ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

MARY LYON AWARD 2014

PRESENTED TO

Maimuna N. Ahmad '09

MAIMUNA N. AHMAD, CLASS OF 2009, the Alumnae Association is pleased to present to you the Mary Lyon Award. The 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 and inspired in others.

Maimuna, you are a devoted advocate for social justice. After graduation, you began your career as a secondary-school math teacher in Washington, DC, as part of Teach for America, a rigorous program that places top graduates in low-income schools across the United States. This experience was profoundly influential and led you to return home to Bangladesh to found a similar program, Teach for Bangladesh.

As founder and CEO of Teach for Bangladesh, you have created a set of core values that are critical to your mission and success. These include integrity, ownership, sense of possibility, respect and empathy, and continuous learning. In its inaugural year of fellowships, Teach for Bangladesh received more than five hundred applications for the seventeen fellow positions it had available. At Teach for Bangladesh, you believe that educational inequality is not a forgone conclusion and aim to solve it by empowering children through their education and creating leaders committed to long-term systemic change.

In recognition of your exceptional passion for change and in anticipation of your continued determination to inspire, empower, and create a better future for your country, the Alumnae Association presents you with the Mary Lyon Award.