulations and special thanks for his 40 years of dedication to Molloy University.



# Molloy Values and Guiding Virtues

Molloy University is a Catholic, independent university founded by the Sisters of St. Dominic (Dominican), Amityville. “The Dominican vision for education is a holistic way of looking at and being in the world. It is grounded in values integral to the mission of the order: the pursuit of truth, integration of study and contemplation, seeing God in all things, compassion and justice, and engaged scholarship.” *Dominican Charism in Higher Education: A Vision in Service of Truth* (2012). Therefore, Molloy University, grounded in the four pillars of study, service, spirituality and community, values:



## Acting justly and with kindness in all our endeavors

*We consciously choose the ethical direction.*

- Choose the good in all our daily interactions
- Take actions that will improve the lives of others—both locally and globally
- Develop relationships that foster teamwork within a supportive community

## Transforming our communities

*We believe that, as leaders, our own lives are in need of constant transformation as the starting point for creating a transformative learning environment*

- Nurture habits for ongoing personal and professional growth
- Create an expansive vision that helps our students see limitless possibilities and encourages them to have an openness to all people and things
- Develop reflective and responsive students and graduates in an ever-changing global society

## Searching for truth

*We acknowledge that all of us share some part of the truth and endeavor to engage one another even in the midst of passionate disagreements on contrasting convictions.*

- Commit to listening; taking a non-defensive stance
- Create an inclusive atmosphere where people can ask significant questions
- Be curious and flexible; open-minded

## Reflectively listening to ourselves, our God and to the signs of the times in our contemporary world

*With humility, we cultivate self-awareness in order to respond with our best truth to our diverse community and world.*

- Cultivate an inner capacity for self-reflection; create opportunities for reflection—in classrooms, among colleagues in work settings and at every level of interaction on campus
- Act in such a way as to encourage a more inclusive campus community
- Build relationships that support diversity

*We pause to acknowledge that Molloy University is located on lands once home to Indigenous Peoples, including the Lenape, the Montaukett Indian Nation, and Indigenous Peoples who resided in the Massapequa, Merrick, and Rockaway territories. We recognize the long and complex history that has brought us to these lands, and we seek to understand the ongoing impact of settler colonialism and its influence on the cultures and heritages of Indigenous Peoples. We remember and acknowledge our connections to Indigenous Peoples and appreciate the opportunity to live and learn on this land. We honor Indigenous Peoples of the past, today, and generations to come.*



### **Mission Statement**

Molloy University, an independent, Catholic university rooted in the Dominican tradition of study, spirituality, service, and community, is committed to academic excellence with respect for each person. Through transformative education, Molloy promotes a lifelong search for truth and the development of ethical leadership.



**MOLLOY  
UNIVERSITY**

Office of the President

1000 Hempstead Ave.  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

*Cover art by Francis Bonnet*