

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

MARY LYON AWARD 2022

PRESENTED TO



Mei R. Lum '12

MEI R. LUM, CLASS OF 2012, the Alumnae Association is pleased to honor you with the Mary Lyon Award. This award is presented to an alum who graduated no more than fifteen years ago and who has demonstrated sustained achievements in their life and career consistent with the humane values that Mary Lyon exemplified and inspired in others.

Mei, your leadership and advocacy within your community has helped to shape the future of New York City's Chinatown.

After graduating from Mount Holyoke with a degree in East Asian studies, you worked with several nonprofits in China and Laos, directing programs that helped to engage young adults in community involvement with a focus on leadership, gender disparity and financial literacy. In 2016 you became the executive director and fifth-generation owner of your family's business, Wing on Wo & Co., the oldest store in continuous operation in Chinatown. During the COVID-19 pandemic, you have been instrumental in keeping the store open, pivoting to find creative ways to serve your community in one of America's hardest hit cities. You also established The W.O.W. Project, a community-based initiative that works to grow, protect and preserve Chinatown's creative culture. With an increase in anti-Asian hate crimes since the pandemic began, you have been an outspoken advocate for your community, as well as a champion for the LGBTQ+ community, turning your store into a safe place where local artists can display their work.

In recognition of your exceptional early career achievements and in anticipation of your future contributions to community development and cultural preservation, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Mary Lyon Award.

Ellen Hyde Pace

ELLEN HYDE PACE '81
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Nancy B. Perez

NANCY BELLOWS PEREZ '76
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