MARY GRAHAM DAVIS, CLASS OF 1965, we bestow upon you today the Mary Graham Davis Leadership Award, which the Alumnae Association has created in your honor to pay tribute to your inspired and visionary leadership. Henceforth, this award will be presented to alumnae who have gone above and beyond routine volunteerism in order to advance the mutual interests of both Mount Holyoke College and the Alumnae Association.

You have served the College and the Alumnae Association as a volunteer and a leader for more than forty years, and in many capacities you have tirelessly championed both institutions. For nineteen years, you have been a trustee of the College, and for three years you served as president of the Alumnae Association. In both roles, you actively encouraged cultural changes to strengthen each organization and their partnership.

You have been willing to raise difficult issues and engage others in discussion to find solutions. During challenging economic times, you have been an advocate for innovative collaboration among the Five Colleges to share services and faculty, which greatly benefited all participating institutions. As a strategic thinker, you have never limited your vision to the mere present but have always looked toward the future.

Your leadership and vision for women’s education and advancement have taken the reputation and strength of Mount Holyoke College and the Alumnae Association into the national and international sphere through your efforts with Women’s Education Worldwide, the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, and the Women in Public Service Project.

Mary, for your decades of exceptional loyalty, dedication, service, and leadership, the Alumnae Association is pleased to present you with the Mary Graham Davis Leadership Award on this, your fiftieth reunion.