

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2021

PRESENTED TO



Ann Merchant Boesgaard '61

ANN MERCHANT BOESGAARD, CLASS OF 1961, 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.

Ann, in your distinguished career as a professor and a highly esteemed astronomer you have trained and inspired future generations of scientists. After graduating from Mount Holyoke you studied at the University of California, Berkeley, where you earned a doctorate in astronomy and started your illustrious career as an educator. You joined the University of Hawaii faculty in 1967 and have also served as a visiting professor at Harvard University.

Your research group studies the structure and evolution of stars to gain insight into the origins of elements and the development of the Milky Way galaxy. You have published more than one hundred and sixty papers, including eight citations within the last five years, demonstrating that your work continues to push the frontiers of knowledge. Your distinguished career has been highlighted by numerous honors and awards, including a NATO Senior Science Fellowship, a Smithsonian Fellowship, the Medal of the Collège de France, and the 2019 Henry Norris Russell Lectureship of the American Astronomical Society, their highest honor. In recognition of your many contributions to the field a minor star, the 7804 Boesgaard, was named after you.

Ann, for your outstanding accomplishments, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Achievement Award on this, your sixtieth, reunion.

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