CAROLYN CONANT-HILEY, CLASS OF 1983, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor you with the Loyalty Award. This award is presented to an alumna who has demonstrated exceptional loyalty to the Alumnae Association and/or College through her consistent effort and active involvement over an extended period of time in at least one area of service. Volunteer effort may be on behalf of classes, clubs, global regions, groups, the Alumnae Association, or the College.

Carolyn, in 1993 you took on the role of corresponding secretary for the Mount Holyoke Club of Northern New Jersey. Since that time, you have provided consistent, conscientious leadership and support as an officer, fundraiser, book chair, and program chair. You stepped in as copresident and infused the club with new vibrancy, bridging geographical and generational differences among the five hundred alumnae members. Your work to strengthen the club’s legal status by rewriting its bylaws—which hadn’t been updated since the 1960s—took you as far back as the original 1936 documents. Meanwhile, you introduced modern and efficient systems for email and event management to enhance club operations.

“Energetic” is a word used to describe both you and the club. By continuing beloved traditions while exploring new ways to reach out to an evolving, growing membership, you have “put the club on steady footing,” says one Alumnae Association staff member. Says a former board member, “She brings diplomacy and generosity of time, home, and funds. Carolyn is very kind. She has a generosity of spirit.”

Carolyn, for your exceptional loyalty, it is with great pleasure and sincere thanks and appreciation that we present you with the Loyalty Award on this, your thirty-fifth, reunion.