



MOLLOY UNIVERSITY

Alumni Association Board Biographies 2023

Clare Bailey: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year (s)

2010 & 2011

Clare Bailey is in her sixth term as a representative-at-large. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Accounting in January 2010 and an MBA in May 2011. Clare is a member of the Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society. For most of her career, she worked in the accounting departments of various small businesses. In 2000, Clare opted for a change and became a fully licensed Financial Advisor/Stockbroker with Ameriprise Financial. Realizing that sales were not her forte, she decided to return to the accounting profession full-time and to school on a part-time basis to complete her education. Utilizing the expertise gained while employed in both the accounting and finance fields, Clare has developed and is teaching a financial literacy workshop to the guests at various Bethany House locations. She is still endeavoring to write a textbook on basic financial literacy. As a Representative-at-Large, Clare is highly active at Molloy events and initiated the "Coffee and Carbs" event to express to the part-time evening students how appreciated they are at Molloy University.

Jacqueline Bassey: Secretary

Nominee Class Year (s)

2019 & 2020

Whenever people ask **Jacqueline Bassey** where she went to school, she tells them that she went to Molloy. That sentence is usually followed by "I love Molloy!" and "Going to Molloy was the best decision of my life!" Jacqueline wants to help others feel the same way she has and wants to give back to the community that has shaped her into who she is today. She has experience in nonprofit/fundraising, working for St. Francis Hospital.

She also has experience in marketing (traditional and digital) and aptitude in technology. Jacqueline has a large network that she can advertise events to and numerous ideas on ways to get alumni involved. She is also always willing to volunteer, mentor, or assist in any way she can, and is excited to be able to serve the Molloy community.

Robert J. Behar: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

2003

Robert J. Behar (Rob) is in his fifth term as Representative-at-Large. Rob graduated from Molloy College in January 2003, with a B.S. in Accounting with honors, along with a minor in Economics. Rob is a Managing Director at KPMG LLP US and has been with the firm since graduating from Molloy. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of both the New York State Society of CPAs and the American Institute of Public Accountants.

Rob is highly active in both local and national foundations devoted to improving the health and livelihood of those within our society, including the Boy Scouts of America, the American Heart Society, the March of Dimes, the Interfaith Nutrition Network, and KPMG Families for Literacy, among others. Rob also enjoys serving as a mentor to young professionals. Rob was honored to receive the 2018 Molloy University Distinguished Alumni Award for Business. In 2022, Robert received the Alumni Association Board's Alumni Service Award. While a student at Molloy College, Rob was involved in Student Government as Class President. Rob and his wife of more than 16 years, Tracy, are raising their two boys, Robby, and Benny, on Long Island. Together, they enjoy raising their pets of all types and spending time in the great outdoors while camping and hiking.

Mary (Gibbons) Blatus: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

1984

Mary (Gibbons) Blatus, '84 is in her seventh term as Representative-at-Large, the same position she was appointed to in April 2010. She graduated from Molloy College with a B.A. in Business Management and Art. After having a career in fashion and marketing, Mary studied social work at Hunter College School of Social Work and graduated with her MSW. She has always pursued artistic endeavors and dedicates much of her time in

the studio painting. Mary is a Clinical Social Worker, artist, teacher, community and parish volunteer and an involved proud alumna of Molloy University.

Grace A. Crockett: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

2019

Grace A. Crockett began her career as a Pediatric Hematology Oncology nurse at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center right out of college. She started on their inpatient pediatric unit and then transferred to their Pediatric Critical Care Unit. Grace is involved at work as a Safe Patient Handling Champion, on the informatics committee, and as a Magnet Champion to represent excellence in nursing. She was selected to participate in the Nursing Research Fellowship where she completed a research project in early 2022. She then presented her research at MSK's nursing grand rounds. Grace has climbed the clinical ladder and is a Clinical Nurse III who is certified in Pediatric Hematology Oncology. She has also worked at Camp Anchor as a nurse for special needs children. In the Fall of 2022, she began her studies at Johns Hopkins University in their Pediatric Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist, DNP Advanced Practice Track Program.

