

## Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College Alumnae Medal OF Honor 2011

## Presented to

## Antoria Howard-Marrow '81

ANTORIA HOWARD-MARROW, class of 1981, you have served Mount Holyoke with distinction throughout your 30 years as an alumna. You have been an integral member of our alumnae community—a role model, a loyal friend, and an inspiration.

As a student, you majored in politics. After graduation, you entered law school at the University of Connecticut and earned a J.D. in 1984. You began your career at a small firm before joining the Connecticut Department of Public Health, serving first as an attorney and then as a Hearing Officer. Now, you work as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Connecticut; in that capacity, you represent state agencies. You also have been a devoted mother, raising two sons and a nephew in partnership with your husband, Deryl.

Within this full life, you have made giving back to Mount Holyoke a priority. In particular, you have reached out to build connections among the College's Black alumnae. Over the years, you have assumed a range of leadership roles for the Black Alumnae Conference and, in turn, helped build community among alumnae and students of color. You also co-chair the Black Alumnae Task Force, a group committed to developing new ways of connecting and supporting Black alumnae. You have been an active volunteer for your class. In 2006, you assumed the responsibilities of vice president. Your classmates describe you as "unbelievably reliable, responsive, and helpful." During your tenure, you have advanced diversity and promoted inclusion on the Class Board and in class activities.

You also have shared your leadership skills as Chair of the Nominating Committee for the Alumnae Association's Board of Directors. In this role, you have collaborated with the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board of Trustees to create a diverse pool of alumnae candidates for trustee appointments. The energy and insight you have contributed to this effort has been invaluable. In addition, you have been generous about returning to campus to speak at panels and events for students interested in legal careers. Your willingness to share your first-hand experiences in the justice system has enhanced our students' education and helped prepare them to succeed beyond Mount Holyoke's gates.

Last, but far from least, is your role in the creation of the Alumnae Association's Loyalty Award program. When the first Loyalty Awards were presented in 2006, it was the culmination of two years of effort by you and the Loyalty Award Development Subcommittee. That award, which you worked so hard to establish, now allows remarkable and sustained volunteerism to be recognized annually. It is yet another example of the lasting difference you have made to this institution, its alumnae, and generations of students yet to come. Your exemplary dedication to the service of women and community has reflected the highest values of the College, and the Alumnae Association. We are deeply pleased to present you with the Alumnae Medal of Honor on this, your 30th reunion.

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