


ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

2023 Slate of Nominees for Alumnae Association Board and Committee Positions

The Alumnae Association's Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following slate of candidates for election at the 151st Annual Meeting, to be held on May 20, 2023. Each candidate has been fully informed of the responsibility and rights of the position and has indicated consent to serve if elected. Members may submit additional nominations as outlined in the bylaws.

Terms are 2023–2026, except as specifically noted.

Board of Directors Positions

President-elect (2023–2024) and President (2024–2027)

W. Rochelle Calhoun '83, Princeton, New Jersey. Vice president for campus life, Princeton University. Former executive director, Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College. M.F.A., Columbia University. President, board of directors, McCarter Theatre. *Alumnae Association*: former member, Black Alumnae Conference Committee; former member, ALANA committee; former member, Fellowship Committee; former member, Classes and Reunions Committee; *Class*: former class agent and reunion gift caller. *Awards*: Mary Lyon Award 1995; Medal of Honor 2008; Elizabeth Topham Kennan Award 2018.

Vice President

Akilah Noel Charlemagne '00, Buford, Georgia. HR business partner director, Cox Communications. Member, board of directors, Spark Corps. *Mount Holyoke Club of Atlanta*: former alum representative assistant. *Class*: Nominating Committee member; former scribe, class agent and secretary.

Alum Trustee-Elect (2023–2024) and Alum Trustee (2024–2029)

Lale Topcuoglu '99, Montclair, New Jersey. Managing director and head of credit, Asset Management, Swiss Re. *Club of Northern New Jersey*: Former alum representative assistant. *Awards*: Seven Sisters Scholar, New 8 Scholar Athlete, NEWMAC Academic All-Conference Team.

Clerk

Sarah Binns '08, Portland, Oregon. Marketing associate, Gradient Metrics. *Club of Portland*: president/co-president; former vice president; *Class*: former member, Nominating Committee.

Recent Alum Representative

Nicole Villacrés-Reyes '18, Portland, Maine. Estate administration paralegal, Sarah Coburn Law. *Class*: head class agent. *College*: former member, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee for the rowing team; Student Government; 2018 Harriet Newhall Fellow. *Awards*: Mary Lyon Scholar, Sally Montgomery Prize, Jean Grossholtz Award, Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude. *Volunteer work*: Development director, Queer Craft Maine.

Committee Chairs

Alum Trustee Nomination Committee

Deborah A. Northcross '73, Memphis, Tennessee. Executive director, TRIO Training, Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel. MED, University of Memphis. *Alumnae Association*: former member, Alumnae Trustee Nominating Committee; former member, Alumnae Trustee Task Force; former chair, Black Alumnae Advisory Group Chair; current member, ALANA Committee; former alum trustee; former vice president, Alumnae Association Board of Directors; former chair, Program Committee. *Class*: current member, Nominating Committee; current class agent; former vice president; former reunion gift caller. *College*: former alum trustee. *Awards*: Medal of Honor 2003; Alumnae Admission Recognition 2000; Outstanding Leadership Award 1989. *Community/Professional Associations*: former member, Knowledge is Power Program board of directors; former member, National Benevolent Association board of directors; former member Southeastern Association of Education board of directors.

Communications Committee

To be slated.

External Achievement Awards Committee

Melissa Sherman Tassinari '75, Harwich Port, Massachusetts. Retired. Ph.D., Medical College of Wisconsin. *Alumnae Association*: former member, External Achievement Awards Committee. *Class*: class agent; former reunion gift caller.

Internal Achievement Awards Committee

Marianne DePatie Fouhey '78, New York, New York. *Alumnae Association*: former member, Internal Achievement Awards Committee; former member, Board of Directors. *Class*: co-head class agent; former head class agent/reunion gift chair; former Nominating Committee member; *College*: former chair and member, Alum Development Committee; former member, Mount Holyoke Fund Volunteer Steering Committee; former member, Mount Holyoke Fund Committee. *Awards*: Medal of Honor 1998

Volunteer Experience Committee (2023–2025)

Janice Abert '82, Heber City, Utah. Retired, former executive recruiter. *Class*: co-head class agent; Mary Lyon Society class chair. *College*: Mount Holyoke Fund Committee. Loyalty Award 2012.

Committee Members

Alum Trustee Nominating Committee

Cynthia L. Reed '80, Lexington, Massachusetts. President and founder, Reed Collins LLC. MPH, Yale University. *Alumnae Association*: former president, Board of Directors; former alum trustee; former member,

Strategic Planning Committee; former member, Executive Director Search Committee; former chair, Alumnae Relations Committee; former member, Communications Ad Hoc Committee. *Class*: former president; former member, Nominating Committee; former class agent; former reunion gift caller. *Club of North Shore, Massachusetts*: former president. *College*: former alum trustee. *Awards*: Medal of Honor 2005; Fellowship Award 1987.

Classes and Reunions Committee

Susan Conway Jablonski '80, Hilton Head, South Carolina. Founder and principal, The Leadership Consortium. MBA, general management, Harvard Business School. *Alumnae Association*: former member, Alumnae Development Committee. *Class*: former co-president; former reunion chair; former reunion gift chair and caller; former head class agent; former class agent; former Cornerstone representative. *Club of Boston*: member, Major Gifts Committee. *Awards*: Maurice L. Rabbino Award 1980; Student Leadership Award 1980, 1979 and 1978.