Jocelyn L. D'Antonio: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

1974

Jocelyn D'Antonio received her BS in nursing from Molloy in 1974 which launched her into a rich and fulfilling career. Her Molloy education enabled her to explore and participate in the healthcare field from many perspectives, including hospital nursing, community nursing, patient services for a national non-profit, and finally nursing education, both in a clinical setting and, after receiving her doctorate, as nursing faculty for a large university. As a resident of Rockville Centre, she has proudly watched Molloy grow and expand. Jocelyn is retired now, would like to give back, and would be honored if her experiences as an alum, local resident and faculty member can contribute to the mission of the Alumni Association Board at Molloy University.

Maureen A. Gannon, Ph.D.: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

1985

Maureen A. Gannon, PhD is a native of Queens. She received her B.S. in Biology from Molloy College and her M.S. in Biology from Adelphi University. She received her Ph.D. in Cell Biology and Anatomy from Cornell University Medical College in New York City. Dr. Gannon conducted her postdoctoral training in the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology at Vanderbilt University. She was recruited to the Vanderbilt faculty in the Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism in the Department of Medicine in 2001. Dr. Gannon holds secondary appointments in the Departments of Molecular Physiology & Biophysics and Cell & Developmental Biology. Research in the Gannon lab focuses on the development and regeneration of insulin-producing beta cells. She became a full-time professor in 2016. She has trained many high school, undergraduate, and PhD students in her lab. She has spoken about her research all around the US and the world, including a career seminar at Molloy in the fall of 2019. Last summer she hosted a Molloy undergraduate in her laboratory. Her research has been extramurally funded by the NIH, JDRF, ADA, and the VA. She has held national leadership roles in the American Diabetes Association, including past chair of Scientific Sessions. Dr. Gannon has been Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs in the School of Medicine at Vanderbilt since 2019. In 2019 she received the Vanderbilt University Hazinski award for Excellence in Faculty Mentoring. In 2021 she received the Veritas Medal from Molloy College and in 2022, she received the Lois Jovanovic Transformative Woman in Diabetes Award from the American Diabetes Association. She lives in Nashville with her husband and college-age son. She is passionate about liberal arts education and increasing diversity in STEM fields.

Roberta Gorby: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

1966

Roberta Gorby is in her fifth term as a Representative-at-Large, the same position she was appointed to in February 2012. She majored in History and English at Molloy. Roberta taught English and social studies in public and parochial schools for seven years after graduation; and earned an M.A. in history at St. John's University. Later, she completed a B.S. in nursing at Adelphi University and a M.S. in child health at SUNY Stony Brook. Roberta practiced nursing in a variety of settings and especially enjoyed her time as a nurse with the Visiting Nurse Service of New York and as a pediatric nurse

practitioner. After retiring from nursing, Roberta worked for the Department of Homeland Security as an officer in Citizenship and Immigration Services and served as the representative (shop steward) for the American Federation of Government Employees Union (AFL) in the Long Island Field Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services Department of Homeland Security. In 2022, Roberta received the President's Veritas Award the highest honor given to alumni from the President of Molloy University. She has two adopted sons from Brazil who are also Molloy alumni, William Robert '11 and David Joseph '12.

