

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2019

PRESENTED TO



Barbara Dombkowski Desoer '74

BARBARA DOMBKOWSKI DESOER, CLASS OF 1974, 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.

Barbara, as a highly regarded leader in the financial industry you have consistently dedicated your professional life to the advancement of women. You serve as an excellent role model for women who strive to become leaders in this field.

A mathematics major at Mount Holyoke, you earned your M.B.A from the University of California, Berkeley, and began your career in finance as an insurance underwriter. After joining Bank of America in 1977 as chief technology and operations officer, you quickly rose through the ranks, taking leadership roles in commercial lending, consumer products, retail banking and marketing.

You have won numerous awards from your professional peers, including being named Business Leader of the Year by Hass School of Business in 2007 and “one of the most powerful women in the world” by Forbes magazine in 2009. You were ranked second on American Banker’s list of the 25 Most Powerful Women in Banking and third by The Wall Street Journal on their 2008 50 Women to Watch list, among other notable recognitions. Currently serving as chief executive officer for Citibank, N.A., you have also led Citi Women, the Citigroup global women’s initiative, striving to mentor women throughout the world to maximize their potential.

BARBARA, for your outstanding accomplishments, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Achievement Award on this, your forty-fifth, reunion.

MARIA Z. MOSSAIDES '73
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