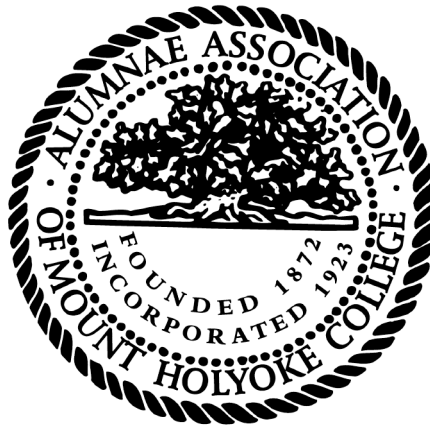


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### **Mission Statement**

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.

## President's Report

**Jennifer Durst '95**

*President*

It has been a privilege to complete Kristen Scheyder's term as President of the Mount Holyoke Club of New York. Kristen was unable to serve a full year when her family moved to Germany in February. She was a wonderful asset during her almost six years on the board. We hope she will rejoin when she returns to New York.

The club has had another busy and successful year resulting in 12 well-attended events, a 15% increase in membership and a strong financial position as we head into a Vespers year. We of course could not do any of this without the committed support of the club's board, volunteers, members, MHC alumnae, the College, and the Alumnae Association.

The following pages will fill you in on the club's year in terms of finances, membership, programs including seven sisters and young alumnae, alumnae admissions work, and communications as well as look ahead to next year's slate of officers thanks to the work of the nominating committee.

One cannot reflect on the year without mentioning the terrible loss of an esteemed alumna -- Wendy Wasserstein. The club has been honored by her support and presence over the years at the fundraiser benefits we organized around her plays. In her memory, we made a donation to the Open Doors program, which was founded by Wendy at the Theatre Development Fund.

The club also supported two Alumnae Scholars this year who are now part of the newest class of alumnae -- Tamara Dews '06 and Genny Alexander '06. Tamara was a recipient of a NYC Alumnae Scholarship her entire four years at Mount Holyoke. She has returned to New York City to work at Sony BMG Music Entertainment and will also be a part of the New York City club. Genny is currently traveling in Europe.

None of the club's activities would be possible without the hard work of many individuals. I must take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers and supporters of the club: Anne Marie Basic and the nominating committee; Sarah Haeger and her team on the programs committee; Anne Marie McGonnigal; Maren Boot; Erica Metzger-Hare; Claudia Palmira and the communications team; Marion Nturu and the membership committee; the Young Alumnae team of Lana Dinic, Rachel Hammerman, and Dana Barta; Mabel Nturu and the seven sisters committee; Johanna Fausto and all of the borough AARs; and our honorary board members, Lily Klebanoff Blake, Joan Shapiro Green, and Linda Ing Phelps.

The Mount Holyoke Club of New York looks forward to another successful year. We hope you will continue to support the club's activities, the Alumnae Scholarship, and the 75<sup>th</sup> Vespers in New York City. Our mission is to support and cultivate the relationship between metropolitan area alumnae, the College, and the Alumnae Association.

## **Board of Directors**

### **July 2005 – January 2006**

<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

### **February 2006 – June 2006**

<b>President</b>	Jennifer Durst '95
<b>Vice President</b>	Anne Marie Basic '81
<b>Vice President – Programs</b>	Sarah Haeger '97
<b>Treasurer</b>	Maren Boot '88
<b>Secretary</b>	Anne-Marie McGonnigal '85

### **July 2005 – June 2006**

<b>Alumnae Admissions Representative</b>	Johanna Fausto '98
<b>Communications</b>	Claudia Palmira '95 (chair) Dana Barta '04 Lilyane Glamben '84 Maura E. Greaney '95 Erinn Kindig '96 Bernetta Parson MHFP '96
<b>Membership</b>	Marion Nturu '02 (chair) Kristen Comings '93 Julie Holley '87
<b>Programs</b>	Sarah Haeger '97 (chair) Dana Barta '04 Ellen Freeman Bodow '64 Carol Bowen '82 Bianca Carvalho '03 Judy DeCosta '97 Erica Forrence '01 Natalya Marusich '04 Gregg McCarty '83 Mary Griffin Metz '78 Elizabeth L. Mo '04 Meg O'Rourke '89 Marguerite Saint-Preux '02

	Sarah Sladen '03
<b>Seven Sisters</b>	Mabel Nturu '04 (chair) Clare Healy '96 Manjari Goenka '04
<b>Vespers</b>	Anne-Marie McGonnigal '85
<b>Zagat's</b>	Maren Boot '88 Erica Metzger-Hare '98
<b>Young Alumnae</b>	Dana Barta '04 Rachel Hammerman '04 Lana Dinic '04
<b>Honorary Members</b>	Lily Klebanoff Blake '64 Joan Shapiro Green '66 Linda Ing Phelps '86

Website maintained by Heather Waterman '96

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Fiscal Year 7/1/05 to 6/30/06**

**Maren Boot '88**  
*Treasurer*

**Overview**

Based on the very successful Vespers concert in 2004 and the generosity of our members, we were able to contribute two (2) \$5,000 scholarships to Alumnae Scholars this year for a total gift of \$10,000.

