Candida Perotti Wolff, Class of 1986, we honor you today with the Alumnae Achievement Award. This award is presented to alumnae whose accomplishments and service to society exemplify the values and virtues set forth by the College.

Candida, you have made monumental strides since graduating from Mount Holyoke College and earning your juris doctorate from George Washington University Law School in 1989. Since 2011 you have served as the executive vice president of global government affairs at Citigroup Inc., where you oversee state and federal government relations in the US and international government relations in more than one hundred countries worldwide.

Prior to this position, you were the principal liaison between Congress and former President George W. Bush, serving as advisor to the president and his cabinet on legislative strategies relating to economic, domestic, international, and national security issues. Additionally, you worked for Vice President Dick Cheney as head of legislative affairs and held a senior staff position in the US Senate for eight years in the Republican leadership.

In 2012 you were named one of the “25 Most Influential Women in Washington” by the National Review, and in both 2012 and 2013 American Banker Magazine named you one of “25 Women to Watch” in banking. Your contributions to government affairs, politics, law, and finance are impressive and noteworthy.

Candida, for your high level of sustained contributions to global government affairs and the world of law and finance, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Mount Holyoke Alumnae Achievement Award on this, your thirtieth reunion.