The Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor **ERICA P. LUTES, CLASS OF 2002**, with the Young Alumna Volunteer Leadership Award. Presented to a young alumna who has demonstrated strong leadership, consistent effort over time, and active involvement in one or more areas of service, this award recognizes individuals who have made meaningful contributions to the Association or the College.

You have made several impressive contributions to the Mount Holyoke community since your graduation. Your efforts to revitalize the Mount Holyoke Club of Belgium have been particularly noted and appreciated by local alumnae.

Four years ago, you had the vision and persistence to create an internship for a Mount Holyoke student in your Fulbright Belgium office. Since then, you have encouraged other alumnae to create internships as well. You are routinely described by alumnae in the local club, student interns, and Alumnae Association and College staff as someone who is enthusiastic and passionate about all things related to Mount Holyoke.

Your commitment to mentoring others has also been recognized by alumnae in the Belgium club, student interns, and College staff from the McCullough Center for Global Initiatives and the Fellowships Office. Your exceptional zeal even inspired a young alumna in the Belgium club to cofound a new club in her home country. Inspiring other alumnae to action on behalf of the Mount Holyoke community is among the most significant of your considerable accomplishments.

Erica, you have embodied Mary Lyon’s expectation when she said, “Turn your current of feeling towards others and it will reach out in a thousand streams.” It is with great pleasure and sincere thanks and appreciation that we present you with the Young Alumnae Volunteer Leadership Award at this, the 2013 Mount Holyoke European Alumnae Symposium.