



2026 Slate of Nominees for Alum Association

Board and Committee Positions

Presented to the Alum Association Board of Directors on April 18, 2026

The Alum Association Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following slate of candidates for election at the Annual Meeting, to be held at Reunion I in May 2026. 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 2026-2029 except as specifically noted.

Board of Directors Positions

President

W. Rochelle Calhoun '83, Princeton, New Jersey, is the vice president for campus life at Princeton University. She is the former executive director of the Alum Association of Mount Holyoke College and held several student affairs positions at MHC, including assistant dean of students, director of diversity and inclusion, associate dean of the college and acting dean of the college. Before joining Princeton, she worked in student affairs at Skidmore College.

Calhoun has an M.F.A. in theater from Columbia University and majored in theater and politics at Mount Holyoke. Former volunteer positions within the Alum Association include membership on the Black Alumnae Conference Committee, the ALANA Committee, the Fellowship Committee and the Classes and Reunions Committee. She is also a former class agent and reunion gift caller. She received the Mary Lyon Award in 1995, the Medal of Honor in 2008 and the Elizabeth Topham Kennan Award in 2018. *Term extended through 2029.*

Vice President

Danetta L. Beaushaw '88, New Orleans, Louisiana, has enjoyed a 30+ year career as an energy attorney and is currently responsible for the development, construction and finance of ENGIE's grid-scale solar and battery projects in the western United States. She has served on nonprofit

boards for the Epilepsy Foundation of Texas (Houston), The Women’s Resource of Greater Houston and a Shelter for Cancer Families.

Beaushaw graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in politics from Mount Holyoke and received a J.D. from the University of Michigan. She is a longtime MHC volunteer, having served on several of the Alum Association’s committees, including the Executive Committee, Nominating Committee (chair), Alum Trustee Nominating Committee and External Achievement Awards Committee. She also volunteers as a career mentor and first-generation mentor for the College and serves on the Mount Holyoke Fund Committee. She received the Association’s Medal of Honor and Loyalty Awards for service to Mount Holyoke.

Clerk

Alexandra Crean ’12, Winchester, Massachusetts, serves as counsel at global law firm Nixon Peabody, where she has worked for nearly a decade. She advises individuals and families on estate planning and related tax matters in both domestic and cross-border contexts. Crean was included on the list of “Ones to Watch” in the 2026 edition of the Best Lawyers in America. In 2025, she was listed in the Excellence Category of the peer-nominated 2025 Private Client Global Elite Directory, recognizing outstanding private wealth practitioners across the globe for their technical expertise and commitment to exceptional client service.

Crean earned a J.D. with a focus on energy and environmental law from the University of Connecticut School of Law. She majored in geology and English at Mount Holyoke College, where she was a student-athlete on the lacrosse team. Crean has been the clerk for the Alum Association Board since 2024. *Term extended through 2028.*

Alum Trustee

Diane Lopez ’82, Belmont, Massachusetts, served as an attorney at Harvard University for 30 years, rising to vice president and leading the Office of the General Counsel. In this role she navigated several fundamental challenges to the university, including the end of affirmative action, the burden of mental health difficulties experienced by students and the difficulty of holding down tuition costs.

Lopez received a bachelor’s degree in politics from Mount Holyoke and earned a J.D. from Columbia Law School. She has volunteered for Mount Holyoke as an admissions representative and as a member of the Alum Association Program Committee.

For more than a decade Lopez served on the Board of Trustees of The Institute of Contemporary Art (Boston), including as treasurer. She has been a leader in the Boston Bar, has served as a mentor for ALPFA (Association of Latino Professionals for America) and has been active in the International Women’s Forum of Massachusetts. *Term: Alum Trustee-Elect on AA Board: 2026–2027; MHC Trustee 2027-2032.*

Clubs and Groups Committee Chair

Symone New '10, New York, New York, is the senior director of donor relations and stewardship at the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, where she has worked for a decade. In this role, she leads year-round programming focused on retaining and increasing individual donations. As a member of the principal and major gifts leadership team and the division-wide leadership team, she provides direct technical assistance to Planned Parenthood's 47 affiliates across the country.

New majored in politics and gender studies at Mount Holyoke. She was an active member of the Mount Holyoke College Club of New York for six years and held several leadership positions. A former full-spectrum doula, New is currently a two-time co-president of Collective Power for Reproductive Justice, based in Amherst, Massachusetts, and a volunteer case manager with the New York Abortion Access Fund. New was the recipient of the MHC Alum Volunteer Leadership Award in 2025.

