

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

ALUMNAE MEDAL OF HONOR 2020

PRESENTED TO



Ashanta Evans Blackwell '95

ASHANTA EVANS BLACKWELL, CLASS OF 1995, 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.

Ashanta, you have distinguished yourself as a leader among Mount Holyoke alumnae since your graduation. Not only have you served the College as a young alumna trustee, you have played an important role as clerk for the board of trustees and in supporting the development of a positive working relationship between the College and the Alumnae Association.

You have served on several pivotal Alumnae Association committees, including the Presidential Search and Nominating committees. You worked closely with the late Mindy McWilliams Lewis '75 on the Legacy of Diversity Fund, engaging alumnae of color across the United States. You have also worked to support the Black Alumnae Conference, establishing relationships between conference organizers and the Alumnae Association.

You exemplify the ideals of the Alumnae Medal of Honor through your dedication and quiet leadership in solving complex problems on behalf of the College, the Alumnae Association and the broader alumnae community, who have all benefited from your clarity of thought and your ability to bring people together. You have been described by classmates and colleagues as a “bridge builder” who is “incredibly impressive, with broad and deep experience,” and “exhibits leadership in all she does for the College and in her work.”

ASHANTA, for your eminent service, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Alumnae Medal of Honor on this, your twenty-fifth, reunion.

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