Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College
Alumnae Loyalty Award

Presented to

Mary Lapp Hodgson ’51

The Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor Mary Lapp Hodgson, class of 1951, with the Loyalty Award. You have generously dedicated your time and talents to advance both the mission of the College and the work of the Alumnae Association. We are deeply appreciative of your service.

You came to Mount Holyoke from Bennett High School in Buffalo, New York. Your mother, Marjorie Broas Lapp, was a member of the Class of 1927. You majored in economics and graduated cum laude. During your campus years, you played basketball, baseball, volleyball, and worked on Junior Show. You were active with the Outing Club and the Dramatic Club—to name a few.

After graduation, you married Jack Hodgson, Dartmouth ’51. While raising two sons, you returned to school and earned a master’s degree from Syracuse University. More than a decade later, you pursued a Ph.D. in counseling from SUNY Buffalo. Within this full life, you always made time for your alma mater. Your volunteer work includes service to your class, the College’s development efforts, and alumnae clubs. In the 1970s, you twice held the post of President for the Mount Holyoke Genesee Valley Club. You also served on its Nominating Committee, as an Admissions Representative, and as a Frances Perkins Representative. When you moved to Florida, you became active with the Southwest Florida Club; from 2004 to 2007, you assumed the duties of Public Relations Representative.

For thirty years, you have been a dedicated and effective fundraiser for the Class of 1951. You have served as Class Agent, Head Class Agent, and Reunion Gift Caller. In these roles—and all your Mount Holyoke volunteer work—you have a reputation for being pro-active and for consistently giving far more than is expected.

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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