FRANCES G. BURWELL, CLASS OF 1978, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor you with the Achievement Award. This award is presented to alumnae whose accomplishments and service to society exemplify the values and virtues set forth by the College.

Frances, you are an esteemed authority on the European Union in both the public and private spheres, and you have devoted your career to the understanding of international relations. As you have risen in prominence, you also have paved the way for women professionals in foreign policy.

You were director of educational services in the University of Maryland system, associate editor with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and acting director at the Center for International Security Studies. In 1987 you became founding executive director of Women in National Security, an organization for women professionals in foreign policy. Fourteen years later you were named director of the program on transatlantic relations for the Atlantic Council of the United States, a nonpartisan think tank and forum for international political, business, and intellectual leaders. You then became vice president of the council’s European Union and Special Initiatives, serving as the principal US-based organizer of the Wroclaw Global Forum in Poland and director of the Transatlantic Digital Marketplace Initiative. In addition, you are senior advisor for the Europe and Eurasia practice at McLarty Associates and a frequent commentator and writer on European politics and transatlantic relations for news organizations, including the Huffington Post, Financial Times, the BBC, and The Hill. You continually distinguish yourself as an opinion leader and expert in your field.

Frances, for your outstanding accomplishments, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Achievement Award on this, your fortieth, reunion.