



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
ELIZABETH TOPHAM KENNAN AWARD 2012

Presented to
Patricia Gifford Henderson '62



PATRICIA GIFFORD HENDERSON, class of 1962, we honor you today with the Elizabeth Topham Kennan Award. This award is presented to alumnae whose accomplishments in the field of education exemplify the values and virtues set forth by the College.

You devoted your professional career to improving the lives of children through school guidance and counseling. Your work has had considerable impact—locally, on the individual children and counselors in your programs; statewide in Texas, where the comprehensive guidance program you developed was adopted as a model practice; and throughout the profession.

In the 1970s, you codeloped the Comprehensive Guidance Program, which increased the number of students reached and brought them a full continuum of guidance services. This model was adopted first by the school district in San Antonio where you served as director of guidance. The US Department of Education called that program one of the top ten elementary guidance and counseling programs in the nation, and used it as the basis for national guidelines. The district showed its appreciation by naming an elementary school after you.

By writing eighteen books and more than two dozen articles on counseling and guidance, your influence has spread even more widely. And you have been an active participant and leader in local, state, and national professional associations. In recognition of your transformative work, you have received lifetime achievement awards from the American School Counselor Association, and the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision.

You retired in 2001, but remain active in the profession and as a consultant to school districts across the nation.

Pat, for your innovative work in guiding countless school children and your service to the profession of school guidance counseling, the Alumnae Association is pleased to present you with the Elizabeth Topham Kennan Award on this, your fiftieth reunion.

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