

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
ALUMNAE LOYALTY AWARD 2013

PRESENTED TO



Karen Kayser Benson '63

The Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor **KAREN KAYSER BENSON, CLASS OF 1963**, with the Loyalty Award. You have helped the College and the Alumnae Association by generously dedicating your time, talents, and resources to the fulfillment of our mission and our enduring values. Your contributions to your class, clubs, and the alumnae community have been outstanding. For your loyalty and devotion over the years, we are deeply grateful.

Since your graduation fifty years ago, your enthusiasm for keeping alumnae connected has never dimmed and you have served as a beacon for alumnae wherever you and they happen to be, whether in your class or in your local clubs. You sought out regional clubs wherever you have lived—New York City; Monmouth County, New Jersey; and your current home, Naples, Florida. You have held a wide variety of formal club roles, including president, vice president, treasurer, and book award chair and sponsor, and you have filled other informal roles including training new officers in other regional clubs. A fellow club leader described you as “a source of incredible, fresh ideas.” You have also worked tirelessly for your class as you have dedicated considerable energy and creativity to your reunions. You have been a resource for a series of inspired reunion costumes, but your dramatic flair also comes with special attention to bringing members of your class together, and channeling their energy toward their alma mater. Your fellow alumnae comment most about your unbridled enthusiasm for Mount Holyoke College.

Karen, 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!” It is with great pleasure and sincere thanks and appreciation that we present you with the Alumnae Association Loyalty Award on this, your fiftieth reunion.

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