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### Long Island Rail Road Introduces Discount Ticket Pilot Program for Molloy College Students

*Molloy College Funding Students with Savings on Monthly or Ten-Trip Tickets*

*Program Provides an Efficient, Safe, Environmentally Friendly Transportation Alternative*

MTA Long Island Rail Road and Molloy College have partnered to provide the first-ever discounted college ticket initiative for full-time students traveling to and from campus on the Long Island Rail Road.

The LIRR-Molloy College Ticket Pilot Program provides a 25% discount subsidized by Molloy College. Students must purchase a monthly ticket or ten-trip ticket package via the [MTA eTix mobile ticketing app](#). Molloy students will submit proof of purchase to Molloy College to receive the credit to their student account.

The discount program, to be fully funded by Molloy College, will provide students with a \$770 savings for the school year, \$77 per month, for monthly ticket holders. Students who purchase Ten-Trip Tickets from LIRR will save \$218 for the school year, or \$21.81 a month. The student savings will ease the financial burden of commuting and increase awareness of LIRR service as an efficient, more environmentally friendly and safer alternative to driving a car.

The pilot will benefit many students, with a specific focus on Molloy's signature Manhattan-based theater program, CAP 21, and enrolled students who live on the Rockville Centre campus and travel between Rockville Centre (Fare Zone 7) and New York City (Fare Zone 1). Students who take the LIRR to Rockville Centre Station can transfer to the N16 bus or take the Molloy College shuttle bus to campus.

"We thank Molloy College for funding this first-ever program that helps students with transportation costs and encourages using the LIRR. This provides an attractive opportunity for every student while also reducing the carbon footprint. As these students learn and grow at Molloy and become our future leaders, their use of this initiative will lead by example to support mass transportation," **said LIRR President Phil Eng**. "We know this initiative can pave the way for more programs to help students save money."

"We are proud to partner with a leading organization like the Long Island Rail Road. As Molloy has grown over the last two decades – and as it continues to grow – one important factor will be the ability of our students to take public transportation. That's why this pilot program is important and why we are excited to work with the LIRR," **said Molloy President Drew Bogner**.

"Molloy has earned a reputation as an institution that is committed to providing leadership on a variety of issues, including the work we have done over the years with our Energeia Partnership. Now we are excited to launch a pilot program with the LIRR that focuses on public transportation. The program will encourage a very specific demographic (our CAP21 theatre students) to use the Long Island Rail Road to commute to our Manhattan Center and back to Rockville Centre," **said Molloy Vice President Edward J. Thompson**.

"Students are always looking for ways to not only save money, but be socially responsible at the same time. Molloy's partnership with the LIRR helps students do both," **said Molloy student Jordan Auriemma**.

For more information about the program, visit <http://web.mta.info/lirr/Travel/College.htm> or <https://www.molloy.edu/molloy-life/ride-the-lirr-to-college>

#### About LIRR Tickets and Savings

Long Island Rail Road offers customers several ways to save on your commute, with multiple ticket types and purchase options. Customers may choose how much to save based on how they ride. For more information about buying LIRR tickets, visit <https://new.mta.info/fares-and-tolls/long-island-rail-road/which-ticket-should-i-buy> For information about MY LIRR LOYALTY appreciate program for LIRR Monthly ticket holders, click here: <http://web.mta.info/lirr/mylirrloyalty/>

#### About Molloy College

Molloy College is an independent Catholic college based in Rockville Centre, founded in 1955 by the Sisters of Saint Dominic in Amityville, NY. Molloy students can earn degrees in a variety of outstanding academic programs (undergraduate, graduate and doctoral), including nursing, business, education, social work, music therapy, computer studies and many more. For more information about the college, visit <https://www.molloy.edu/>