Community and Belonging Committee Chair

Diane Jones Lowrey '83, San Francisco, California, is a brand marketing and social impact leader with extensive experience guiding the operations of global brands and forging meaningful partnerships to accelerate growth and impact. Jones Lowrey is currently the president of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, which ensures equal economic, social, political and educational opportunities for women and girls. She previously served as the head of inclusion and culture at Common Sense Media, and she has worked for Levi Strauss & Co., DDB Needham and Carol Williams Advertising.

Jones Lowrey's volunteer service focuses on equity, education and the arts. She has served as a trustee of The International School of San Francisco and as a board member of the Alonzo King LINES Ballet. Jones Lowrey holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Mount Holyoke College and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan. *Term extended through 2027.*

Recent Alum Rep

Kayla Nelson '25, Brooklyn, New York, has a passion for fostering cross-cultural connection and shared understanding through communication and strategic collaboration. She earned a bachelor's degree in sociology at Mount Holyoke College with a self-designed major titled Investigations in Trauma and Cultural Resilience, and she completed a Nexus in global business while studying abroad at The University of Queensland, Australia.

While at Mount Holyoke, Nelson worked in the Career Development Center, supporting employer engagement initiatives and job-vetting processes. In her senior year, she joined the Alum Association, where she contributed to departmental rebranding efforts and data systems optimization. Additionally, Nelson participated in the Career Connections Mentoring Program in fall 2024, which helped prepare her for career success.

Nelson is currently a rotational analyst in the Chase Leadership Development Program at JPMorganChase, where she has led change management initiatives, overseen complex project timelines and delivered executive-level communications that drive operational efficiency and organizational alignment.

Non-Board Committee Positions

Alum Trustee Nominating Committee

Chair

Cynthia Reed '80, Lexington, Massachusetts, is the president and founder of Reed Collins, LLC. Over the course of her career, she has worked in health care, nonprofit management and for disability rights organizations.

Reed earned a Master of Public Health from Yale University, a Master of Public Administration from Suffolk University and a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology from Mount Holyoke College. Her volunteer service on behalf of MHC includes serving as president of the Alum Association and chair of the Alum Relations Committee. She has also served on the College's Board of Trustees. She was the recipient of two Mount Holyoke volunteer awards: the Medal of Honor in 2005 and the Fellowship Award in 1987.

Reed participated in the 17th Mount Holyoke European Alum Symposium in Munich, Germany, in 2024 and hopes to join the next symposium in Edinburgh, Scotland, in the fall of 2026.

Member

Susy Ham Heldman '76, Denver, Colorado, is the chief financial officer for the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum. She has over 30 years of leadership experience in accounting, finance, tax and human resources for nonprofit organizations. Heldman previously held the position of vice president and controller for DAFgiving360 (formerly known as the Schwab Charitable Fund) and controller at Chela Financial Resources, a secondary market for student loans. She spent her early career in the oil and gas industry in southern California.

Heldman holds a master's degree in business administration from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey and a bachelor's degree in Latin American studies from Mount Holyoke College. She has been an active MHC volunteer, including membership on the Finance Committee and the Nominating Committee and participation in the clubs of Northern and Southern California. She was the recipient of the Loyalty Award in 2006.

Member

Tarana Bhatia '15, New York, New York, is the executive director for corporate sustainability at MSCI Inc., a financial services company. She leads initiatives that align the company's climate commitments with actionable outcomes, including managing the full spectrum of MSCI Inc.'s carbon emissions process.

Bhatia graduated from Mount Holyoke with a bachelor's degree in international relations and economics. She continued her education at the Fletcher School at Tufts University, earning a master's degree in law and diplomacy and business for social impact and development economics.

As an MHC volunteer, she has lent her time to the Office of Admission and the Mount Holyoke Fund in addition to the Alum Association.

Classes and Reunions Committee

Joan Winkel Ripley '55, Mount Kisco, New York, owned and operated the Second Story Bookshop in Chappaqua, New York, for 37 years. In 1980, she was elected the first woman president of the American Booksellers Association, a national trade association that supports and advocates for the success of independent bookstores.

Ripley earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry at Mount Holyoke and has been a devoted volunteer ever since. In 2016, she received the Medal of Honor for her many years of volunteerism on behalf of her class, her local club — the Mount Holyoke Club of Fairfield Villages — and the College. For her 50th reunion, Ripley headed a class committee to create an oral history project linking the classes of 1955 and 2005, which resulted in her co-authoring the book "Uncommon Women Together — Generations Apart." She is currently a member of the Beyond the 50th Reunion Committee.

