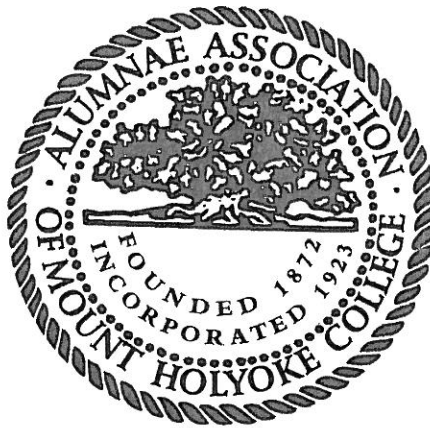


**MOUNT HOLYOKE**  
**CLUB OF NEW YORK**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
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### **Mission Statement**

The Mount Holyoke Club of New York, founded in 1886, continues a long tradition of service to Mount Holyoke College and its alumnae and strongly supports the College's commitment to women's education. Our mission is to strengthen the Mount Holyoke community by cultivating an active association of New York metropolitan area alumnae who are connected to, informed of, and actively involved in, the life and work of the College and the Alumnae Association. The Club aims to foster meaningful relationships among all alumnae through both social and professional activities.

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## **President's Letter 2004-2005**

### **Lily Klebanoff Blake '64 President**

I have been truly privileged to serve as President of The Mount Holyoke Club of New York for the third year. This has provided me with the unique opportunity to meet many alumnae, whom I would otherwise not have had the occasion to know, and the chance to work with the College. The Club has had another successful year with outstanding events and accomplishments, resulting in a strong financial condition. None of this would have been possible without the hard work of our board and many volunteers, particularly our Executive Committee: Kristen Scheyder, Vice President; Maren Boot, Treasurer; and Anne Marie Basic, Secretary.

Vespers 2004, under the capable leadership of Vespers Chair, Jennifer Durst '95, was a fantastic success. Nearly 200 student musicians from MHC entertained over 800 guests at St. Bartholomew's in December. For the first time, we initiated an active underwriting and sponsorship program for Vespers. Special thanks to our Patron Chairs, Mary Beth Topor Daniel '82 and Marianne DePatie Fouhey '78, who underwrote our pre-Vespers reception and were instrumental in enlisting the strong support of many Vice Chairs and Patrons. Congresswoman Nita Lowey '59 served as Honorary Chair and Joanne Creighton, College President, joined us as our Special Guest for the reception and concert. These efforts resulted in a net profit of over \$20,000 for Vespers 2004, allowing The Club to fund two Alumnae Scholarships for each of the next two years.

Club membership increased by 13%, bringing the total number to 210. Moreover, for the first time, we automatically made all local alumnae who graduated more than 50 years ago Honorary Club Members and sent them monthly club mailings; 112 alumnae fall into this category. Our Membership Chairs, Kristen Comings '93 and Marion Nturu '02, distributed an electronic survey to all local alumnae. As a result of the findings of the survey, the Club instituted on-line event registration with credit cards and distributed the Club Directory electronically.

The Club supported one Alumnae Scholar this year, Tamara Dews '06, who spent her fall semester studying in Rome. The Seven Sisters Group continued to flourish with career-oriented events and networking opportunities under its Chair, Katherine Stanfield '97. Young Alumnae, chaired by Ileana Branisteanu '03 and Emily Bieber '02, held monthly networking events, its annual A Capella Jam, a financial planning workshop and organized the first ever alumnae/faculty/student videoconference seminar on the Patriot Act. In addition, Young Alumnae helped coordinate the Summer and January Term Intern Receptions, graciously sponsored by KC Maurer '84.

Communications, chaired by Claudia Palmira '95, had a strong year, issuing a monthly print newsletter for club members, a monthly newsletter for local alumnae, occasional blast emails and postcards and maintaining a website.

The Alumnae Admissions Representatives, chaired by Johanna Fausto '98, had a banner year, representing MHC at college fairs and interviewing students, and were instrumental in increasing the yield of local matriculated students to 31%. For the second time, a joint AAR/Admissions Reception was held for student applicants prior to Vespers, followed by attendance at the Vespers concert. A successful accepted student reception was hosted by Stacy Susman Kuhn '89. The AARs maintained communication throughout the year with the 124 students who applied to MHC from New York.