Loretta D. Hahn: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

2011 & 2012

Loretta D. Hahn is in her fifth term as a Representative-at-Large, having been appointed to the position in May 2013. While at Molloy, Loretta was highly active on campus: she was on Student Government for three years, elected the first President of the Student Ambassadors, a member of Molloy's Business and Accounting Club, helped to recruit and start Women's Rugby at Molloy, and was the team leader for Molloy's first team in the Federal Reserve Challenge. In 2011, upon graduating with her B.S. in Accounting from Molloy, Loretta was awarded the Molloy University Alumni Award and was inducted into the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Loretta then received her M.B.A. in accounting in 2012 from Molloy and became a member of Sigma Beta Delta. Loretta is an active alumna of the university and received the 2020 Alumni Service Award. Professionally, Loretta is an Accounting Manager with L&R Distributors based in Brooklyn, NY; and actively volunteers with The Junior League of Long Island (JLLI) whose mission is to help women and children and promote volunteerism. She has served for multiple years on JLLI's Board of Directors as Finance Director and as Membership Activities & Training Director and is currently sitting on the Board of Directors as Communications Director. In addition to volunteer work with JLLI, she enjoys being involved in charity 5ks and bike rides such as Babylon's Wounded Warrior Soldier Ride. Her favorite quote about leadership is from Sandra Day O'Connor, "Do the best you can in every task, no matter how unimportant it may seem at the time. No one learns more about a problem than the person at the bottom."

Patricia Landi Linekin: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

1962

Patricia Landi Linekin is serving her fourth term as a Rep at Large for the Alumni Association. In 2021, Patricia Landi Linekin was the recipient of the President's Veritas Award. Pat is a Clinical Nurse Specialist and Certified Diabetes Educator & Fellow of American Association of Diabetes Educators. Pat transferred to Molloy University for Nursing in 1959 after completing 2 years as a Speech-English Major at College of New Rochelle. In the 1950-60's Molloy University Nursing students were prepared by Helen Bradley, founder of Molloy's innovative & inspiring Nursing Program to be leaders in Nursing as there were very few BSN programs. She has fulfilled that role. In 1961, the diocese planned to discontinue Molloy's Nursing program before its final accreditation. This sadly caused Pat & many other Molloy Nursing students of all grade levels to transfer to the D'Youville College's permanently accredited BSN program that offered to create a special program for the Molloy Nursing transfers to enable everyone to complete their BSN without losing any time for degree completion. Pat has specialized in research, assessment, care and self-management education for Diabetes and related medical conditions for over 40 years; Developed Diabetes Education Programs for inpatient, outpatient, Faculty Practice, Home Care, Industrial Nursing and Elementary school settings with patients of all age groups as well as health professionals. She develops her own lectures as well as patient and professional teaching tools. Her Pediatric & Adult Diabetes Care Courses for health professionals and patients have been in great demand. She is currently in private practice as lecturer, author, caregiver, and researcher. In addition, she is currently also on the Board of Directors of Metropolitan NY Assn of Diabetes Educators, lifetime member of International Diabetes Federation, Past Chairperson of the NY State Coordinating Body of American Assn of Diabetes Educators. Among her many professional awards, she received the NY State Senate Woman of Distinction Award (2001) for her work with diabetes care & self-management education, Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Who's Who in American Nursing.

Teresa M. Loheide: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

1980

Teresa M. Loheide has held various positions on the Alumni Board over the last twenty-nine years, and for the past ten terms, she has been a Representative-at-Large. Prior to

this position, she was the immediate Past President. She has been an active participant at all Alumni and Molloy University events and has been the Chairperson, at least once, for all the Alumni sponsored events over the years and is a class agent since its inception. In 2002, Terrie was the Molloy University Veritas Medal recipient and was honored by the Girl Scouts of Nassau County as one of the “Ninety Women for Ninety Years”. She received her master’s degree in accounting from Long Island University – C.W. Post Campus in 1988. Terrie is a CPA and is presently the Manager at Baker Tilly US, LLP, located in Uniondale, New York, and has been with the firm since January 1989. She was a member of the Long Island Center for Business & Professional Women for approximately 27 years and was involved with the Girl Scouts of Nassau County for about twenty-two years as a past Board Member and past Chairperson. Terrie resides in Levittown. She loves to travel (cruising mostly) and is an avid gardener.

