



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
ALUMNAE LOYALTY AWARD

Presented to

Leslyn Anderson Thorne '56



The Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor Leslyn Anderson Thorne, class of 1956, with the Loyalty Award. For decades, you have given selflessly to support the College, the Alumnae Association, and your class. For your service and devotion, we are deeply grateful.

You came to Mount Holyoke from the Brimmer and May School in Boston. Along with studying economics and sociology, you sang in both the Choir and Glee Club. After graduation, you earned a Master's degree in education and spent many years teaching in public and private schools. You are the mother of three children; your daughter Robin Hayden Thurston is a member of the Class of 1987.

Since graduation, you have always been involved in some way with Mount Holyoke. As you once noted in an alumnae survey, "Mount Holyoke ranks close after friends and family." Indeed, the list of your volunteer activities is long and the outcomes enduring. You have been Class Vice President, a member of the Nominating Committee, and Chair for the 30th Reunion. You have consistently been involved in fundraising and have worked as Class Agent, Reunion Gift Caller, and Cornerstone Representative. In the 1970s, you were one of the first Planned Giving Representatives for your class. Currently, you are Mary Lyon Society Class Chair, as well as Class Agent. You are described as "being passionate and very diligent in raising major gift support for the College." The Mount Holyoke Club of Boston also has benefited from your enthusiasm, talents, and leadership. You held a range of offices, including Treasurer, President, Membership Chair, Nominating Committee Chair, and Sesquicentennial Coordinator. Now living on Cape Cod, you are President of that Mount Holyoke club.

In all settings, in all seasons, you have been willing to give of yourself to advance the mission of your alma mater. As one alumna has noted, "When someone meets Leslyn, the first thing they learn about her is that she has three children and she went to Mount Holyoke College." Likewise, Mount Holyoke is proud of you and grateful for all you do on behalf of this institution.

You have embodied Mary Lyon's expectation when she said, "Let one efficient lady, in almost any place, either alone or with one or two to aid her, commence the work with decision, and with perseverance carry it through, and it will be done!" With sincere thanks for your extraordinary efforts and for your ongoing volunteer service, the Alumnae Association recognizes you with the Loyalty Award.

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