Board members met with Cory Ashworth, the Alumnae Association staff person dealing with career issues, to talk about how the Club and local alumnae could help facilitate student internships and employment opportunities for both students and alumnae. We would hope that this active discussion will continue and that the Club will have the opportunity to work with the College to enhance these efforts.

Program highlights include:

- Our annual Back-to-School Brunch, graciously hosted by Joan Shapiro Green '66, with a talk by College Trustee, Harriet Levine Weissman '58, about the work of the Weissman Leadership Center.
- A tour of the Gilbert Stuart exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum with Paul Staiti, Professor of Art.
- The Young Alumnae's first ever Virtual Roundtable Discussion with alumnae, faculty and students on "Mary Lyon Patriots: MHC Community Comes to Grips with the Patriot Act and Globalization."
- A Lyon Lecture with Vincent Ferraro, Professor of International Relations, about American Hegemony and the Current World Political Environment.
- A cooking class with Abigail Hitchcock '94 at her restaurant Camaje.
- A tour of Jane Hammond's exhibition of works on paper at the Galerie Lelong, led by Jane Hammond '72.
- A talk with Miriam Levin, author of "Defining Women's Scientific Enterprises: Mount Holyoke Faculty and the Rise of American Science."
- An event on Women's Leadership Styles and Networking with Andrea Nierenberg.
- A talk with Dara Lamb on "Getting the Most from Your Professional Wardrobe."
- A Seven Sister panel discussion on Women in Publishing, featuring Nancy Novogrod '71 and Priscilla Painton '80.
- Summer and January Intern Receptions, hosted by KC Maurer '84.

We are grateful to the strong support and cooperation the Club has received from the College: the Alumnae Association, Rochelle Calhoun and Krysia Villon; the Development Office, MaryAnn Young, Paul Higgins, Valerie Longwood; the Career Development Office, Scott Brown, Judith Allen, Azanda Seymour; Admissions, Diane Anci; and particularly College President, Joanne Creighton.

**Board of Directors**  
**2004 – 2005**

<b>President</b>	Lily Klebanoff Blake '64
<b>Vice President</b>	Kristen Scheyder '92
<b>Vice President – Programs</b>	OPEN
<b>Treasurer</b>	Maren Boot '88
<b>Secretary</b>	Anne Marie Basic '81
<b>Alumnae Admissions Representative</b>	Johanna Fausto '98
<b>Communications</b>	Claudia Palmira '95 (chair) Erin Guo '03 (email newsletter) Sarah Haeger '97 (monthly newsletter)
<b>Membership</b>	Kristen Comings '93 (co-chair) Marion Nturu '02 (co-chair)
<b>Programs</b>	Dana Barta '04 Ellen Freeman Bodow '64 Erica Forrence '01 Julia Powell Grossman '02 Natalya Marusich '04 Elizabeth L. Mo '04 Meg O'Rourke '89 Marguerite Saint-Preux '02 Katrina von Hoyer '85
<b>Seven Sisters</b>	Kathy Stanfield '97
<b>Vespers</b>	Jennifer Durst '95
<b>Young Alumnae</b>	Emily Bieber '02 (co-chair) Ileana Branisteanu '03 (co-chair)
<b>Honorary Member</b>	Joan Shapiro Green '66

Website maintained by Heather Waterman '96

# **Treasurer's Report**

## **Fiscal Year 7/1/04 to 6/30/05**

**Maren Boot '88**  
**Treasurer**

### **Overview**

Income to the Club was significantly up during this Vespers year. The Mount Holyoke Club of New York's Vespers concert, the Club's largest fundraising event, is held in New York City every other year and this year helped raise \$20,000 after expenses. This sum, \$20,000, will fund two Alumnae Scholars for each of the next two years.

### **Income**

This year, the Club received income of approximately \$58,000. This significant increase in income was largely driven by Vespers.

