SARAH-ANN LYNCH, CLASS OF 1982, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor you 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.

Sarah-Ann, you have served your country and the world through your work in the Foreign Service. After graduating from Mount Holyoke with a degree in politics, you attended Tufts University, receiving a master’s in international relations. After serving in the Peace Corps in Morocco, you joined the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), rising through the ranks and taking on challenging assignments around the world.

In 2010 you received USAID’s Distinguished Honor Award for your sustained efforts around the world, especially under extraordinarily challenging conditions in Iraq, and for your unwavering commitment to the USAID Afghanistan Mission as the first and only senior foreign service officer to serve consecutively in key leadership positions in the field and in Washington, DC. In January you were named acting assistant administrator for USAID’s Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, where since 2015 you have served as senior deputy assistant administrator.

Sarah-Ann, for your accomplishments, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Alumnae Achievement Award on this, your thirty-fifth reunion.