Destiny M. Barletta '00, Boston, Massachusetts, is the director of alumnae connections for Wellesley Career Education. In this role, she creates, manages and executes strategies and programs to engage in the professional development of Wellesley students and alums with the goal of fostering meaningful and lasting connections.

Previously, she served as career community advisor for arts, marketing and communications at Wellesley. Prior to working in higher education, Barletta had an extensive career with Boston arts organizations; first as major gifts coordinator for the Boston Symphony Orchestra and later as director of exhibitions, marketing and publications at Pucker Gallery.

Barletta earned a bachelor's degree in art history, criticism and conservation from Mount Holyoke College. She continues to pursue her passion for art through contemporary studio ceramics.

Sarah Paquet '03, Providence, Rhode Island, earned a bachelor's degree in American studies from Mount Holyoke College and a master's degree in library and information science from Simmons University. She has worked at the Greenville Public Library in Greenville, Rhode

Island, since 2004. She currently serves as Greenville's only cataloging and technical services librarian, and she also works in the reference department.

Paquet was co-head class agent of her graduating class from 2003 to 2008, and she was the program coordinator for her five-year reunion. She became president of her class in 2008, and in that capacity, led the Alum Parade in 2013. She has served on the Classes and Reunions Committee since July 2023. In addition to her volunteer service on behalf of MHC, she is the chair of the Ocean State Libraries Database Management Committee and a member of the Rhode Island Library Association. *Term extended through 2027.*

Clubs and Groups Committee

Alexis Trocki '05, Chicago, Illinois, has worked in the social service and nonprofit sector for 20 years, including 15 years as a licensed clinical social worker. Her experience includes extensive work with women, children and socially vulnerable families and in the field of family planning, pregnancy prevention and sexual health.

Trocki earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and French from Mount Holyoke, followed by a master's degree in clinical social work from the University of Chicago. She is currently a program therapist at Maryville Academy, a child care organization dedicated to protecting children and strengthening families. She is also an adjunct instructor in the School of Social Work at Aurora University in Aurora, Illinois.

Her volunteer roles include serving on the executive board of the Mount Holyoke College Club of Chicago and as a troop leader for the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana.

Catherine Ryan '16, Brooklyn, New York, is a senior recruiter at Duolingo, an educational technology company best known for its language-learning applications. She was previously the manager of people, talent and recruiting for Book of the Month, a monthly subscription service for fiction books. Ryan also worked at Meta, where she built design teams for Facebook, Instagram, Messenger and WhatsApp. Other talent acquisition roles include recruiter positions at Wayfair, a Boston-based ecommerce company, and at Communications Collaborative, a leader in marketing and creative recruiting.

Ryan graduated from Mount Holyoke with a bachelor's degree in psychology. During her time at MHC, she was the captain of both the varsity lacrosse and varsity squash teams. From 2017 to 2018, she served as social media chair for the Mount Holyoke Club of Boston, and from 2018 to 2020, she was the Club's website coordinator. *Term extended through 2028.*

Community and Belonging Committee

Stephanie Gillette '95, Brooklyn, New York, is a government and community relations professional with expertise in strategic planning, budget management, community organizing and volunteer management. She is the chief impact officer of SCG Consulting, LLC, where she provides interim leadership roles on a regional and nationwide scale. She has previously worked for Catholic Guardian Services, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the NYC Mayor's Office.

Gillette earned a bachelor's degree in romance languages from Mount Holyoke College and master's degree in public and urban policy from the New School.

Sheree Morgan '88, Queens, New York, is a general dentist with extensive experience in public health dentistry. Currently in private practice, Morgan is skilled with a wide range of dentistry services such as endodontics, prosthodontics, cosmetic and implant dentistry. In previous roles, she oversaw resident education and training in comprehensive dental procedures, laser dentistry and patient care under general anesthesia.

Deeply committed to equity and community health, Morgan brings a strong perspective on access, inclusion and mentorship. She earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry with honors from Mount Holyoke College and her DMD from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.

Morgan is currently participating in the MHC Pairing Project and has volunteered as a class agent, website administrator and as a member of her class's Nominating Committee.

Raquel Lloreda '00, Austin, Texas, has proudly served as a middle and high school math educator in public schools for over 25 years, teaching everything from 7th grade math through calculus. She earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Mount Holyoke College and a master's degree in mathematics education from the University of Texas at Austin.

In addition to teaching, Lloreda has served as chair of the Mathematics Department and on the campus leadership team at her school for over 10 years. Throughout her career, she has participated in numerous leadership and expert committees on behalf of her school district and has mentored countless students who have gone on to earn top awards in regional and national mathematics competitions, such as the University Interscholastic League and the Mathematical Association of America.

