The Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor Elizabeth Cannon Gump, class of 1956, with the Loyalty Award. Over the years, you have been a tireless supporter of Mount Holyoke and its alumnae. For your loyalty and devotion, we are deeply grateful.

You came to Mount Holyoke from Nottingham High School in Syracuse, New York. An art history major, you served as social chair in South Mandelle and head of freshman in Brigham. After graduation, you studied art at the NYU Institute of Art and the Syracuse University Art Program. In 1959, you married Frank and raised three children.

Along with being an active volunteer in your community, you always made time for Mount Holyoke. From 1976 to 1981, you served as Class President. In 2000-2001, you were Program Chair for the 45th Reunion. Over the years, you have consistently volunteered as Class Agent, Head Class Agent, Reunion Gift Caller, and Reunion Lead Gift Committee Member. From 1998 to 2003, you chaired the Legacy of Leadership Campaign’s National Major Gifts Committee. Currently, you are a member of the Campaign for 2011 Major Gifts Northern New Jersey Committee. Your classmates describe you as dedicated and enthusiastic, and your contributions to these efforts truly will live on and benefit generations of future students.

The Mount Holyoke Club of Northern New Jersey also has benefitted from your leadership. You have served as Nominating Committee Chair and First Vice President. In addition, you have been a member of the Mount Holyoke College Art Advisory Board since 2006. In all your Mount Holyoke roles, you have served with distinction.

You have embodied Mary Lyon’s expectation when she said, “Let one efficient lady, in almost any place, either alone or with one or two to aid her, commence the work with decision, and with perseverance carry it through, and it will be done!” With sincere thanks for your extraordinary efforts and for your ongoing volunteer service, the Alumnae Association recognizes you with the Loyalty Award.

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