Christina Madonna, MBA: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

2018

Christina Madonna, MBA '18 served her first term as Secretary of the Alumni Association, a position she was appointed to in 2021 after serving two terms on the Alumni Board as a Representative-at-Large. Christina graduated from Molloy University with an M.B.A in 2018. She is a member of the Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society. During her time at Molloy, Christina attended weekly student socials after Mass at Maria Regina Hall. Christina enjoys writing, shopping for antiques, doing craft/sew projects and spending time with family and her beloved dog.

Christopher J. McAvey: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

2008

Christopher J. McAvey graduated from Molloy University (then Molloy College) with a BA in English, and a minor in Film, Television and Drama in 2008.

Since then, went on to earn a master’s in library science from Queens College GSLIS, as well as a Certificate in Archives, Records Management, and Preservation and has worked in libraries in various capacities. This includes archival and page work at the Queens Borough Public Library, as well as working as a Library Assistant for the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in Brooklyn.

Currently, Chris works as an Office Assistant in the Communications Department of Stony Brook University Hospital. He is responsible for directing calls between patients & their families, doctors, and other hospital staff. He also helps with distributing communications equipment to staff members as requested.

Joyce M. Murray: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

1989 & 1998

Joyce M. Murray completed her Bachelor's degree of Nursing while raising Her children Robert, Daniel, Erina and her husband Robert. After graduating she started her journey as a Registered Nurse at Glen Cove Hospital working on the Respiratory medical unit night shift.

In 1995 Joyce returned to Molloy college to start her courses in the Nurse Practitioner – Adult Health and graduated in 1998 and is currently Board Certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioner's Association. Besides her nursing career, she is also involved in several community activities with New York Road Runner's Medical team at various races.

Also, besides volunteering with the NYRR she also completed two of the TCS NYRR Marathons. One race was a fund raiser for Alzheimer's Association in 2015 and Team for Kids. She also runs various races on Long Island.

In her spare time, she is a Molloy Alumni representative-at-large and held Board seat of Secretary back in 2008, received the prestigious Molloy College Alumni Service award, and the Molloy college Alumni of the month award.

Joyce was also the troop leader of Brownies Troop 1115 located at Polk Street School in Franklin Square. Franklin Square Warriors Cheerleader Competition mom, Troop 93 Boy scouts Mother's club. And now a Molloy University member at large.

Kathleen (McGowan) O'Donovan: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

1968

Kathleen (McGowan) O'Donovan is in her fourth term as a Representative-at-Large. She

graduated in 1968 with a BA in Sociology from Molloy and received her MA in Education from Hofstra in December 1988, after raising her 4 children. She then taught for 25 years in Wantagh Elementary School and retired in June of 2012. She is an active member of St. Frances de Chantal in Wantagh, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, a Companion in the Ministry of Consolation, a Religious Education Teacher, a member of the Baptism and PreCana Ministries. She is also President of the Columbiettes. Her husband is a Deacon at St. Frances. Both enjoy spending time with their 13 grandchildren.

Michael G. Paone: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

2018 & 2020

Michael G. Paone is currently a Senior at KPMG working primarily in the Consumer Goods and Technology industries. At KPMG, he is involved in several initiatives. He teaches skill builds for classes of newly promoted Associates, most notably created, and presented templates which were distributed throughout the New York Metro. He is an active member in Junior Achievement. Through this program he teaches and advises high school students how to navigate college and select a career. For younger students, below high school, he teaches basic lessons to advance their understanding of money and business. Aside from the various teaching roles, he is involved in other groups and committees. He is a frequent Transitional Coach for incoming Associates and Interns. As a Transitional Coach he serves as a resource and mentor for new employees. Alongside a handful of peers, he started a monthly newsletter which is published and distributed throughout the Long Island Office. Since its inception, the newsletter has successfully published over 13 consecutive editions. During his first year at KPMG, he served as the Long Island Office's K-Class Community Service Chair. In this role, he helped orchestrate two office wide community service events. In addition, he assists with the recruiting effort by attending virtual Q/A sessions, Office Meets and Greets and Recruiting Lunches. While at Molloy, he served as a Class President of Finance for five consecutive semesters, President of the Molloy Men's Rugby Club, graduated with completing Dual Honors Programs (Liberal Arts Honors and Business Honors) and he was a New Freshman Orientation Leader twice. Outside of work and college, he has been invited and attended two CPA-podcast episodes. He spoke on his experiences and shared tips for studying with the goal of motivating students.

