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# Agenda

Molloy College  
30 Under 30 Young Alumni Award Reception  
October 29, 2021

## **Evening Program**

### **Welcome**

Angela Zimmerman, MPA  
Director of Development & Special Programs

### **Greetings**

Edward J. Thompson, J.D.  
Vice President for Advancement

### **Congratulatory Remarks**

James Lentini, DMA  
President

### **Award Recipients**

Julie Sargeant '14  
Development Officer, Office of Alumni Relations

# 30 Under 30 Profiles

Molloy College's Office of Alumni Relations and the Alumni Association Board are proud to announce the inaugural "30 Under 30" Young Alumni Award recipients. The "30 Under 30" features 30 of our most outstanding young alumni who strive for excellence in their professional and personal lives and who continue living the Molloy Mission after graduation.

Recipients for the 30 Under 30 were selected based on their exceptional achievement in one or more of the following:

- Professional success
- Community involvement
- Continued living into the Molloy Mission of study, spirituality, service, and community
- Philanthropic support of Molloy

Join us in congratulating the Inaugural 30 Under 30 Recipients!



**Atinuke Adebawale**  
**ACDBS '13, MBA Fin '14**  
**Audit Manager, KPMG LLP**

Atinuke is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in the state of New York. She is currently an audit manager at KPMG, LLP. On the weekends, Atinuke also volunteers as the church accountant at Citadel of Greatness. This year, Atinuke has set up a scholarship fund for a rising senior from her high school.

*"I truly want to thank everyone at Molloy and the alumni office for choosing me for this award. I am honored to be seen and earn such an accomplishment."*



**Teresa Azzue**  
**HISBA '13, PHIBA '13**  
**Staff Attorney, The Safe Centre Long Island**

Teresa obtained a law degree after Molloy. She currently serves as a Staff Attorney with The Safe Center LI, where she plays a pivotal role in helping families and victims of domestic violence navigate the court system. Outside of work, Teri has led trainings about domestic violence effects on divorce proceedings. Teri is extremely passionate about the Safe Center and the work she does every day.

*"When I found out about receiving the 30 under 30 award from Molloy I was honored. I put Molloy in such high regard when I tell other people about my time there that I am thrilled to be able to receive this award."*



**Samantha Barone**  
**PSYBS '16, CMH MS '19**  
**Family Social Worker, Huntington Youth Bureau**

Samantha began her career as a Mental Health Counselor, working for both a private practice and at the Huntington Youth Bureau, where she is a Family Specialist. Samantha works every day to help create an inclusive support system for youth by utilizing the skills she has learned at Molloy.

*"I want to say thank you to Molloy for helping to shape me into who I am today. Without this experience and the support of my family I wouldn't be where I am today."*



**Heather Newman Braga**  
**ENGBA '14**  
**Shopping Editor, BuzzFeed**

Heather Newman Braga went on to work for The Walt Disney Company, where she spent four years making magic on their editorial team in New York City. In 2018, she shifted gears and became a Shopping Editor at BuzzFeed. In this role, Heather highlights must-buy products throughout her many articles that are distributed via multiple social media platforms to millions of followers.

*"It was such a delightful surprise to be recognized as one of Molloy's 30 Under 30! Thank you so much and congratulations to the 29 other deserving recipients."*



**Alyssa Turturro Campbell**  
**SWKBW '15, Fordham/Molloy MSW '16**  
**Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Community Renewal Team**

Alyssa is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has dedicated her career to helping people. Alyssa counseled inmates with acute and/or severe mental illness, performed crisis management, individual counseling, group counseling, and suicide assessments. After moving to Connecticut, she transitioned to working with patients in an outpatient facility to assist parolees and probationers transition back into the community.

*"I would like to thank my family and friends, who have always supported my career, no matter where it took me. A special thank you to the faculty here at Molloy, that helped me become the social worker I am today."*



**Raven Chitty**  
**SWKBW '17, Molloy/Fordham MSW '18**  
**Case Manager, The Arbors Assisted Living**  
**Outreach Associate, The Community Cares Listening Line**

Raven knew she had a passion for wanting to encourage and inspire others; therefore, she chose a career path in Social Work to do that. Since completing graduate school,

Raven has been a case manager within the healthcare industry, working at an assisted living residence, where she has now worked for more than two and a half years. Throughout the past year, Raven has been part of a culturally responsive helpline offering free emotional support and resources to essential workers and those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through the Community Cares Listening Line, sponsored by the Black Family Summit.