**Income**

This year, the Club received income of approximately \$30,000. These funds came from membership, events and interest income. A very successful fund-raiser for the Wendy Wasserstein play "Third" in the fall raised about \$5,000.

Membership contributions totaled approximately \$10,500. Contributions ranged from a basic membership of \$40 to amounts in excess of the patron level membership of \$150. Alumnae are welcome to make contributions in any amount above the membership price of \$40. All amounts over \$40 are put into the Alumnae Scholarship fund.

Other income included more than \$2,000 from our interest bearing bank account.

Revenues from various club programs were in excess of \$17,000.

**Expenses**

Fees from the Club's programs, typically charged to cover program expenses such as catering and room rental, totaled approximately \$15,000.

After the untimely passing of Wendy Wasserstein '71 this past winter, the club made a \$1000 donation in her name to her favorite charity, Open Doors at the Theatre Development Fund.

Expenses for the Club totaled approximately \$4,500. This does not include the Club's contribution of \$10,000 to the Alumnae Scholar Fund, the donation to Open Doors or program expenses.

The Club's operating expenses are primarily related to (i) cost of communications, (ii) cost of mailbox rental, voicemail box etc., and (iii) board meetings. This year the club made an investment in our communications by purchasing "listserv" services from MyEmma.com. This has allowed us to automate our e-mailing process and make it more efficient.

We started the year with about \$53,000 in our account. We expect to close the year close to \$54,000. As we go into the 75<sup>th</sup> NYC Vespers year we expect to see a large increase in revenues for the year, allowing us to continue to fund Alumnae Scholars.

## Programs

**Sarah Haeger '97**  
***Vice President, Programs***

Date of Event	Event
<b>September 24</b>	Back-to-School Brunch hosted by Abigail Hitchcock at her restaurant Camaje. MHC alumna Jen Giesecking gave a talk about her research in the Mount Holyoke archives on genders influence on space and architecture.
<b>October 6</b>	MHC Professor Martha Ackmann read from her book "Mercury 13." The event was hosted by Ellen Levy at her Gallery.
<b>October 18</b>	<i>Third</i> , a play by Wendy Wasserstein. The Club secured 60 tickets at the theater at Lincoln Center and held a reception prior to the performance at Josephina
<b>November 3</b>	<i>New York Times</i> ' panel discussion of issues in the "Class Matters" series and book. The panel was moderated by Bill Keller and panelists included: David Leonhardt, Tamar Lewin and Anthony DePalma. The event was hosted by Felice Nudelman and Alex Ward at the <i>New York Times</i> .
<b>December 2</b>	Private tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art exhibit, <i>Prague, The Crown of Bohemia, 1347-1437</i> . The tour was led by the curator of the exhibit, Barbara Drake Boehm with special thanks to Ludmila Schwarzenberg Hess.
<b>January 19</b>	Reception for MHC January Interns hosted at the Community Service Society of New York.
<b>February 15</b>	An introduction to Mama Gena's School of Womanly Art's at the home of Regena Thomashauer, a.k.a. "Mama Gena"
<b>March 1</b>	Opera singer Nancy Gustafson, performed a recital at the home of Lena Kaplan.
<b>March 25</b>	Chocolate Tour of New York City led by New York Food Tours.
<b>April 13</b>	A private tour of the exhibit, <i>Sound Digressions in Seven Colors</i> at the NyeHaus Gallery at the National Arts Club. The artist, Tony Oursler, gave a tour of this exhibit and answered questions.
<b>April 25</b>	How to use the power of politics to your advantage -- Judy Rosemarin discussed tactics for navigating the politics of the workplace. Hosted at the Community Service Society of New York.
<b>June 20</b>	Annual Meeting with special guest MHC Professor Preston Smith, who discussed the community-based learning program he chairs at Mount Holyoke. Hosted by K.C. Maurer at the Warhol Foundation.



## **In-Kind Contributors**

**A heartfelt thank you must go to the following individuals and organizations for their support of the club this past year.**

- Barbara Drake Boehm
- Community Service Society of New York
- Ludmila Schwarzenberg Hess
- Ellen Levy
- Lena Kaplan
- KC Maurer
- New York Times
- Felice Nudelman, NY Times
- NyeHaus Gallery
- Tony Oursler
- Judy Rosemarin
- Alex Ward, NY Times
- Warhol Foundation

## Alumnae Scholar

### **Tamara Dews '06**

I would like to thank you and the Club of New York City for its continued support. It's hard to put into words how appreciative I am for the Club's support throughout my college career. The alums have been so helpful in helping find internships; connecting me with other alums while studying abroad; and offering me career advice. In addition, the scholarship which the club has provided me with throughout my four years at MHC, has been a tremendous help and I thank you all very much.

This past year was extremely busy for me. I took the LSAT, applied for the Fulbright in Japan, and finally applied to law schools. In addition, I also served as a mentor in our school's Take the Lead program as well as the Administrative Fellow for the Weissman Center for Leadership, where I organized and coordinated events for our series on Law and Disorder as well as Acts of Reconstruction. Furthermore, I was nominated as Senior of the Week, received the Leadership Award for Excellence, and was nominated in the Who's Who Among American College's and Universities.

