

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

LAURIE PRIEST
ALUM SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD 2022



PRESENTED TO

Mihiliya Kalahe Arachchige '22

MIHILIYA KALAHE ARACHCHIGE, CLASS OF 2022, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to present you with the Laurie Priest Alum Scholar-Athlete Award. This award is conferred upon a student who demonstrates the qualities of an outstanding athlete, an exceptional scholar and a leader within the community.

Mihiliya, as a member of the varsity squash team, you have been an integral member of the Lyons' success over the past four seasons. Your commitment to excellence and outstanding leadership have led you to many successes. Finishing your collegiate squash career with a program-record 66 victories, you helped elevate Mount Holyoke College squash to one of the top programs in Division III as well as put the program on the map globally with an impressive international playing resume.

During your first year you won the national championship in Sri Lanka, and you were a finalist in your sophomore year. At the South Asian Games in 2019 you represented Sri Lanka and led your home country to a bronze medal. After missing the 2020-2021 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you returned to Mount Holyoke to finish with an overall record of 17-2, while also claiming victory in the consolation finals of the Holleran Cup East Division at the College Squash Association Individual Championships. At the end of the 2021-2022 season you were named a finalist for the Betty Richey Award, the most prestigious award in women's collegiate squash.

Head coach Erin Robson calls you an outstanding ambassador for Mount Holyoke squash within the CSA and across the world. You helped your teammates develop and improve, and you supported the team by recruiting for other strong players. Your successes in the CSA and internationally have kept Mount Holyoke squash in the spotlight and on the map for the last four seasons.

A conscientious and diligent student, you were named a CSA Scholar-Athlete in your senior year. You are disciplined and committed to your schoolwork and have learned how to take the lead, take risks and problem solve across many disciplines. A psychology major, after graduation you will be attending Springfield College for graduate school.

MIHILIYA, in recognition of these and other achievements in athletics and academics, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is proud to honor you with the 2022 Laurie Priest Alum Scholar-Athlete Award.

Ellen Hyde Pace

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