Membership contributions totaled approximately \$8,430. Contributions ranged from a basic membership of \$35 (\$10 for the Class of 2004) to amounts in excess of the patron level membership of \$150. Alumnae are welcome to make contributions in any amount and may also specify whether they would like a portion of their dues, in excess of the basic level, to go to the Alumnae Scholar Fund. This year, \$960 was specifically earmarked for the Alumnae Scholar Fund. The Club will make a donation to this Fund in the amount of \$20,000 (\$10,000 a year for the next two years). Each contribution of \$5,000 allows the College to designate a young woman as an Alumnae Scholar from New York City.

Fees from the Club's programs, typically charged to cover program expenses such as catering and room rental, totaled approximately \$4,200. After Vespers, the Back-to-School Brunch was the largest revenue generator for FY05. Other income consisted primarily of interest income.

### **Expenses**

Expenses for the Club totaled approximately \$25,000. This does not include the Club's contribution of \$10,000 to the Alumnae Scholar Fund.

The Club's operating expenses approximated \$6,000 and are primarily related to (i) cost of communications, (ii) cost of mailbox rental, voicemail box etc., and (iii) board meetings. The total cost of the Club's programs approximated \$25,000 and includes costs associated with programs such as Vespers, Back-to-School Brunch and the Club's Annual Meeting. Communications consisted of the Club's monthly newsletter, MHCNY, and mailings on various programs offered by the Club. Approximately \$750 was spent on membership mailings and the production and distribution of the Club's membership directory. Other expenses incurred relate to the general operations of the Club.

**Programs  
2004-2005**

*Kristen Scheyder '92*  
*Vice President*

Date of Event	Event
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	7 Sisters Networking Event – an informal monthly event that happens throughout the City for fellow Sisters to meet and greet...
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	7 Sisters Career Panel Discussion on Women in Publishing
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Back-to-School Brunch
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Vespers
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Talk with Professor Paul Staiti at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on the Gilbert Stuart Exhibit of George Washington Portraits
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	First meeting of Club sponsored Book Club with the assigned reading of "Reading Lolita in Tehran"
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reception for January Interns
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7 Sisters Traditional Afternoon Tea
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	First of its kind Virtual Roundtable Discussion facilitating a stimulating intellectual dialogue between students and alumnae. Topic: "Mary Lyon Patriots: MHC Community Comes to Grips with the Patriot Act and Globalization"
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	7 Sisters Chinese New Year's Party at Peking Park



<b>February 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Young Alumnae A Capella Jam featuring several groups from campus</b>
<b>March 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Andrea Nierenberg Talk on Women Leadership Styles and Networking</b>
<b>March 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Lyon Lecture featuring Professor Vincent Ferraro talking about American Hegemony and the Current World Political Environment</b>
<b>April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cooking Class with Abigail Hitchcock '94 at her top-rated restaurant, Camaje</b>
<b>April 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Art Event: Talk and Exhibit Tour with artist Jane Hammond '72 at Galerie Lelong with introduction by College's Museum Director Marianne Doezema</b>
<b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Talk by author Miriam Levin discussing her new book, "Defining Women's Scientific Enterprises: Mount Holyoke Faculty and the Rise of American Science"</b>
<b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Talk by Dara Lamb: "Getting the Most from Your Professional Wardrobe"</b>
<b>June 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Annual Meeting with Diane Anci, Director of MHC Admissions, discussing our new Optional SAT Policy</b>

## **In-Kind Contributors**

**The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts**

**Lily Klebanoff Blake '64**

**The Community Service Society of New York**

**LaVida Dowdell**

**Dara Lamb**

**Ellen Levy**

**Galerie Lelong**

**HSBC Bank USA, NA**

**Mount Holyoke College Admissions Office**

**Mount Holyoke College Alumnae Association**

**Mount Holyoke College Career Development Center**

**Mount Holyoke College Bookstore**

**Morgan Stanley Dean Witter**

**Meg O'Rourke '89**

**Price Waterhouse Coopers**

**The Public Theater**

**Joan Shapiro Green '66**

**Skadden Arps**

**Union Theological Seminary**

**Katrina Von Hoyer '85**

## Vespers 2004

### Jennifer Durst '95 Vespers Chair

Vespers 2004 in New York City resulted in a successful and well-attended event by the metropolitan area Mount Holyoke community. Vespers is the main fund-raising vehicle for the Club. St. Bartholomew's Church on 51<sup>st</sup> and Park Avenue was filled to capacity with over 800 people attending the concert. The program included Christmas music from around the world, and performances by the Mount Holyoke orchestra, concert choir, glee club, chamber singers, vocal jazz ensemble, and the hand bell choir. Cathy Melhorn organized the concert, her last in New York City before she retires.

