

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

MARY GRAHAM DAVIS LEADERSHIP AWARD 2020

PRESENTED TO



Susan Beers Betzer '65

SUSAN BEERS BETZER, CLASS OF 1965, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor you with the Mary Graham Davis Leadership Award. Established in honor of your classmate Mary Graham Davis, this award is given to an alumna whose inspired visionary leadership goes above and beyond routine volunteerism in order to advance the mutual interests of both the College and the Alumnae Association.

Susan, this award reflects your substantial and ongoing contributions to both the Alumnae Association and the College over two decades.

You became president of the Alumnae Association in 2003, during a pivotal moment in the relationship between the Alumnae Association and the College following the signing of the landmark agreement. Described as a relentlessly positive person, you have managed to balance an abiding commitment to both Mount Holyoke and its independent alumnae body. While president, you engaged and mentored the staff, supported a lively and collaborative culture on the board, and had a keen appreciation of student needs through your daughter, Katherine Betzer '04. In the succeeding years, you have been the go-to resource for successive Mount Holyoke presidents and Alumnae Association staff, an active class and regional volunteer, and an exemplar of stewardship. Your involvement with Mount Holyoke is both wide and deep, with that devotion shared by your family. In 2017 you and your husband established the Susan B. and Peter R. Betzer '65 Endowed Fellowship Fund to support a student pursuing multidisciplinary research.

A fellow alumna notes, "Susan is wise, tries to look holistically and absolutely adores Mount Holyoke. She knew what was important for the College, what was important for the Alumnae Association, and knew when those diverged."

SUSAN, for your decades of exceptional loyalty, dedication, service and leadership, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Mary Graham Davis Leadership Award on this, your fifty-fifth, reunion.

MARIA Z. MOSSAIDES '73
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