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Dear Practitioners, Colleagues and Students,

On behalf of the Human Services Department at Monroe Community College, I would like to invite you to our sixth annual student conference. We are very excited about this year's conference entitled *Addictions Counseling: Best Practices, Innovations and Collaborations*. Our annual conferences are planned and presented to the community by the students of the Human Services Department, The Human Services Club, and the faculty and staff of the department.

We are very pleased to announce that our keynote speaker this year is Karen Carpenter-Palumbo, Commissioner of the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. Additionally we are offering an array of workshops on relevant and timely topics in the field presented by outstanding practitioners from area agencies. Our luncheon buffet includes a panel presentation with distinguished presenters from law enforcement, education, and addictions treatment.

In addition, we will introduce conference participants to MCC's newest degree offering – Addictions Counseling. We will begin admitting students to our new, OASAS approved degree in the fall semester of this year and information about the new program will be available at the conference.

We hope you will join us on April 26, 2008 for this important event.

Very truly yours,

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