The Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor Barbara Legg Heald, class of 1946, 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.

During your first year on campus you were Class Secretary; as a sophomore, you served as Student Government Treasurer. You majored in zoology and graduated with honors. Your next stop was Yale University where you earned a master’s degree in nursing. You then married your husband, Bo, and raised three children. For years you worked as a public health nurse in Hamden, Connecticut. Then, after relocating to Ohio, you spent a decade as a teacher and administrator at the Jane Addams School of Practical Nursing in Cleveland. You also championed fair housing and, in fact, served as the first coordinator of the Fair Housing Council of Northeast Ohio.

For decades, you have shared your time and talents with Mount Holyoke. In all your volunteer roles, you have earned the respect of your sister alumnae. The Class of 1946 knows you as a capable fundraiser through your work as Class Agent and Reunion Gift Caller. You also have been its devoted scribe since 1996. Likewise, members of the Mount Holyoke Club of Cleveland are well acquainted with your commitment to your alma mater. From 1970 to 1972, you served as president of the Cleveland Club. For the next three decades, you have consistently held leadership positions and contributed to club initiatives. Whether Bed and Breakfast Chair or Ways and Means Committee Chair or Alumnae Representative Assistant—and the list goes on—you always gave your best on behalf of Mount Holyoke. You also served a term on the Alumnae Association’s Clubs Committee. Now residing in Maryland, you are affiliated with the Mount Holyoke Club of Greater Washington, D.C.

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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