Since graduation, Lloreda has maintained a strong connection and commitment to Mount Holyoke, serving as the Nominating Committee chair for the class of 2000 from 2018 to 2025.

External Achievement Awards Committee

Chair

Kathleen (KC) Maurer '84, Brooklyn, New York, is the chief financial officer and treasurer for The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc., which makes grants to further the creation, exhibition and documentation of the contemporary visual arts. She has held this role since 1998.

Maurer has a bachelor's degree in American studies and history from Mount Holyoke College and a master's degree from American University's Kogod School of Business, where she received a two-year graduate fellowship and the Award for Outstanding Scholarship. Maurer was the recipient of Mount Holyoke College's Medal of Honor in 1999 and the Helen Warren Smith Award in 1984. She is a former member of the Mount Holyoke College Board of Trustees and the current secretary of the Isaac H. Tuttle Fund Board of Trustees, which gives direct financial support to individuals and nonprofits providing services to seniors in Manhattan, New York.

Member

Sara Burgdorf '97, Pomona, New York, is a principal flavor scientist at PepsiCo, where she has worked for over a decade. She is an experienced technical writer and project manager who leads a specification development team supporting quality control and product development. She was previously employed as a chemist at Orlandi, where she developed and tested innovative fragrance and air care formulations for major consumer brands.

Burgdorf earned a bachelor's degree in bio-cultural anthropology from Mount Holyoke College, where she was involved with the Zowie Banteah Cultural Center (formerly Native Spirit), the Mount Holyoke News and the Student Government Association. She completed both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in chemistry from Queens College (CUNY). A lifelong learner, Burgdorf is currently expanding her expertise in data analytics and digital transformation to drive business impact.

Finance Committee

AnnElizabeth McMahan '14, Arlington, Virginia, is an economist at General Motors. As part of the global economics and industry analysis team, she produces macroeconomic forecasts and informs senior leadership of potential impacts on the auto industry. Prior to her position at General Motors, McMahan served as a research economist in the Office of the Under Secretary of Economic Affairs in the U.S. Department of Commerce and completed a detail at the White House Council of Economic Advisers. McMahan started her career in economics at Indeed.com, where she wrote research blogs and discussed her findings with major media outlets including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and CNBC.

McMahon majored in history and economics at Mount Holyoke and earned a master's degree in international economics from American University. She volunteers her time as a pianist at St. Thomas Apostle Catholic Church in Washington, D.C.

Risha Dewan '18, Evanston, Illinois, majored in economics and political science at Mount Holyoke College. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in business administration at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

Before graduate school, Dewan was a senior partner marketing manager at LeagueApps, a youth sports management platform and registration software. She has held several marketing and advertising internships, including roles with marketing communications brand J. Walter Thompson Worldwide, commerce media network Fluent, Inc. and software developer Adobe.

Dewan has supported Mount Holyoke College since 2018 as an alum admission representative, initially in Brooklyn and currently in the Chicago suburbs. This echoes back to her time at MHC, when she was an admissions tour guide in addition to her participation in Mount Holyoke News and Amnesty International.

Internal Achievement Awards Committee

Chair

Alyssa Whitbeck Rose '02, Colorado Springs, Colorado, is senior vice president of business operations at Health Solutions, a nonprofit provider of medical and behavioral wellness services. She has worked in health care for 20 years, with previous positions at the Stepping Stones Group, Rocky Mountain Health Plans, Anthem and Beacon Health Options.

Whitbeck Rose earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Mount Holyoke College, a J.D. and an M.S.W from the University of Connecticut and an M.B.A. with a focus on health care from University of Northern Colorado.

Her MHC volunteer service includes class agent, reunion gift chair, and participation in her local alum club.

Member

Denise McLeod Thomas '74, Stone Mountain, Georgia, is a counselor and attorney at law with 38 years of legal experience in metro Atlanta. She has served her community as a recorder's court judge, assistant public defender and medical practice manager.

McLeod Thomas majored in English and political science at Mount Holyoke College, and she earned her J.D. at Georgia State College. An active supporter of MHC, she has served on several committees over the years, participated in the Alum Admission Program, and engaged with her local alum clubs. She was the recipient of the Loyalty Award in 2024.

For several years, McLeod Thomas was the secretary for the executive board of Coweta Pregnancy Services, formerly Coweta Teen Mother & Babe Service Center. She has been a member of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys since 1990. She is also actively involved with Toastmasters International.

Member

Melissa Ibarra '12, Menlo Park, California, is an epidemiologist for San Mateo County, where she works to uplift her community through public health. She previously worked as a communicable disease investigator at the county of San Mateo.

