

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

LAURIE PRIEST
ALUM SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD 2021

PRESENTED TO



Libby Sams '21

LIBBY SAMS, CLASS OF 2021, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to present you with the Laurie Priest Alum Scholar-Athlete Award. This award is conferred upon a student who demonstrates the qualities of an outstanding athlete, an exceptional scholar and a leader within the community.

Libby, as a member of the varsity hunter seat team, you have played an instrumental role in the success of the Mount Holyoke riding team. Your commitment to excellence and outstanding leadership have led you to many successes throughout your athletic and academic career.

In 2019, you qualified for IHSA Nationals after becoming the Zone 1 Novice Flat Champion. You then qualified for regionals and also collected High Point and Reserve High Point Champion titles at a pair of shows during that same year.

As captain of the team for two years, you worked effortlessly to make the team into a cohesive group, including when the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated moving to virtual engagement.

Head coach CJ Law calls you an asset to the team since your first semester, putting one-hundred percent into lessons and improving immensely as a collegiate rider throughout your time at Mount Holyoke. You embody the drive and mental strength of a top collegiate rider and participated in Tournament of Champions shows for three consecutive years.

While your accomplishments in the arena are truly outstanding, your academic achievements are equally impressive. A chemistry major and biology minor on a pre-medical track, after graduation you will continue to work as a medical assistant at a gynecology and obstetrics clinic at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. You have plans to apply to medical school, eventually pursuing a career in plastic surgery to apply what you have learned from the Mount Holyoke community and help people feel comfortable in their own skin.

LIBBY, in recognition of these and other achievements in athletics and academics, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is proud to honor you with the 2021 Laurie Priest Alum Scholar-Athlete Award.

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