

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

# ALUMNAE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2016

PRESENTED TO



*Barbara Beers Burkholder '56*

**BARBARA BEERS BURKHOLDER, CLASS OF 1956**, we honor you today with the Alumnae Achievement Award. This award is presented to alumnae whose accomplishments and service to society exemplify the values and virtues set forth by the College.

Barbara, you have demonstrated a rare commitment to serving and bettering the greater community throughout your life, no matter where that community may have been. As your family moved across the United States, your passion for giving back grew. You enacted real change wherever you went, helping improve public education by serving on the city school board in Wisconsin; providing broader access to healthcare by running a wellness program in New York; and sparking dialogue about the need for better public health by directing the community outreach program for a hospital in Michigan.

When you moved to Arizona, you helped found the Arizona Family Planning Statewide Coalition, a nonprofit organization dedicated to contraceptive equity, sex education in schools, and immediate care for victims of sexual assault. In 2004 your work on behalf of family planning earned you the distinguished Public Policy CHOICE Award by Arizona Planned Parenthood.

Yet, you didn't stop there. You used your powerful voice and extensive knowledge of public policy in the roles of executive director of the Arizona Public Health Association and cochair of the Arizona Asthma Coalition. With these organizations you worked to protect and promote personal and environmental health for families and children across the state. A true daughter of Mary Lyon, you have distinguished yourself through service to the larger society.

Barbara, for your high level of sustained contributions to public health, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Mount Holyoke Alumnae Achievement Award on this, your sixtieth reunion.

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