The Alumnae Association is pleased to honor TASHI ZANGMO, a Frances Perkins Scholar in the class of 1999, with the Mary Lyon Award. This award honors an alumna who graduated no more than fifteen years ago and who has demonstrated sustained achievement in her life and career consistent with the humane values that Mary Lyon exemplified in her life and inspired in others.

Tashi, you founded the Bhutan Nuns Foundation in your home country, with the goal of improving the living conditions of both the Buddhist nuns and the students they instruct: building a structured, practical curriculum for the nuns to teach, and providing professional development, all with an eye toward economic self-sufficiency.

Inspired to better the educational system by your own challenging experience as a student in rural Bhutan, you work to improve the basic living conditions of the nunneries—many of them without electricity, water, or bathrooms. As the first in your family and the first girl in your village to go to school, you hope to improve the lives of every girl and woman in your country within a decade.

In recognition of your exceptional early achievement, and in anticipation of your continued success in contributing to your nation’s celebrated Gross National Happiness index and outstanding service to the women and girls of your country, the Alumnae Association presents you with the Mary Lyon Award.

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