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Towson University Unveils Homeland Security Lecture Series

*Distinguished speakers being brought to campus
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August 23, 2004, Towson, Md. – Towson University is proud to announce the establishment of the Edward V. Badolato Distinguished Speaker Series in Homeland Security. Endowed by Colonel Edward V. Badolato, USMC (Ret.), executive vice president of homeland security for The Shaw Group in Washington, D.C., the speaker series will bring to campus distinguished leaders in the field of Homeland Security to share their perspective on what needs to be done to combat terrorism and make our nation safer.

The series, which is to begin this fall, will focus on issues related to Homeland Security, providing students and the community with access to the top professionals and opinion makers who influence national security decisions. Badolato is scheduled to be the first speaker of the series.

“Colonel Badolato has more than 30 years experience in security operations and contingency planning and is considered one of the true experts in applied Homeland Security techniques,” said Dr. James P. Clements, Towson University Vice President of Economic and Community Outreach. “We are honored by his gift to this university.”

Badolato, a TU alumnus, has served under former Presidents Reagan and Bush as deputy assistant secretary of the Department of Energy, focusing on counter-terrorism and emergency planning. In addition, Col. Badolato is an internationally recognized expert in the field of energy and environmental operations, contingency planning and emergency response. He is a retired Marine Corps Colonel with three combat tours in Viet Nam. Colonel Badolato frequently appears on major TV news programs as a Homeland Security, military and terrorism expert. Also, his commentary and articles are often seen in major newspapers and magazines.

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