Mount Holyoke College President, Joanne Creighton, attended the pre-concert reception for Vice Chairs and Patron level donors, as well as the concert, as a Special Guest. Congresswoman Nita Lowey '59 served as Vespers Honorary Chair. Patron Chairs of the event, Mary Beth Topor Daniel '82 and Marianne DePatie Fouhey '78, helped to underwrite the pre-concert reception. This special reception was held in the club room at St. Bartholomew's Church and was catered by Sage Catering, which caters all events hosted at the church.

The special chairs as well as the Vice Chair committee were instituted for the first time to help encourage more alums to support Vespers at a higher level. This strategy was tremendously successful and brought in a majority of the revenue for the night; 59% of the total revenue generated by Vespers came from the sale of patron level and above tickets. Fifty-five people purchased Patron tickets (\$75) and 49 people purchased Vice Chair tickets (\$125 for one or \$200 for two). In addition, 407 General Admission tickets (\$35) were sold, 75 NYC Club member tickets (\$25) were sold, and 102 Young Alumnae (\$20) tickets were sold. Total revenue for the event was \$42,523.

Expenses totaled \$17,936, an increase over previous years. This was due to increased costs for rental of space, bus transportation for students from Mount Holyoke, and printing and mailing of the invitations. In addition, more people attended the pre-concert reception, resulting in higher expenses for the reception.

In total, Vespers raised \$24,587 for the club's Alumnae Scholar Fund. This will allow the club to fund two Alumnae Scholars from New York City for each of the upcoming two years. The Club would like to thank all of the Club board members and volunteers who made this event so successful, as well as the Vespers Chairs listed on the next page.

# The Mount Holyoke Club of New York Gratefully Acknowledges Its Special Guests and Supporters of New York City Vespers 2004

## Special Guest

President Joanne V. Creighton, Mount Holyoke College

## Honorary Chair

Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey '59

## Patron Chairs

Mary Beth Topor Daniel '82

Marianne DePatie Fouhey '78

## Vice Chairs

Janice E. Abert '82  
Joyce C. Ahrens '62  
Ellen C. Auwarter '84  
Robert and Julie Bailey '64  
Anne Marie Basic '81  
Jim and Lisa Bedell '80  
John and Cynthia Beerbower '71  
Lily Klebanoff Blake '64  
Ellen Bodow '64  
Maren Boot '88  
Harold and Joyce Buckingham '54  
Marilyn Budzanoski '71  
Helen Calvelli '74  
Melissa Strock Canoni '88  
Constance Christensen '66  
Carol Higgins Clark '78  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Collazo

Mary Graham Davis '65  
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Duffy  
Betsey Wells Farber '60  
Bente Svensen Frantz '76  
Lois Avery Gaeta '55  
Joan Shapiro Green '66  
Ludmila Schwarzenberg Hess '67  
Sandra S. Hewitt '61  
Matthew and Mariko LeBaron '96  
Jeanne Luboja '73 and John Timm  
Cynthia A. Lynch '90 and Elise  
Contarsy  
Jaman May Maroni, MD '82  
Kathleen C. Maurer '84  
Sheryl Y. McCarthy '69  
Ellie McGrath '74  
Audrey McNiff '80

Mount Holyoke Club of Boston  
Susan Abert Noonan '82  
Gracie L. Perry '74  
Janet Abbe Rider '57  
Adrienne Chandler Rogatnick '88  
Betsy Webb Rowe '79 and David Rowe  
Arax Simsarian '43  
Carla H. Skodinski '72  
Dena M. Steele '74  
Ellen Hickey Tague '66  
Jim and Bobbi Vaughan '68  
Nancy A. Ward '85  
Marcy Wilkov Waterman '71  
Allison Knapp Womack '85  
Janet Wulf '76  
Jane A. Zimmy '74  
Julie Zoppo '87

