## ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

## YOUNG ALUMNA VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP AWARD 2016







MEREDITH S. NELSON, CLASS OF 2011, 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.

Meredith, in the five years since you graduated you have shown dedicated service to the College, the Association, and your class. You have been reunion chair and president of the class of 2011 and were instrumental in the creation of Mountain Day Alumnae Reunions, which quickly became a new and beloved Alumnae Association tradition.

In 2011 you and your classmates organized off-campus Mountain Day gatherings. Your idea—the first of its kind—proved so popular that in its first year alone alumnae in forty cities participated, meeting locally to celebrate Mountain Day and enjoy ice cream together. Since then, your grassroots efforts and social media savvy have allowed for alumnae of all ages in more than 130 cities worldwide to reconnect on Mountain Day in groups large and small. You have taken the lead in organizing these immensely popular reunions, which each year involves a significant amount of energy, dedication, and creativity.

Meredith, 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 fifth reunion.