Sarah E. Paquet '03, Providence, Rhode Island. Librarian, Greenville Public Library. M.S., library and information science, Simmons University. *Class*: former president; former reunion gift chair; former reunion program chair; former head class agent.

Clubs and Groups Committee

Kayla R. Jackson '86, Mitchellville, Maryland. Program director, American Association of School Administrators. MPA, New York University. Board member, the School Based Health Alliance and CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health). *Alumnae Association*: former vice president, Board of Directors; former member, Nominating Committee; former member and chair, Classes and Reunions Committee. *Class*: former president; former class agent; *Club of Washington, DC*: former program chair; former alum representative assistant.

Harriet K. Winer '79, Weymouth, Massachusetts. Supervisor, code management, Medical Information Technology Inc. *Lyon's Pride*: former vice president; *Class*: former reunion sign chair.

Communications Committee

Lynette P. Rizzo '96, Jackson Heights, New York. Associate director of marketing, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. *Alumnae Association*: current member, Nominating Committee; former member, Executive Director Search Committee; former member, Clubs and Groups Committee. *Class*: co-scribe; former reunion gift caller. *New York City Club*: former president; former vice president; former communications chair; former secretary; former membership chair; former vice president of programs. *Awards*: Loyalty Award 2016.

External Achievement Awards Committee

Jessica Pacheco Estévez '96, Riverview, Florida. Co-founder, Estrategia Group. MBA, Brandeis University. *Alumnae Association*: former member, Alumnae Relations Committee; former member, Program Committee. *Class*: former head class agent; former reunion gift chair.

Fellowship Committee (2023–2025)

Maryse Jayasuriya '97, El Paso, Texas. Professor of English, University of Texas at El Paso. M.A. and Ph.D., Purdue University. *Class*: Former scribe. *Awards*: Class of 1905 Fellowship. Associate editor, *South Asian Review*; member, Board of Directors, Humanities Texas; member, Grants Review Committee; member, Education Committee.

Finance Committee

Sweta Adhikari '10, New York, New York. Director-Transformation Group, Accordion. MPH, Columbia University. International certificate in corporate finance, Columbia Business School Exec. Education. *Club of New York*: former co-president; Seven Sisters liaison.

Maureen Harrigan '77, Dennis Port, Massachusetts. Assistant VO for budget and financial operations, Seton Hall University. MBA, Harvard Business School. *Alumnae Association*: former member, Finance Committee. *Class*: former reunion gift caller.

Internal Achievement Awards Committee

Elaine C. Cheung '09, Queens, New York. Chief of operations, Manhattan Borough President's Office. *Alumnae Association*: former young alum representative, Board of Directors. *Class*: reunion chair. *Club of New York City*: former co-president; former vice president; former membership chair. *Awards*: Alum Volunteer Leadership Award 2019.

Nominating Committee

Addison Theodore Beaux '99, Mill Valley, California. Founder/CEO, Beaux & Arrow. M.S. in counseling, Prescott College. *Class*: current vice president; former reunion co-chair. *Lyon's Pride*: former coordinator, Jolene Fund.

Lucy Effron '78, Port Washington, New York. MBA specializing in marketing, Boston College. Retired director of entrepreneurial programs, Girls Scouts of Nassau County. *Class*: current reunion committee member; current class agent; former reunion welcome/hospitality chair; former reunion costume chair; former reunion gift caller. *Club of Long Island, North Shore*: former president/contact; former vice president; former book award chair; former secretary; former alum representative book award sponsor. *Club of Boston*: former alum representative. *Milwaukee Alumnae Informal Group*: former president/contact; former sesquicentennial coordinator. *Awards*: Loyalty Award 2008.

Nancy G. Rosoff '78, Malvern, Pennsylvania (2023–2024). Retired. M.A., history, West Chester University; Ph.D., history, Temple University. Visiting research fellow, Centre for the History of Women's Education, University of Winchester (UK). *Alumnae Association*: current member, Nominating Committee; former member, External Achievement Awards Committee; *Class*: current chair, social media; current member, Nominating Committee; current class agent. *College*: current member, Mount Holyoke Fund Committee. *Awards*: Loyalty Award 2018.

Gretchen Schmelzer '87, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2023–2025). Ph.D., psychology, Northeastern University. Self-employed licensed psychologist, consultant and author. *Class*: former reunion co-chair; former vice president. *Club of Western Suburbs MA*: former program chair.

Kati B. Stadum '10, Berkeley, California. Managing supervisor, corporate communications, issues and crisis; Ketchum. *Class*: reunion chair; former secretary. *Brooklyn Alum Region*: former alum representative; former alum representative Book Award Sponsor.

Volunteer Experience Committee

Christina Petrigliano '02, Waban, Massachusetts. Director, outreach and engagement, Office of Alumni Relations, Tufts University. M.S., education, University of Rochester. *Class*: former vice president; former head class agent; former reunion program chair.