## Patrons

Jane Homan Antin '74  
Maria Salem Ascher '84  
Elinor Azenberg '57  
Susan Swager Becraft '65  
Katherine Bendo '71  
Virginia Krauss Hunter-Besas '57  
Susan Betzer '65  
Esther A. Caldwell and Joseph D.  
Mintzer  
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Daley '83  
Edward R. and Kate E. Dalton '03  
Kiki Denis '94  
Suzanne Disabato '63  
LaVida Dowdell '74  
Glenn and Alice Engel '83  
Marcia Fisch '65  
Patricia Crane Furnivall '50  
B.C. and Elizabeth S. Gardner '55  
Sharon Gardner '81

Aimee Gam '71  
Joanne Fenstermacher Gerlach '65  
Paula Gerden '74  
Stephanie Jaffe Green, MD '77  
Elizabeth Fish Guardenier '65  
Charlie Haight  
David and Lisa Henkel  
Okhee Pyun Hyon '77  
Jessica Jennings '79  
Claudia Franey Jensen '75  
Kristen Kelly '92  
Sherry Kelsey '67 and George Duncan  
Ruth Carroll Ladenson '65  
Joan Libby '69  
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Long III  
Valerie K. Longwood '87  
Jacquie Marumoto '90  
Linda McElroy '68  
Stephanie McGregor '72

Kathleen M. Monat FP'99  
Louise De Vel Muller '54  
Mr. and Mrs. Bennett A. Murtha '82  
Janet O'Connell '74  
Alexandra Szechenyi Parker '82  
Linda Ing Phelps '86  
Joan Rogers Kelly '77  
Carol Salomon '69  
Beverly B. Schoennagel '59  
In honor of Catherine Skinner '52, by  
Adrienne Skinner '77  
Mr. and Mrs. E. William Smethurst '53  
Caroline Sperling  
Martha S. Sproule '65  
Sunny Park Suh '91  
Barbara Walsh '39  
Suellen Galish Wightman '80  
Julian and Julie Oh Ybarra '90

## **MHC Alumnae Club of New York Alumnae Scholar Profile**

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### **TAMARA DEWS**

Tamara Dews '06

Email: [tjdews@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:tjdews@mtholyoke.edu)

Tamara Dews '06 grew up in the Bronx and has a longstanding interest in law and policy. Her dream is to become a media and entertainment lawyer and she is diligently working towards her goal. With this career in mind, she will complete a double major in History and Politics next year.

During the fall, Tamara spent a semester in Rome with The Institute for the International Education of Students Program. She continued her studies, gained exposure to the Italian lifestyle and culture, and traveled throughout Europe, particularly in France and Spain. She loves Italians, because they know how to "enjoy life" and, now that she is back in the US, she tries to encourage friends to live more in the moment, rather than rushing through the day. With help from the Mount Holyoke Club of New York's Board, Tamara had the opportunity to meet and dine with eight MHC alumnae in Italy. She learned about their experiences after MHC, while sharing how Mount Holyoke has changed over the years. When she returned to MHC for her spring semester, she balanced a rigorous academic work load with playing squash and working in the Admissions Office. Tamara was the Alana Recruitment Coordinator for the Admissions Office and one of her achievements was the production of their annual publication "Sister Song," a collection of poems by Alana students about their experiences at Mount Holyoke.

Tamara is currently studying to take her LSAT and hopes to enroll in law school following graduation and plans to get a joint JD and MBA degree. During her senior year, Tamara will continue to play an active role in campus life as the Weissman Center's Administrative Fellow, encouraging professors and notable individuals in the legal arena to come speak at Mount Holyoke. Tamara is spending this summer working at Sony Music Entertainment in their Business Affairs and Contract Licenses Departments.

