## ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

## ALUMNAE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2013

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CYNTHIA RAPP CURRY-NILSON, CLASS OF 1963, we honor you today with the Alumnae Achievement Award. It is presented to alumnae whose accomplishments and service to society exemplify the values and virtues set forth by the College.

You have become a nationally recognized leader in pediatric genetics, both as a clinician and as an academic with many publications and other professional contributions to your credit. Trained at Yale as a pediatrician, you introduced genetic and prenatal diagnosis services in the Fresno, California, area, and continue as the medical director of Genetic Medicine Central California. At the same time, you are director of medical genetics and prenatal detection at Valley Children's Hospital in Fresno, and a tenured professor at the University of California at San Francisco.

Active in both clinical and academic genetics, your research interests include thrombophilia, syndrome delineation in the fetus and newborn, and causes of mental retardation.

You are regarded as one of the preeminent medical geneticists in the country and likely the world. You are regularly named among "America's top doctors." Physicians throughout the United States request your opinion on patients, and you are a sought-after speaker on genetics and pediatrics both nationally and internationally. You have done significant work in genetic research, while also teaching and training healthcare providers in an area of California chronically underserved by medical professionals.

For your exemplary academic, community service, and clinical work at a pivotal time in the evolution of genetic knowledge, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you, on your fiftieth reunion, with the Achievement Award.