

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
ALUMNAE LOYALTY AWARD 2013

PRESENTED TO



Bernarda Smith Erwin '43

The Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor **BERNARDA SMITH ERWIN, CLASS OF 1943**, 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 and its fundraising efforts and to the alumnae community have been outstanding. For your loyalty and devotion over the years, we are deeply grateful.

You are seen as a long-standing fundraising leader who is respected by your classmates and the College Advancement staff. At a time when most alumnae are retiring or cutting back on their volunteer commitments, you have made an especially important mark on your class. Since after your fiftieth reunion, you have served continuously as head class agent, reunion gift chair, reunion gift caller, and reunion chair. A classmate described you as “a very dedicated and competent head class agent,” which was reinforced by others with whom you have worked. You are seen as the key catalyst in keeping your classmates in contact with one another. As described by another colleague, you have “done more, singlehandedly, to keep the class in touch with one another than any other member of the class.” While you have officially “stepped down” as a class agent now, you continue to be actively involved with your class and the College.

Benny, 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 seventieth reunion.

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