## Membership

### **Marion Ntiru '02 and Kristen Comings '93 Membership Co-Chairs**

Alumnae membership is vital to support the activities of the Mount Holyoke Club of New York. Dues help support scholarships, communication, networking opportunities, and a wide array of programs and events throughout the year. This year, we conducted a Membership Survey and received over a hundred responses, all of them rich with suggestions on how to take the Club to the next level in terms of programming and services. Based on this, we added a credit card payment option on our website and we also provided the Membership Directory online.

Membership increased 13% from last year to 210 alumnae, including 20 patron members. In addition to the 210 members, we automatically included as honorary members 112 alumnae from the classes of '54 or earlier to our mailing list. The classes with the most representation were 1974 and 2004.

We are grateful to all the alumnae who supported the Club during the year, especially those who contributed at the patron level and above.

#### **Patron Members**

Anne Marie Basic '81  
Lily Klebanoff Blake '64  
Adrienne Chandler '88  
Mary Beth Daniel '82  
Darienne L. Dennis '78  
LaVida Dowdell '74  
Susan Gerber '75  
Lucille Harasti '83  
Ludmila Schwarzenberg Hess  
'67  
Jennifer Ann Nathan '96  
Grace Perry '74  
Cynthia Polk-Allen '74  
Jane Polley '58  
Susan Saxe '77  
Kristen Scheyder '92  
Joan Shapiro Green '66  
Roberta Vaughan '68  
Katrina Von Hoyer '85  
Jane Jimmy '74  
Julie Zoppo '87

We hope to see a steady increase in next year's numbers, so please continue to support the Club and spread the word!

## Seven Sisters

### **Katherine Stanfield '97** **Chair**

The goal of the Seven Sisters of New York is to strengthen the alliance among the existing New York alumnae clubs of the original Seven Sisters Colleges.

The Seven Sisters hosted a number of major events this year: in the fall we hosted "Women in Publishing" and in January we hosted a "Chinese New Year Party" and a "Traditional Afternoon Tea". The tea was so successful we hosted another in June.

**"Women In Publishing"**: We had a panel of five speakers from different sides of the publishing industry who spoke about various facets of their careers including how they got started in the industry and advice they would give to anyone considering a career in publishing. The event was a huge success with over 50 guests in attendance from the respective colleges. Panelists included Nancy Novogrod, MHC '71 and Priscilla Painton, MHC '80.

Nancy is the Editor-In-Chief of Travel + Leisure Magazine and the Editorial Director of American Express Publishing Corporation, where she also oversees Departures, Travel + Leisure Family, as well as four international editions of Travel + Leisure.

Priscilla Painton is the Executive Editor of TIME. Painton joined TIME as a correspondent in January 1989, from the Atlanta Journal & Constitution where she was a political and projects reporter. She has also worked at The Washington Post and The Berkshire Eagle, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

**"Chinese New Year Party"**: We rung in the year of the rooster with our fellow Seven Sister alumnae with traditional Chinese hors d'oeuvres and good cheer.

**"Traditional Afternoon Tea"**: We tried to escape the winter cold back in January to enjoy a warm and cheery atmosphere with other Seven Sisters alumnae for a traditional Sunday afternoon tea. Fresh scones, finger sandwiches, and sweets were served with the tea. This event proved to be so popular that another tea was hosted in June.

We hosted three networking gatherings, with an average 10 – 15 alumna in attendance. The events gave us an opportunity to socialize with one another.

In addition to these Seven Sisters hosted events, we made a strong effort to cross promote events with our respective Alma Mater clubs in the city both through our website and through our regular email blasts.



The Seven Sisters continued to improve its website [www.sevensistersofnewyork.com](http://www.sevensistersofnewyork.com), which was designed in 2003 by Sean Bannigan. This year we formatted our events section as a blog so that guests could make comments and it would be easier to keep the site up to date with our current activities in addition to keeping a record of past events.

We launched an online discussion board. While it is in existence, it hasn't quite caught on in popularity: a project for 2005 – 2006! A link to the board can be found on our website.

We plan on hosting a number of events next year which will include a minimum of one career panel with a strong focus on creating a conduit for alumnae from the respective colleges to network with one another.

