

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

ALUMNAE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2015

PRESENTED TO



Sadafte Abid '95

SADAFTE ABID, CLASS OF 1995, we honor you today with the Alumnae Achievement Award. This award is presented to alumnae whose accomplishments and service to society exemplify the values and virtues set forth by the College.

You began your career in development, consulting for two years with the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. In 1997, you joined the Kashf Foundation and set out to microfinance small businesses for Pakistani women. You worked to enact change in an environment where economic challenges and gender inequality norms were working against your goals. Under your leadership as chief operating officer from 1997 to 2005 and then as CEO until 2008, the Kashf Foundation disbursed 200 million US dollars and grew the client base to serve 300,000 women. You helped to provide livelihood opportunities for countless families and to imbue women with self-esteem, stature, and unanticipated freedoms.

As CEO and cofounder of the Buksh Foundation, you continued to lift others up by enhancing financial access to underserved segments of youth and micro-entrepreneurs. Now, a teaching fellow of the adaptive leadership course at the Harvard Kennedy School, your influence in the leadership development sphere continues to ripple out into the world. You have cultivated a culture of women who can engage, sponsor, and mentor each other, continuing to improve the lives of women even beyond your immediate scope.

For your work and dedication to provide opportunities for women to grow and thrive both financially and personally, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you, on your twentieth reunion, with the Alumnae Achievement Award.

MARCIA BRUMIT KROFF '67
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