ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

YOUNG ALUMNA VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP AWARD 2016





MICHELLE DILANIAN, CLASS OF 2006, 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.

Michelle, your volunteer service began shortly after graduation when you served as a young alumnae chair for the Mount Holyoke Club of Boston, one of the Alumnae Association's largest and oldest metropolitan clubs. Rising quickly through the ranks, you worked in a variety of roles, each with an increasing level of responsibility, and you now serve as club president.

As president you have created an environment of creativity that has revitalized the club's programming and membership. Those around you describe you as a thoughtful risk taker, always implementing new ways of working and increasing attendance at meetings and events. Through your coordinated efforts with a former club president you have reframed participation in the club by changing it from a dues-paying organization to a more inclusive model that now incorporates all alumnae in the Boston area. Described by a fellow alumna as "a solution finder," your assertive and savvy endeavors will have a lasting impact on the club.

Michelle, 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 tenth reunion.