## **Young Alumnae Report**

### **Ileana Branisteanu '03 and Emily Bieber '02, Young Alumnae Co-Chairs**

This year, the Young Alumnae hosted a number of events. We continued to organize past favorites like the A Capella Jam, First Fridays, the Financial Workshop, and the Summer and January Intern Receptions and also held our first ever Alumnae/students videoconference!

In July, we hosted a reception for interns and their sponsors at The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. In October, we enjoyed a beautiful jewelry exhibit at the Museum of Arts and Design. We followed our museum visit with drinks at the nearby lounge MODA. In November, Kathy Stanfield again graciously reminded us of the future value of starting a 401K early and the effects of impulse buys on the bottom line.

We kicked off the new year with another intern reception at The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts – an opportunity to meet and network with J-term interns and their sponsors.

February found MHC students and alumnae joined together in cyberspace to discuss the relevance and implications of the Patriot Act for the US and the rest of the world at the videoconferencing seminar “Mary Lyon Patriots: NYC Alumnae and MHC Grapple with the Patriot Act and Globalization.” Mount Holyoke College Alumnae in the New York City area joined students and faculty at Mount Holyoke College for an experiment in learning, intellectual exploration, and political choice organized in cooperation with Professor Harold Garret-Goodyear (Professor of History and Acting Chair, Program in Critical Social Thought, MHC). The event received generous support from the MHC Alumnae Association and the Mount Holyoke Club of New York City.

February was also time for our annual A-Capella Jam, held at the Union Theological Seminary at Columbia University. We were serenaded by three Mt. Holyoke groups: the Nice Shoes, the M&C's, and the V-8's. The turn-out was great and the jam fabulous!

In March, we visited campus for Senior Survival Day to offer NYC orientation and housing information to NYC-bound seniors.

This spring, we also helped publicize on campus the Wall Street Exchange program organized by the Financial Women's Association. The WSE is an exciting opportunity for participants to enhance job search skills while learning to think strategically about career choices. The program consists of eight weekly events designed to strengthen the skills necessary for returning College Seniors to execute a successful undergraduate full time job search in financial services and related fields, as well as widen the students' networking base. This year, two MHC students have been admitted to the program and will hopefully continue to spread awareness about this great opportunity on our campus!

Our thanks to the young alumnae who helped plan events this year, including Natalya Marusich, Dana Barta, and Jenni McSpadden. If you would like to be added to the Young Alumnae email list, or if you are interested in volunteering on next year's YA committee, please send an email with your name, email, and class year to [mhcnycya@yahoo.com](mailto:mhcnycya@yahoo.com).

## **Communications**

**Claudia Palmira '95, Chair**  
**Sarah Haeger '97, monthly newsletter**  
**Erin Guo '03, email newsletter**  
**Heather Waterman '96, web mistress**

A multi-faceted approach was used for Communications this year. The Club continued to mail a monthly newsletter, MHC/NYC, to Club members, highlighting upcoming events. A monthly email newsletter was sent to all alumnae in the New York City area, as well as other alumnae interested in keeping up with Club activities. Besides describing upcoming events, the email newsletter highlighted a MHC New Yorker every month. The email newsletter also served as a vehicle for alumnae to post notices about jobs, housing and events alumnae were participating in. Blast emails and individual mailings were also sent for specific events. The Club continued to maintain a website, [www.mountholyokeclubofnewyork.com](http://www.mountholyokeclubofnewyork.com).

## Alumnae Admissions Representative [AAR] Report

Johanna Fausto '98  
New York City Wide AAR  
May 2005

### 2000-2005 ADMISSIONS STATISTICS FOR NYC SENIORS

	<u>INQUIRIES</u>	<u>APPLICANTS</u>	<u>% Ytd</u>	<u>ACCEPTS</u>	<u>% Ytd</u>	<u>MATRICULANTS</u>	<u>% Ytd</u>
<b>2005</b>	1063	124	12%	64	52%	20	31%
<b>2004</b>	1081	131	12%	69	53%	15	22%
<b>2003</b>	1333	159	12%	87	55%	26	30%
<b>2002</b>	1593	162	10%	89	55%	33	37%
<b>2001</b>	965	165	17%	84	51%	21	25%
<b>2000</b>	743	108	15%	65	60%	23	35%

