## ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2022





NATALIE SABANADZE, CLASS OF 1997, 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.

Natalie, your dedicated service to your Georgian homeland and academic achievements exemplify the ideals of Mount Holyoke and a liberal arts education.

After graduating magna cum laude from Mount Holyoke with a bachelor's degree in international relations you received a master's in international relations with distinction from the London School of Economics and a doctorate in politics and international relations from Oxford University, where you were a Dulverton Scholar. You served as a political officer at the United States Embassy in Tbilisi, Georgia, and later as the senior advisor to the High Commissioner on National Minorities at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in The Hague. You have written and lectured extensively on questions of post-communist transition, political theory, nationalism, ethnic conflict and national minorities. In 2009 you published the book "Globalization and Nationalism: The Cases of Georgia and the Basque Country," in which you present arguments for an original, unorthodox conception of the relationship between globalization and contemporary nationalism.

In 2013 you were appointed Georgia's ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg and head of the Georgian mission to the European Union, where you helped to advance the Georgian agenda in Europe. You currently serve as the Cyrus Vance Visiting Professor in International Relations at Mount Holyoke, where you continue to inspire the next generation of global leaders.

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

Ellen Higde Pace

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