Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College

Alumnae Loyalty Award

Presented to

Margaret Bloete Shilling '61

The Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor Margaret Bloete Shilling, class of 1960, with the Loyalty Award. Throughout the years you have proven yourself to be an exceptional volunteer and deeply devoted to Mount Holyoke. Today, we are pleased to honor your service and express our gratitude.

We know you as Peggy, a house president and biological sciences major who graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude. You then headed west to Stanford University to earn a master's degree in physiology. You later settled in New Jersey with husband, Gary, and raised four children. In 1982, you opened your business, Wardrobe Partners.

An active member of the Northern New Jersey Club, you also have been active in development efforts for your class and for the College. Since 1990, you have served as a Reunion gift caller and have also worked as a class agent. From 2000 to 2003, you worked as a committee member for both the Legacy of Leadership Campaign National Major Gifts Committee and the Legacy of Leadership Campaign New York Event Committee. In addition, you served a term as class president from 1991 to 1996.

Classmates describe you as an exceptional long-range planner. You are praised for consistently bringing energy and enthusiasm to the Class of 1961’s fundraising efforts. You also are much admired for your ability to effectively communicate and lead—and for your tireless commitment to fundraising on behalf of your alma mater.

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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