

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

ALUMNAE MEDAL OF HONOR 2019

PRESENTED TO



Vijaya Pastala '89

VIJAYA PASTALA, CLASS OF 1989, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor you with the Alumnae Medal of Honor. This award is presented to an alumna for eminent service in promoting the effectiveness of the Alumnae Association and/or College. Significant leadership, specific accomplishments and stellar service have been consistent over an extended period of time and broad-based across multiple areas of involvement, which include classes, clubs, global regions, groups, the Association and the College.

Vijaya, your commitment to the College and to expanding its connections with the global community has been extraordinary. Your contributions span the Alumnae Association, Office of Admission and the College, and you have held key leadership roles, offering invaluable expertise to those with whom you have worked.

As a co-founder of the College's Shakti program, you have helped to bring MHC to many young women from India and across Asia. Since 2012 you have created and hosted several unique and vibrant internships for current Mount Holyoke students at your nonprofit, Under the Mango Tree, in India. You wrote the successful application to hold the 2019 Alumnae Symposium in Asia, and, as chairwoman, you led the committee in hosting an engaging alumnae gathering in Jaipur, India. You are a leading example of how to engage alumnae on the global stage and how to make connections between alumnae, current students, prospective students and the College. In describing your tireless work as a connector for Mount Holyoke, a former student and intern at Under the Mango Tree noted that you are "an incredible role model" whose "passion, communication abilities, courage and dedication to improving the lives of others are the definition of leadership."

VIJAYA, for your eminent service, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Alumnae Medal of Honor on this, your thirtieth, reunion.

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