ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

YOUNG ALUMNA VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP AWARD 2016

PRESENTED TO





MELISSA ANDERSON RUSSELL, CLASS OF 2001, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor you with the Young Alumna Volunteer Leadership Award. This award honors a young alumna who has demonstrated strong leadership, consistent effort over time, and active involvement in one or more areas of service, resulting in a meaningful accomplishment for the Association and/or College. Volunteer effort may be on behalf of classes, clubs, affinity groups, the Alumnae Association, or the College.

Melissa, since graduation you have shown your loyalty in an exceptional variety of leadership roles for your class, club, and the Association. You have worked as treasurer for the class of 2001 since your undergraduate years and as class agent for more than ten years. Currently you are finishing a three-year term on the Alumnae Association's nominating committee, where you have taken on the additional job of keeping minutes and supporting committee members who describe you as an incredibly positive influence to those around you.

As president of the Mount Holyoke Club of Cape Cod, you have been widely credited by fellow officers and club members for injecting new life into the club, increasing participation, and helping to organize events that allow members to reconnect. Described as a true leader never without a smile, you are always willing to help anyone in need, as shown most recently when you served your class by playing a critical role in reunion planning.

Melissa, for your strong leadership, it is with great pleasure and sincere appreciation that we present you with the Young Alumna Volunteer Leadership Award on this, your fifteenth reunion.