

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
ALUMNAE MEDAL OF HONOR 2021

PRESENTED TO



Rhynette Northcross Hurd '71

RHYNETTE NORTHCROSS HURD, CLASS OF 1971, the Alumnae Association 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.

Rhynette, the impact of your service to the Mount Holyoke community is enormous and far-reaching. You currently serve as vice chair of the Mount Holyoke College Board of Trustees and as an alum trustee. Your work on the recent agreement between the College and the Alumnae Association is described as invaluable, thoughtful, diplomatic and inclusive and proved crucial to the agreement's ultimate success. You have also served on the board of the Alumnae Association as alum trustee and as director-at-large.

Your impact is not only in your own volunteer efforts but in actively nurturing the next generation of alums of color to reach back and to give back. You have been a constant presence at many Black Alumnae Conferences, as attendee, organizer and honoree. Your influence has been called compassionate and empathetic. An inspiration and role model, you always make time to meet with students — particularly students of color — when you are on campus. You candidly share your experiences during a tumultuous time on campus in the late 1960s and early 1970s, while also recognizing all that Mount Holyoke has given you. A colleague stated, "You can see the joy and pride in MHC when she is around."

Rhynette, for your eminent service, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Alumnae Medal of Honor on this, your fiftieth, reunion.

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