*"I am very humbled to have been selected and very grateful for this acknowledgement. Many thanks to Molloy College and the learning experiences here that has propelled me to give my best self in serving others within my community and profession."*



**Christina Cusack-Kearns**

**NURBS'14**

**Assistant Director of Nursing, Northwell Health Physician Partners**

Christina found her calling quickly after graduation in the specialty of community nursing. In her current role, Christina is the Assistant Director of Nursing for an ambulatory network of Physician Practices. She designs and implements education programs for the Practices' registered nurses, participates in research and acts as an overall clinical resource to her colleagues.

*"I am so thankful to receive this award from Molloy - being a Molloy Nurse is something that makes me proud each and every day! Thank you to my family, husband and daughter for supporting me throughout my career and as I pursue my Master's Degree in Nursing Education."*



**Nicholas R. DiBenedetto**

**AZOBA '13, M2TES '16**

**Teacher, West Hempstead High School**

Nicholas is currently in his eighth year of teaching History and ENL at West Hempstead High School. Additionally, Nick is the head coach of the Cross Country, Boy's Winter Track, and Boy's Spring Track teams. With his time on the field, he has helped his students grow to become county champions and athletes who qualify for NYS championships. Both inside and outside of the classroom, Nick strives to provide his students with as many opportunities as possible in their lives. Outside of work, Nick is completing research in Linguistics and hopes to obtain a Ph.D. in the field.

*"I would like to express my gratitude to Molloy College for not only supporting me while I was a student, but also for providing me opportunities to grow as a professional and continue to be part of the Molloy College community."*



**Monifa Fletcher**  
**CRJBS '18**  
**Owner & CEO, Great Wax Club**

Monifa realized during her time at Molloy that she wanted to help people. As a licensed waxer, she learned that the industry was greatly unfair for people of color and knew instantly that she could make a difference. After graduating from Molloy, she completed beauty school to become a licensed esthetician. Monifa took the jump into becoming an entrepreneur and opened her own business, Great Wax Club. Now she spends her days helping women and men feel beautiful and clean.

*"I am so honored to accept this award. I wouldn't have had the confidence I needed for entrepreneurship if I didn't attend Molloy."*



**Kristina Fasano Giannetti**  
**SLPBS '14, MSSLT '16**  
**Speech Language Pathologist – Jericho School District**

Kristina has been a Speech Language Pathologist for 5 years and has worked with a variety of ages and speech/language disorders. She is certified by the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA), licensed in the state of New York as a Speech Language Pathologist and Teacher of Students with Speech and Language Disabilities (TSSLD), and is PROMPT Level 2 trained. Currently, Kristina enjoys working for the Jericho School District at the elementary school level with students grades K-5. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Kristina has been successful in providing speech and language therapy services in a telehealth format.

*"I am so grateful to have been selected as one of Molloy's 30 under 30! Thank you to the hardworking employees behind this event and congrats to all the recipients!"*



**Andrew Gilmartin**  
**FINBS '17**  
**Senior Investment Advisor, Lebenthal Global Advisors, LLC**

Andrew works as a Senior Investment Advisor for Lebenthal Global Advisors. In July 2021, Andrew earned his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ designation. In addition to his professional career, Andrew has a deep passion for philanthropy. Andrew is a board member for the American Heart Association's (AHA) New York City Young Professionals Group. Most recently, Andrew was the Co-Captain for the 2021 Young Professional's Wall Street Run & Heart Walk team.

*"Thank you to Molloy College for recognizing me as one of Molloy's 30 Under 30 Alumni, I am so honored and grateful to be part of this group. Thank you to those in the business department for all your help and guidance throughout the years. To the other 29 alumni who are receiving this award as well, congratulations - you're all extraordinary."*



**Emma Giordano**  
**PSYBS, '17 & MSCMH '21**  
**Clinical Mental Health Counselor, Private Practice**  
**Youtuber, @Emmmabooks**

Emma Giordano is a mental health counselor and YouTuber. Since graduating, Emma works as a mental health counselor at a private practice in New York City providing her clients with a comfortable environment to heal and improve their lives through Dialectical Behavioral Therapy. She is also the communications officer for Counselors for Social Justice, a division of the American Counseling Association. When she is not practicing therapy, Emma manages her own YouTube channel "Emmmabooks" where she shares her love of reading and book recommendations with over 200,000 loyal followers.