Fatima M. Perry: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

2019

Fatima M. Perry is serving her third term as a Representative at Large. She graduated from Molloy with a BS in Interdisciplinary Studies (social work/business). While attending Molloy she was an active member of the Social Work Club & there became a member of the NSABSW. Currently, she attends Adelphi University in pursuit of her MS Degree in social work. She is an advocate for children and her motto is, “investing in our children is investing in our future”. Naturally, following her passion for youth advancement Fatima is a Girl Scout Troop Leader of Troop 1134 in Hempstead, a Delegate, and a Gold Award Mentor. She’s a huge supporter of sickle cell anemia and has an annual fundraiser for individuals affected by the disease. Her advocacy for sickle cell led her to become a Chair of the Parent Partnership Committee at Cohen’s Children’s Medical Center. Bringing positive change to herself and those around her is why she does community service and is a member of The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Club, Inc. (Central Nassau Division). She’s a recipient of the Girl Scout Leadership Award, the 3D’s Aftercare Children’s Hero Award, and the Women’s Day award at her church. She loves music, dancing, reading, and traveling, and she looks forward to being an active member of the Molloy Alumni Board.

Patricia Rossi: Vice President

Nominee Class Year

1987

Patricia Rossi is a 1987 graduate of Molloy College. She has served on the Alumni Association Board for over a decade as a Representative-at-Large, Executive Board Secretary and currently as its Vice President. Patricia has been practicing law for thirty-two years. She is an active member in her community, serving on local not for profit boards. Patricia volunteers as a creative writing facilitator for a Long Island based cancer coalition, providing “writing to heal” workshops twice a month. She is also a writing mentor for Sloan Kettering’s writing program. She has volunteered at Literacy Nassau, leading a writing club for developmentally disabled adults for over four years. Many of Patricia’s written pieces, narrative essays, poems, and academic articles have been published by magazines, newspapers, literary and scholarly journals as well.

Judith N. Santoianni: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

1982

Judith N. Santoianni is serving her position as Representative at Large, having previously served in the positions of President and Vice President. She is also a prior recipient of the Alumni Service Award. In 1982, she graduated with a degree in Gerontology, which she uses in her current position as Director of Long-Term Care for the Nassau County Office for the Aging. Judith truly lives by Molloy's 4 Pillars of Dominican Life through her volunteer work with those who have food insecurity issues as well as animals who need homes. She attends and/or is involved with many of Molloy's events, whether they be alumni-focused or community-oriented. She is also a frequent patron at Molloy University's Madison Theater for one of their many shows along with her son James and her mother Teri, both enthusiastic participants of Molloy life.

Josephine Sholly: President

Nominee Class Year

2005

Josephine Sholly has served on the Alumni Association Board since April 2010 in the positions of Representative-at-Large and then Vice President. She is currently serving her second term as President. She works as a manager in the Corporate Tax Accounting Department of BNY Mellon in their NYC office. Soon after graduating Molloy in 2005 with her B.S. in Accounting, Josephine began working for KPMG LLP in the federal tax practice and after almost eight years went on to work for Cohn Reznick LLP in the tax department of their Jericho office. In 2015, Josephine was the recipient of the Molloy Alumni Service Award, and in 2018 she received the Veritas Medal, the highest honor given to alumni from the President. She is an active member of her community and participated in various charitable events on Long Island.

