

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 a scientist. You joined the University of Hawaii faculty in 1967 and also served as a visiting professor at the California Institute of Technology.

In your research you have studied the structure and evolution of stars to gain insight into the origin of the elements and the development of the Milky Way galaxy. Your distinguished career has been highlighted by numerous honors and awards, including a NATO Senior Science Fellowship, a Smithsonian Fellowship, the Medal of the Collégé de France, and a Guggenheim Fellowship. In May 1981, Mount Holyoke College awarded you an honorary doctorate of science. In 2019 you were awarded the Henry Norris Russell Lectureship of the American Astronomical Society, their highest honor, to commemorate a lifetime of preeminence in astronomical research. In recognition of your many contributions to the field, an asteroid, 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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