*"I am so grateful to be a recipient of Molloy College's 30 Under 30 Award. My experience completing my undergraduate and graduate studies at Molloy has directly contributed to my success as a mental health counselor and my incredible professors have always been supportive of my endeavors in the social media-book world. My choice to become a Molloy College Lion is one that will follow me for the rest of my life."*



**Angelina Worgul Hallahan**  
**NMTBS '18**  
**Nuclear Medicine Technologist, Zwanger Pesiri**

Angelina is certified in Nuclear Medicine and Computerized Tomography scans. She has been working in an outpatient radiology center performing Nuclear Medicine and PET/CT scans. Through her work, Angelina helps make her patients feel more comfortable while getting their exams. Recently, Angelina married and became a mom to a daughter, Sophia.

*"I was truly honored to hear that I was nominated for the 30 under 30 award. I would like to express my special thanks of gratitude to the staff at Molloy College for their countless time and effort they put into helping me shape my future."*



**Carolyn Hartmann**  
**MBA '20**  
**North America Marketing Manager, Sartorius**

Carolyn is currently the North America Regional Marketing Manager for Sartorius Stedim Biotech. Outside of work, Carolyn is enrolled as a doctoral student, an avid marathon runner, and plays competitive tennis with USTA. Carolyn also dedicates her spare time to the nonprofit organization "Girls on the Run."

*"I want to extend a special thank you to Molloy for this generous acknowledgment. But more importantly, I'd like to thank Molloy for its continued dedication to making this world and our community a better place."*



**Mary-Katherine Michels Haslbauer**  
**AMSBA '16**  
**Special Education Teacher, Merrick School District**

Mary-Kate is a special education teacher at Merrick Avenue Middle School. She works as a collaborative inclusion teacher, teaching eighth grade math and science to students with disabilities that participate in a general education classroom. When she is not teaching, she can be found coaching the cheerleading team or assisting students in after-school activities, clubs, and events.

*"Thank you to my husband, Eric for nominating me for this honor, and to the Molloy community for helping to mold me into the teacher and person I am today."*



**Saniya Khan**  
**ACCBS '16**  
**Supervising Auditor, Federal Reserve Bank of New York**

Saniya is a Supervising Auditor at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. She is a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), and New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA). During her time at the New York Fed, Saniya has been passionate about advancing a culture of inclusion through leadership roles in diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. She is on the leadership team of the New York Fed's women's employee resource network and a mentor with the New York City Department of Education's High School Mentoring Program.

*"I would not be where I am today without the support of my family, the strong foundation built at Molloy, and the anchor of my faith. Thank you."*



**Matthew Lucito**  
**BIOBS '17**  
**Medical Student, Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine**

Matthew began his career working at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in the Tuveson Lab researching the deadly disease of pancreatic cancer. As part of the Tuveson Lab, Matthew learned from scientists and clinicians from all over the world and provided him the opportunity to shadow a physician in the field. After three publications and more than two years working in the lab, Matthew has continued his journey by starting medical school at Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine.

*"I would like to thank Molloy College for selecting me to be a member of their Inaugural 30 Under 30 Alumni Series. I am truly honored and hope to continue to make the Molloy Community proud. Thank you to all the professors and classmates that helped me along the way and pushed me to be the best version of myself."*





**Lanier Mason**  
**ACCBS'15**  
**Assurance Manager, EY LLP**

Lanier is an Assurance Manager at EY. After a three-month stint in rotation within EY's Innovation Group (FSO Labs), he was asked to return to manage the same group a year later to help oversee a team of nine composed of professionals based in India and across the US. Outside of work, Lanier volunteers his time as an advisor to his high school alma mater, as well as Molloy College. In 2020, Lanier launched a scholarship at Molloy for African American students in honor of his late grandmother, Leona C. Mason. In September 2021, Lanier was recognized as one of the 40 Black CPAs under the age of 40 by the Black CPA Centennial.

*"I am honored to be recognized by the College for contributing to its rich history of service to humanity. My place in this cohort is solely a testament to the support and encouragement I've received from my family, friends, and mentors along the way. Thank you, Molloy."*



**Deandra Ramkarran**  
**NURBS '15**  
**Nurse Practitioner, Northwell Health**

Deandra began her career in a Critical Care Residency program designed for newly graduated Registered Nurses at South Nassau Communities Hospital (now Mount Sinai South Nassau). Deandra attained her certification by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses as a Critical Care Registered Nurse. She continued her career by accepting a position at Northwell Health, South Shore University Hospital in the Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit. Deandra earned her Master of Science degree in Nursing, graduating with honors as an Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner and gained her Board Certification by the ANCC. In August 2020, Deandra traveled to Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, Utah to aid in their surge of COVID-19 patients.

