

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

# ELIZABETH TOPHAM KENNAN AWARD 2014

PRESENTED TO



*Kay Althoff J.P.'84*

**KAY ALTHOFF, CLASS OF 1984** and Frances Perkins scholar, we honor you today with the Elizabeth Topham Kennan Award. This award is presented to alumnae whose accomplishments in the field of education exemplify the values and virtues set forth by the College.

Kay, you are a trailblazer and tireless champion of women who didn't follow the rules. As director of the Frances Perkins Program, and as one of its first graduates, you have transformed the lives of hundreds of women who did not travel the traditional route from high school to college. The Frances Perkins Program has earned a distinctive place in the rich Mount Holyoke experience because of your advocacy and passion. The program has expanded and been enriched under your strong leadership and astute financial guidance.

Always seeking to assist women striving for knowledge, you also launched the transformational Pathways Program. Pathways attracted talented and promising students from two-year community colleges to the Frances Perkins Program and offered the financial support to make their education a reality. Once students joined the Mount Holyoke community, you fought to create a strong internal support system for Frances Perkins Scholars to ensure that they could chart their own paths at the College and find success—as you did.

For your encouragement and support of students, for your service to your profession, and for your impact on the character and personality of Mount Holyoke College, the Alumnae Association is pleased to present to you the Elizabeth Topham Kennan Award on this, your thirtieth reunion.

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