

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

# ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2020

PRESENTED TO

*Kavita Nandini Ramdas '85*



**KAVITA NANDINI RAMDAS, CLASS OF 1985**, 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.

Kavita, as a globally recognized advocate for gender equity and racial justice, your work has helped to advance equitable and sustainable development.

You began your career as senior advisor to the president of the Ford Foundation, serving as its representative for India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. You went on to become strategy advisor for MADRE, helping to transform the global fund for women. Currently serving as the director of the Women's Rights Program at the Open Society Foundations, you have founded KNR Sisters, an independent consulting venture.

From 1996 to 2010, you led and transformed the Global Fund for Women as its second president and CEO, helping it become the largest public foundation for women's rights in the world. Recognized as a leader in the global women's movement, you are actively engaged in advancing the power, visibility and voice of women and girls. From 2012 to 2015, you led the Ford Foundation's operations in South Asia, serving as a senior advisor to the foundation's president on issues related to its global strategy. A gifted communicator, you have spoken at numerous venues, including the Association of American Colleges and Universities, the World Economic Forum and the United Nations.

You are a natural entrepreneur and founded a program on social entrepreneurship that is housed at Stanford University. As a member of Aspen Institute's Henry Crown Fellows Program, you have also served on numerous boards, including those of Princeton University, Mount Holyoke College and Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

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

MARIA Z. MOSSAIDES '73  
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