*"I am thankful and honored to accept the 30 Under 30 award from Molloy. I would also like to thank my parents and sister for their continued support and encouragement in my personal and professional growth."*



**Kristin Rochford**  
**CESBG '17**  
**Teacher, Bethpage School District**

Kristin was hired by the Bethpage School District shortly after graduation as a first-grade teacher. In May 2021, she received her tenure. Kristin has served on numerous committees within her district, piloted programs for new curricula, presented at workshops across Long Island, and has had several opportunities to implement new and engaging technology tools with her colleagues and students. In 2019, Kristin was selected for her district as the NASTAR (Nassau Association of School Technologies Award) recipient.

*"Thank you to Molloy, my family, and friends for everything they have done to help me succeed."*



**Renee Smucker**  
**MATBA, PSYBS '13**  
**Psychologist, Maryland Parent Child Clinic**

Renee completed a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology after graduating from Molloy. She pursued a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in child psychology at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, MD. In 2020, Renee started her own practice, the Maryland Parent Child Clinic, that serves children and adolescents, ages 2 to 21, with a variety of behavioral and emotional concerns. In her role, she serves her community by helping children directly and training other therapists to provide evidence-based treatments.

*"Thank you so much for this award. My time at Molloy meant a lot to me and it means so much to be acknowledged in this way."*



**Shea Spitzbarth**  
**BUSBS '17**  
**Pitcher, Pittsburgh Pirates**

Shea is currently a Pitcher for the Major League Baseball (MLB) team the Pittsburgh Pirates. Shea credits his parents and two younger brothers for supporting him and helping him to achieve his dream of playing in the MLB. When not playing in the major leagues, Shea volunteers his time with his local little league to help the young players enhance their skills.

*"Thank you for nominating me for Molloy's 30 under 30 award! I am very grateful to be chosen. Congratulations as well to the other twenty-nine recipients. Looking forward as well to the Hall of Fame for the Athletics Department, who supported me and built great relationships with me since I stepped on campus. Go Lions!"*



**Kathleen Sposato**  
**SLPBS '13**  
**Office Supervisor, Speech Language Pathologist, Theralympic Speech**

Kathleen went on to earn a master's degree in Speech Language Pathology. She now has over five years in the field, evaluating and treating many children ages zero to 17, with various diagnoses and disorders. She now works with patients ages zero to five. Despite challenges and hardships secondary to her severe rheumatoid arthritis and the COVID-19 pandemic, Kathleen has earned the position of Office Supervisor. In this role, Kathleen supervises clinical fellows who have just graduated and other speech language pathologists.

*"I'd like to thank Molloy College for acknowledging my accomplishments post graduation. It means the world to me to know that Molloy is still watching over me throughout my career."*



**Tabetha Steiner**  
**NURSBS '20**  
**Pediatric ICU Nurse, Hassenfeld Children's Hospital**

Tabetha graduated from Molloy in December 2019 and passed the NCLEX (The National Council Licensure Examination) in February 2020. In April 2020, she began her first nursing job in the Pediatric ICU at Hassenfeld Children's Hospital, NYU Langone. While starting a job in the middle of a pandemic was not conventional, working during the pandemic has taught Tabetha many lessons such as taking nothing for granted and to start each new day fresh.

*"I would like to thank my parents for guiding me towards Molloy's nursing program and supporting me through out the journey. I would also like to thank Molloy for the wonderful education I received while attending."*



**Angela Strauman**  
**CAP21 THABF '19**  
**Actor**

Angela Strauman is a New York City based actor, dancer, singer, and writer in the Theater/TV/Film Industry. Her acting career has taken her internationally, and all over the United States. During the pandemic, Angela created opportunities for artists to stay creative through Zoom readings of plays. She recently finished filming for a pilot she co-starred in and co-wrote, was on set for *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* for Season 4, completed the last leg of the core improv curriculum at UCB, and played Romeo in a podcast version of *R&J* to be released through *Cast My Vibe*. Currently, Angela is on tour again playing a stepsister in *Cinderella*.

