



# CONVOCATION

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025 | Richard Glenn Gettell Amphitheater**

## PROCESSIONAL

**The Five College West African Music Ensemble**

**Faith Conant**, *Visiting Instructor in Music;*

*Director of the Five College West African Music Ensemble*

**Guest lead drummer: Michael Ofori,**

*Lecturer in Film Media Theater*

## WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**Sally Durdan '81**, *Chair of the Board of Trustees*

## REMARKS

**Danielle R. Holley**, *President*

## GREETINGS

**Nathania Amadi '26**, *on behalf of students*

**Angelica Patterson**, *Curator of Education and Outreach,*

*Miller Worley Center for the Environment, on behalf of staff*

## MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

**Mount Holyoke Convocation Choir**

**Colin Britt**, *Lecturer in Music; Director of Choral Activities*

*"I. we have come"*

*From Behind the Caravan: Songs of Hâfez (Abbie Betinis)*

## FACULTY ADDRESS

**Olivia Aguilar**, *Associate Professor of Environmental Studies and Leslie and*

*Sarah Miller Director of the Miller Worley Center for the Environment*

## CLOSING

**Danielle R. Holley**

**“ALMA MATER”**

**Mount Holyoke Convocation Choir**

Words: Gertrude Brady Murphy, class of 1914

Music: Gladys Pratt, class of 1914

(lyrics below)

**RECESSIONAL**

**The Five College West African Music Ensemble**

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**ALMA MATER**

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Oh, Mount Holyoke, we pay thee devotion,  
In the fervor of youth that is strong,  
The courage of right is thy garland,  
Our lives, Alma Mater, thy song.  
So from east and from west now we gather,  
And united in firm love to thee,  
All years are as one, and their loyal pledge,  
Mount Holyoke forever shall be,  
Mount Holyoke forever shall be.

Thro' the heart of a new day's endeavor,  
Breathes the life of the old days that live,  
For what thou hast given we honor,  
But we love thee for what we can give.  
So when soft in a whisper thou callest,  
For the treasures unlocked by thy key,  
Our achievements, our hopes, and our glorious faith  
Shall answer, Mount Holyoke, to thee,  
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