ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2022





TRACIE M. GARDNER, CLASS OF 1987, the Alumnae Association is pleased to honor you with the Achievement Award. This award is presented to alums whose accomplishments and service to society exemplify the values and virtues set forth by the College.

Tracie, your dedication to social justice and public health advocacy has resulted in meaningful change for the people of New York.

For more than thirty years you have worked in public health and policy as an advocate and lobbyist. Your early work involved both grassroots organizing and policy analysis for various agencies, developing a specialty in health topics, particular AIDS and HIV. In 2015 you joined the New York Governor's office as assistant secretary of health. You currently serve as senior vice president of policy advocacy at the Legal Action Center of New York, where you expertly build partnerships to achieve the Center's health equity goals. Since 2019 you have served as a board member for Next Distro, an organization that works to reduce opioid overdose deaths, prevent injection-related disease transmission and improve the lives of people who use drugs.

You care deeply about social justice issues and translate that passion into meaningful, sustained change. This change includes a multi-million-dollar, permanent funding stream for the State of New York's alternative-to-incarceration and reentry programs, landmark HIV confidentiality and testing legislation, and comprehensive reform of the Rockefeller Drug Laws.

Tracie, for your outstanding accomplishments, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Achievement Award on this, your thirty-fifth, reunion.

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