Salvatore S. Ubaldini: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

Winter 2013 / (2014 Cohort)

Salvatore S. Ubaldini joined the Board in 2019 and is looking forward to fulfilling another term. He obtained a B.S. in accounting from Molloy University in December 2013 and a MBA in accounting in 2015. While at Molloy, Salvatore participated in the Business and Accounting Club, Northeast Regional Honors Council, and Campus Ministries. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). Outside of the Alumni Board, Salvatore is part of DYM USA's Board and volunteers with the Knights of Columbus, where Dominican charism follows. DYM USA is a national nonprofit organization that connects youth and young adults to the Dominican way of life; a congregation of sisters who founded Molloy University in 1955 and who focus on community, service, study, and prayer.

Michael J. Valveri: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year

2010 & 2012

Michael J. Valveri is in his sixth term as a Representative-at-Large, a position he was appointed to in February 2012. While at Molloy, Mike was heavily involved in the Molloy University Student Government (president in his senior year) and the Business & Accounting Club. Currently, he works as an Audit Senior Manager for Deloitte & Touche, LLP in their Long Island office. He is a licensed CPA in New York State and an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). As an external auditor, Mike works on the audited financial statements of various private and public companies, including compliance with certain provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Robert J. Windorf, Ed.D: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year (s)

2007 & 2020

Dr. Robert J. Windorf, Ed. D is in his seventh term on the Alumni Association Board as a Representative-at-Large. He graduated with multiple honors from Molloy University in 2020 from the Graduate Division of the School of Education & Human Services with an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership for Diverse Learning Communities as a member of the doctoral program's initial cohort, and in 2007 as the graduate education class valedictorian with an M.S. degree in Adolescent Education. His doctoral mixed-methods dissertation topic concerned high school students' motivation related to their acquisition of global awareness. Robert is vice-president of the Long Island chapter of the United Nations Assn. of the US, and he recently completed the training (under former VP Al Gore) to become a Climate Reality Project Leader. He is a former elementary school principal and teacher within the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Robert is also a former culinary educator, American and British literature instructor, and youth literacy program instructor within Hofstra University's College for Continuing Education. Prior to entering the education field full-time, Robert worked more than 20 years for various corporations in the global financial services industry. He then worked for seven years as the director of administration and finance for an international not-for-profit social services organization, where he also briefly served as its co-representative at the United Nations. During those two careers, Robert was a university adjunct professor and lecturer on a variety of international disciplines. An active alumnus, Robert is a member of Molloy's English Language Arts Education Advisory Board and the Special Education Advisory Board. He received the 2011 Recent Alumnus Award.

Margaret Ziminski: Representatives-at-Large

Nominee Class Year (s)

2009 & 2011

Margaret Ziminski is serving her second term as Representative-at-Large. She has served seven terms on the Executive Board, first serving as Secretary, then Vice President, and then President. Prior to serving on the Executive Board, she was appointed in April 2010 and completed a term as Representative-at-Large. Margaret graduated from Molloy with a B.A. and M.S. degree in Mathematics-Secondary Education. While at Molloy, she was heavily involved in the Molloy College Student Government and was the founder, captain, and president of the Molloy University Women's Rugby Football Club. In her senior year, Margaret was one of the student liaisons on the Alumni Association Board and actively attended Alumni Association Board meetings throughout that academic year. She continued to actively attend meetings through to her appointment as a Representative-at-Large as well as after. She

is currently working for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the last 18 years. Margaret is a Contract Management Specialist II for the Long Island Capital District and works closely with the Long Island District Manager, Director of Capital Programs, Project Managers, and consulting firms executing capital construction projects throughout the Long Island Region. She has received several accolades throughout her career including the 2012 Recent Alumni Award, the 2009 Molloy College "M" Award, the 2019 New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservations - Long Island Region Sidney Shapiro Award and was the 2021 Women of Parks Honoree.

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