

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

LAURIE PRIEST
ALUMNAE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD 2018

PRESENTED TO

Kaitlin B. Braz '18



KAITLIN B. BRAZ, CLASS OF 2018, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to present you with the Laurie Priest Scholar-Athlete Award. This award is conferred upon a student who demonstrates qualities that make her an outstanding athlete, an exceptional scholar, and a leader within the community.

Kaitlin, as an all-star athlete, you have played an instrumental role in the success of the Mount Holyoke field hockey and lacrosse teams during the past four years. Your commitment to excellence and outstanding leadership on and off the field have led you to many successes throughout your athletic and academic career. A three-time NEWMAC Academic All-Conference Team honoree in both field hockey and lacrosse, you led both teams to multiple victories, recording two game-winning tallies and scoring the game-winning goal in double overtime in a victory at the 2017 NEWMAC field hockey quarterfinals. Starting all eighteen field hockey games and all sixteen lacrosse games in 2017, you are proof that hard work and determination pay off. Your teammates know you to be dependable and loyal, and your coaches call you one of their all-time favorite players to have coached. Head Field Hockey Coach Andy Whitcomb proudly calls you “the ideal student-athlete, and one of the best to grace the halls of Kendall, and beyond.”

While your accomplishments on the field are truly outstanding, your academic achievements are equally impressive. A psychology major, you received the Mount Holyoke Psychology Department Award for Academic Excellence in 2017. A multi-year recipient of The Sandra Klamkin Schocket 1958 and the Judy Friedman Daniels 1959 Scholarships, you were also honored as a Sarah Williston Scholar your sophomore year. You presented at the LEAP symposium as co-director of the Kids Cooperate program at Holiday Hill Summer Day Camp for children with autism. Your experience and work as research assistant and lab manager for Professor John Tawa in the Behavioral and Ethnic and Racial Studies Lab led you to apply to present at the Cornell University Center for Teaching Innovation in May 2018. These achievements in addition to your recognition by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association, which named you a three-time Scholar Athlete of Distinction and a four-time member of the National Academic Squad, set you apart as one of Mount Holyoke’s most accomplished scholar-athletes.

KAITLIN, in recognition of these and other achievements in athletics and academics, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is honored to present you with the 2018 Laurie Priest Alumnae Scholar-Athlete Award.

Marcia Brumit Kropf

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