*"Thank you. I am absolutely honored to be part of the Molloy 30 Under 30 Awards. There are many times as an actor and as an artist that our work goes unnoticed. I am so grateful for the acknowledgement of the hard work and so excited to continue to work for what's to come. I think the most rewarding success is that which comes with hard work, the unseen work, the work you know you did and isn't necessarily seen by anyone else. To those who have graduated, and to those who are still in school, keep going, you've got what it takes, make it happen."*



**Sterling Swaby**  
**CHSBS '16, M4ASI '21**  
**Special Education Teacher, Half Hollow Hills Central School District**

Sterling is currently a special education teacher, grades six and seven, with the Half Hollow Hills School District. Sterling also runs Educational Technology workshops for his district, providing support for teachers who want to learn how to incorporate technology into their classroom learning. Sterling was featured in articles for Newsday and News 12 for his support for teachers throughout the COVID-19 remote learning situation. Sterling

enjoys researching ways to improve student experience within the classroom.

*"Molloy College helped me grow as an undergrad student, guided me as a graduate student and continues to provide opportunities as a postgraduate. I am thankful for the support and guidance; I am honored to receive this award. No matter where I go, I will always have support from my Molloy family."*



**Salvatore Ubaldini**  
**ACCBS '14**  
**Senior Forensic Accountant, K2 Integrity**

Salvatore obtained his master's degree and the Certified Public Accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner licenses after graduating from Molloy. He now works at K2 Integrity, an industry-leading investigative, compliance, and cyber defense services firm as part of their Investigations and Risk Advisory practice. Outside of work, Salvatore serves as a member of the Molloy College Alumni Association Board and is on the Board of Directors for the Dominican Youth Movement, USA. The DYM USA is a national nonprofit organization that connects youth and young adults to the Dominican way of life: preaching the Gospel, community, service, study, and prayer.

*"This award is sincerely shared with the professors, staff, and lifelong friends from Molloy College who contributed to my educational and spiritual growth. The Molloy College community and charism are the foundation to my successes - thank you!"*



**Robert Watson**  
**CRJBA '15**  
**Associate Attorney, Elite Title & Closing Services, LLC**

Robert obtained a Juris Doctor degree in 2018 and is now an Associate Attorney with Elite Title & Closing Services. Robert's primary responsibilities are drafting and negotiating real estate contracts, examining real estate titles, and conducting closings. In his role, Robert understands the importance of guiding his clients through the step-by-step process and empowers them. He currently resides in Rhode Island with his wife and three dogs.

*"Thank you to Molloy College and all my former professors for this tremendous honor. Without my time at Molloy, I wouldn't be where I am today, and I'll always be grateful for that!"*



**Krystin White**  
**COMBA '16**  
**Senior Account Executive, Sarah Hall Productions, Inc.**

Krystin is a Senior Account Executive at Sarah Hall Productions, Inc (SHP), an award winning, full-service Public Relations & Social Media firm focusing on

entertainment and lifestyle accounts. Krystin's client roster includes top doctors based around the U.S. to lifestyle clients, such as a Hollywood Costume designer. Her time at SHP began in May 2015 with a summer internship that Molloy Professor and student advisor Janice Kelly helped her secure. Shortly after joining the SHP team, Krystin advanced to an Account Executive.

*"I'd like to thank my parents, sisters, and fiancé for always supporting me. Their encouragement is what fuels me to keep learning and growing! Additionally, a big thank you to Janice Kelly, who helped me secure the internship that led me to my ongoing career with the Sarah Hall Productions team."*



**Brandon Williams**

**HISBA '14**

**Education Coordinator, Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum**

Brandon knew from his youth that he had a passion for history. While he was a student at Molloy, Brandon interned at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum where he assisted in obtaining funds to support the museum's ability to preserve its wet marine specimen collection. He also recorded voice-overs for educational content and helped in the development of the book *Eagle's Nest: The William K. Vanderbilt II Estate* (2015). Brandon later earned a Master's degree in Public History, and soon began an internship at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum. There, he archived recordings of an oral history project that captures the stories of former crew members of the USS Intrepid, pilots, and astronauts. The stories of heroism and sacrifice left an indelible impression on him and were told as he later led and developed educational programming as an Educator. In 2017, Brandon also assisted in the preparation of the Big Apple Honor Flight reception for 75 WWII veterans that were flown to and from Washington DC to see memorials that were raised in their honor. In 2019, Brandon became an Education Coordinator at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum. He has a significant role in the education program booking process, has managed the museum educator schedule, developed an online monthly newsletter, and worked to obtain museums goals.

*"Thank you to Molloy College for considering and selecting me for this distinguishing honor. I sincerely appreciate having had the opportunity to be a part of this alumni series."*

***For additional information about Molloy's 30 Under 30 Initiative,  
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