Ibarra holds a master's degree in public health from the University of California, Davis, and a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from Mount Holyoke.

She has volunteered with the Mount Holyoke Club of the Peninsula including serving as member at large. In 2021, she helped organize a virtual conference for Latinx alums with Karen Vanegas '14, Mayra Rivera '15 and Rocio Ramirez '15. Outside of Mount Holyoke Club events, Ibarra enjoys helping at her local parish and fostering cats and dogs. *Term: 2026–2028.*

Nominating Committee

Sandra Carbonari Welsh '75, Somers, Connecticut, is a retired primary care pediatrician who spent most of her career caring for children from economically disadvantaged families. She currently serves on the board of the nonprofit that administers Connecticut's Medicaid program.

Carbonari Welsh majored in biological sciences at Mount Holyoke and earned her medical degree at the University of Connecticut. She is a longtime member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and served on its National Nominating Committee from 2015 to 2018. She has participated in numerous Connecticut state advisory groups and on boards related to the health care of children.

In addition to health care advocacy, she regularly volunteers at her local soup kitchen. She is an active MHC alum, having served as co-president of the class of 1975 for the five years leading up to their 50th reunion and also acting as a class agent for many years.

Luciany Capra '21, New York, New York, is a program specialist at the Council on Foreign Relations, where she assists with marketing, program operations and alumni engagement for international fellowship programs. She cultivated advocacy skills and gained public service experience with internships at Human Rights Watch and in the office of U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren.

Capra majored in international relations at Mount Holyoke, where she was a senior admissions ambassador, pre-law peer career assistant and senior community advisor.

Committed to service, leadership and community involvement, Capra serves as communications chair for the Mount Holyoke Club of New York and was previously the recent alum co-chair. She is an active member of the Junior League of New York.

Lisa Glenn '88, Knoxville, Tennessee, was a Division I collegiate rowing coach for 34 years. For 25 of those years, she was head coach of the women's rowing team at University of Tennessee, participating in several NCAA championships during her tenure. As an assistant coach, she worked at Syracuse University and the University of Iowa. She has also coached in camp settings throughout the country on behalf of the United States Rowing Association.

Glenn first learned to row at Mount Holyoke College, where she majored in American studies. She went on to earn a master's degree in newswriting and another in television, radio and film from the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

Since retiring as a college coach in 2023, she has been the executive athletics director at Oak Ridge Rowing Association, a top-level rowing competition venue and nonprofit promoting the sport of rowing in east Tennessee.

Volunteer Experience Committee

Christina Petrigliano '02, Waban, Massachusetts, is the director of outreach and engagement in the Office of Alumni Engagement at Tufts University. Previously, she spent 13 years in alumni relations at Harvard Business School. She also worked in athletics at the Pingry School, a coeducational, independent college preparatory country day school in New Jersey, and at the University of Rochester.

Petrigliano majored in art history and Italian at Mount Holyoke College, where she was co-captain of the varsity lacrosse team and on the varsity field hockey team. She earned a master's degree in administration in higher education from the University of Rochester.

Her MHC volunteer roles include vice president of her class from 2017 to 2022 and head class agent from 2007 to 2012, among other positions. *Term: 2026–2028.*

Genevieve White '24, Arlington, Virginia, is a community engagement coordinator at the Leadership Center of Arlington, a nonprofit organization with a mission to connect, develop and inspire leaders for personal growth, civic engagement and community impact.

White majored in film and media and minored in Asian studies at Mount Holyoke College. She completed a Nexus in journalism, media and public discourse, and she spent a winter semester abroad at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea.

White has experience in event management, marketing and communications. Prior to her current role, she worked at a media company based in Goyang, South Korea, as a marketing intern on their global team. White is passionate about using her writing and media marketing skills to promote leadership development and civic engagement within her local community.

Fellowship Committee

Olivia Velez '98, Putnam Valley, New York, is a nurse scientist and health informaticist dedicated to leveraging technology to eliminate gaps in health equity. Her career is defined by a deep-seated passion for serving vulnerable populations.

Currently serving as the chief science officer at ETR, a national health care nonprofit, Velez continues to champion science-based solutions for adolescent and community health. Her leadership extends to global advocacy as a board member of the Global Digital Health Network, where she actively promotes gender equity in technology. Notably, she founded the Women's Leadership in Global Digital Health Workshop (GLOW) to support and mentor women in the field.

Velez majored in computer science and neuroscience at Mount Holyoke College and received a bachelor's degree in nursing, a master's degree in public health and a doctorate in nursing informatics from Columbia University. *Term: 2026–2028.*