

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

ELIZABETH TOPHAM KENNAN AWARD 2020

PRESENTED TO



Julie Solso Guelich '70

JULIE SOLSO GUELICH, CLASS OF 1970, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor you with the Elizabeth Topham Kennan Award. This award is presented to alumnae whose accomplishments in the field of education exemplify the values set forth by the College.

Julie, as a distinguished member of the Normandale Community College staff, your drive and passion for pursuing high standards in education have ensured a vibrant learning environment for students.

After graduation from Mount Holyoke, you pursued higher education degrees from Harvard University and the University of Minnesota. In 1974 you joined the faculty at Normandale Community College as a math professor, and shortly thereafter you were appointed chair of math and computer science. After being promoted to dean of STEM and education in 2000, you became vice president of academic affairs, a position you held until your retirement in 2018.

During your forty-four years of service to Normandale Community College you made significant progress for the institution. In 2003 you assembled a team to apply for a National Science Foundation grant to provide a pathway to careers in teacher education. That grant and subsequent funding launched the Education Training Academy, along with the associate of science degree program in elementary education foundations. You oversaw the research needed to secure two more NSF grants that provided scholarships and unique support systems. You founded the Academy of Math and Science and in 1997 received a national Teaching Excellence Award from the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges. You were named the 2013-2014 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Outstanding Academic and Student Affairs Administrator for your innovation, leadership and contributions to student success.

JULIE, for your outstanding accomplishments, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Elizabeth Topham Kennan Award on this, your fiftieth, reunion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Maria Z. Mossaides '73". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MARIA Z. MOSSAIDES '73
PRESIDENT
ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nancy B. Perez '76". The signature is cursive and elegant, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

NANCY BELLOWS PEREZ '76
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE