

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2019

PRESENTED TO



Helen G. Drinan '69

HELEN G. DRINAN, CLASS OF 1969, 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.

Helen, as a national expert on women's education you are known for your unwavering focus and dedication to the mission of Simmons University in your role as its eighth president.

Under your leadership, Simmons has completed the most successful fundraising campaign in its history, welcomed the two largest incoming classes on record, reconfigured its undergraduate curriculum, launched twelve world-class online graduate degree programs, and cemented its status as a premier institute for women scholars. As a member of several organizations dedicated to empowering women, including the Massachusetts Women's Forum, your comments and writings have appeared in numerous media outlets, including The New York Times, Boston Globe and Boston Business Journal. When you served as executive vice president of human resources for BankBoston, you developed nationally recognized programs on executive compensation, work-life strategy and diversity. In 2007 you received the John D. Erdlen Five Star Award, the highest award given annually by the Northeast Human Resources Association.

You are an appointed member of the President's Trust of the Association of American Colleges and Universities and have also served on the Mount Holyoke College Board of Trustees. Your experience as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines in the early 1970s influenced your leadership style and sensitivity, and you were one of five prominent Bostonians highlighted in The Boston Globe's "50th Anniversary Peace Corps" article.

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

MARIA Z. MOSSAIDES '73
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