### Fall 2004 Highlights

- AARs attended twelve (12) college fairs at local public and private schools.
- AARs interviewed 10 high school students.
- **Pre-Vespers Reception at the Inter-Continental Hotel followed by Vespers** (December 10, 2004) –A reception for applicants was held prior to Vespers, followed by attendance at the Vespers concert. Forty-two (42) people attended the pre-Vespers reception at the InterContinental Hotel. There were 18 high school students, 6 alumnae (2 brought their mothers) and one member of the Admissions staff (Trang Nguyen, who is in charge of the NYC area) in attendance. The reception was informal; alumnae and parents shared their MHC experiences and answered questions. This is the second time a reception for applicants was held prior to Vespers; Vespers is performed in New York every other year. This event was bigger than the first one held in 2003, where 25 guests attended. The event was hosted by the NYC AARs and sponsored by the Admissions Office.

### Spring 2005 Highlight

- **Accepted Student Reception hosted by Stacy Susman Kuhn '89** (Wednesday, April 25) – Fifteen (15) accepted students and their families attended a reception hosted by alumna, Stacy Susman Kuhn. Eight alumnae were present, although one was acting in the capacity as “mother” of an accepted student. Trang Nguyen, the Admissions staff member in charge of the NYC area also attended. By the end of the night, alumnae relived their college experience and some accepted students shared their experience about their visit to MHC during Preview weekend. As a gift, students received a decal with a picture of MHC's green griffin. The MHC Club of New York and the Admissions Office coordinated this event.

### 2004-2005 Alumnae Admissions Representatives

City Wide AAR – Johanna Fausto '98  
Manhattan AAR – Rebecca Wolfe '01  
Bronx AAR – Yasmin Davis '02  
Brooklyn AAR – Nadine Verna '00  
Queens AAR – Ivelise Sanabria '04  
Staten Island AAR – Nancy Medwid '91

## **Nominating Committee**

**Kristen Scheyder '92**  
**Vice President; Chair, Nominating Committee**

### **2004-2005 Nominating Committee:**

Maren Boot '88, Anne Marie Basic '81, Jennifer Durst '95, Sarah Haeger '97, Julie Holley '88, Claudia Palmira '95

We are pleased to present the following slate of officers, directors, and committee members for the 2005-2006 Board of Directors of the Mount Holyoke Club of New York:

### **Board of Directors**

<b>President</b>	Kristen Scheyder '92
<b>Vice President</b>	Jennifer Durst '95
<b>Vice President – Programs</b>	Sarah Haeger '97
<b>Treasurer</b>	Maren Boot '88
<b>Secretary</b>	Anne Marie Basic '81
<b>Alumnae Admissions Rep.</b>	Johanna Fausto '98
<b>Membership</b>	Marion Nturu '02
<b>Communications - Editor</b>	Claudia Palmira '95
<b>Seven Sisters</b>	Kathy Stanfield '97
<b>Vespers</b>	Anne Marie McGonnigal '85
<b>Young Alumnae</b>	Ileana Branisteanu '03
<b>Zagats</b>	Erica Metzger-Hare '98

### **Honorary Members:**

<b>Past President</b>	Lily Klebanoff Blake '64
<b>Honorary Member</b>	Joan Shapiro Green '66
<b>Honorary Member</b>	Linda Ing Phelps '86

### **Committee Members**

<b>Communications</b>	Erin Guo '01 Erinn Kindig '96	Heather Waterman '96
<b>Membership</b>	Kristen Comings '93	Julie Holley '87
<b>Programs</b>	Dana Barta '04 Ellen Freeman Bodow '64 Carol Bowen '82 Judy DeCosta '97 Erica Forrence '01 Julia Powell Grossman '02	Natalya Marusich '04 Gregg McCarty '83 Mary Griffin Metz '78 Meg O'Rourke '89 Marguerite Saint-Preux '02 Sarah Sladen '03
<b>Seven Sisters</b>	Clare Healy '96 Manjari Goenke '04	Mabel Nturu '04
<b>Young Alumnae</b>	Lana Dinic '04	Rachel Hammerman '04