

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2020

PRESENTED TO



Helen R. Desfosses '65

HELEN R. DESFOSSSES, CLASS OF 1965, the Alumnae Association 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 in politics you are widely recognized for your political commentary and your long record of public service.

You are professor emerita of public administration and policy and Africana studies, and former dean of undergraduate studies, at the State University of New York at Albany. You also serve as professor-in-residence for the New York State Assembly internship program, and previously you were the associate dean of Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy.

For twenty years, you provided weekly commentary on Northeast Public Radio, WAMC, in addition to serving as a frequent policy analyst for local television and public radio. Your regular political commentary on 51%, the award-winning public radio show, earned you a shared Exceptional Merit in Media Award. The author of several books and articles on national and international issues, you have taught courses on public policy and legislative politics and have served as consultant for Department of State and USAID-funded programs. The Ford Foundation, the American Association of University Women and the U.S. Department of State, among others, have supported your research.

For your public service, you have received the Coretta Scott King Fellowship of the American Association of University Women and the Faculty Fellowship at Stanford University's Hoover Institute. You are the recipient of the 1992 Albany YWCA Tribute to Women Award, SUNY Albany's Collins Medallion for extraordinary service to the university, and the Making Waves Award from the Albany Chapter of the National Organization for Women.

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

MARIA Z. MOSSAIDES '73

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