ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

ALUMNAE MEDAL OF HONOR 2018





MARIA ZOE MOSSAIDES, CLASS OF 1973, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor you with the Alumnae Medal of Honor. This award is presented to an alumna for eminent service in promoting the effectiveness of the Alumnae Association and/or College. Significant leadership, specific accomplishments, and stellar service have been consistent over an extended period of time and broad-based across multiple areas of involvement, which include classes, clubs, global regions, groups, the Alumnae Association, and the College.

Maria, you received a Loyalty Award in 2008, and in the past ten years you have continued to show exceptional loyalty and dedication and have contributed in impactful ways to support Mount Holyoke College.

You started as a class agent in 1988 and were a class fundraiser every year for twenty-nine years. You have served in numerous roles for the Office of Advancement, including as member and chair of the Annual Funds Committee, member of the Annual Fund Review Committee, and cochair of the Mount Holyoke Fund Steering Committee. You were a principal architect of the Laurel Chain Society and served on both the Campaign Steering Committee and the Association's Alumnae Trustee Committee. Last year, you stepped away from all this work to serve as president-elect of the Alumnae Association, which this year welcomes you as its new president.

An advancement staff member calls you "the Queen Mother of advancement" for your tireless efforts. Your commitment to fundraising for Mount Holyoke is equaled only by your commitment to inclusiveness, evidenced by the way you structured the Laurel Chain Society to emphasize participation. A trustee recalls how you "saw the campaign as a way to contact those who never really connected with MHC post-graduation and make them a part of the 'new' MHC." And a fellow volunteer notes how you always "will drop everything for Mount Holyoke."

MARIA, for your eminent service, the Alumnae Association is proud to present you with the Alumnae Medal of Honor on this, your forty-fifth, reunion.