Recently I decided to defer law school for a year and I will be working as a Contract Coordinator at Sony BMG Music Entertainment in the Business and Legal Affairs department. It's the perfect position for me because I am interested in pursuing a career in sports/entertainment law. Some of my responsibilities include: drafting and editing contracts and licensing agreements; negotiating royalty rates; as well as maintaining correspondence with third party labels.

I hope all is well with you in the new year and hope to hear from you soon.

## Membership

**Marion Nturu '02**

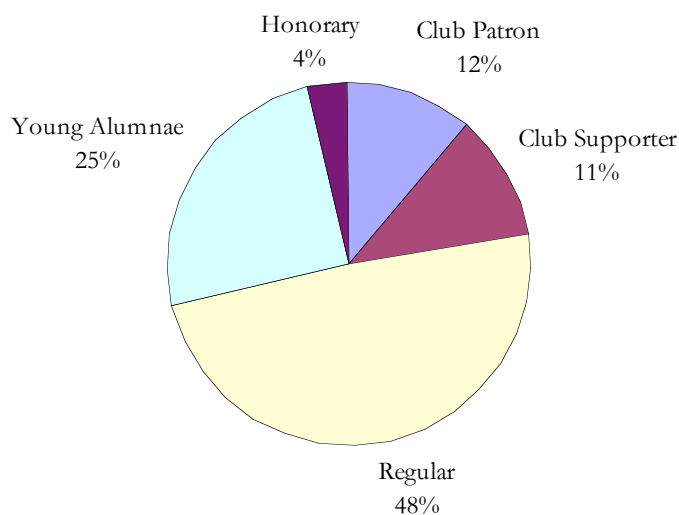
**Julie Holley '87**

*Membership Committee*

Alumnae membership is vital to support the activities of the Mount Holyoke Club of New York, and we continue to have a strong membership base. Dues help support scholarships, communication, networking opportunities, and a wide array of programs and events throughout the year. This year, we continued to implement suggestions taken from last year's Membership Survey, such as providing the Membership Directory online.

For this year, we expanded the number of opportunities to join by creating four membership levels – Patrons, Supporters, Young Alumnae and Regular. Honorary membership is free and offered to alumnae that have graduated at least 50 years ago. Overall membership increased 15% from last year to 243 alumnae, including 28 club patrons and 27 club supporters. Once again, the classes with the most representation were **1974 and 2004**.

The breakdown of membership for 2005 – 2006 was:



We are grateful to all the alumnae who supported the Club during the year, especially those who contributed as Patrons and Supporters:

**Club Patrons:**

Janice Abert  
Joyce Ahrens  
Anne Marie Basic  
Lily Klebanoff Blake  
Maren Boot  
Adrienne Chandler  
Mary Beth Topor Daniel  
Lavida Dowdell  
Jennifer A. Durst  
Marianne DePatie Fouhey  
Kelle Gagne  
Sharon Leigh Gardner  
Susan Gerber  
Paula Gerden  
Dierdra Gray  
Joan Shapiro Green  
Julie Herzig  
Ludmila Schwarzenberg Hess  
Sandra Svihovec Hewitt  
Mary Griffin Metz  
Susan Noonan  
Jane Hoover Polley  
Susan Saxe  
Kristen Scheyder  
Valerie Wagenfeld  
Marcy Waterman  
Margaret Wlody  
Jane Zimmy

**Club Supporters:**

Virginia Altman Aaron  
Peggy Andrews  
Elinor Azenberg  
Lucy Bermingham  
Kimberly Berney  
Laura Congleton  
Mona Bernstein Dukess  
Kristen Kelly Fisher  
Sarah Elizabeth Greer  
Candy Lawson  
Joan Wiesen Lieberman  
Nancy Lupton  
Pamela McCarthy  
Gregg C. McCarty  
Ellie McGrath  
Ellen Nenner  
Theresa Nygard  
Christine Robinson  
Barbara Rosen  
Linda Pearce Rosensweig  
Laura Williams Sinton  
Dana Steele  
Pamela Theodoris  
Joan Roehrig Vater  
Judith Widmann  
Kirsten Williams  
Connie Yim

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

### **Mabel Nturu '04** ***Seven Sisters 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 several events this year: in the fall we hosted a “Traditional Sunday Afternoon Tea,” which was well attended by alums across the city. We hosted two networking gatherings, with an average of 10 to 15 alumnae in attendance. These informal gatherings gave us the chance to socialize and network in a relaxed atmosphere. 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 through our regular email blasts.

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

**Lana Dinic '04**

**Rachel Hammerman '04**

*Young Alumnae Co-Chairs*

This year Young Alumnae hosted and participated in several events. The traditional summer and January Intern receptions ran successfully. A web group is now finally up and running making sure young alumnae members of the club are kept updated on all club happenings. Unfortunately the much anticipated annual a cappella jam fell through this year as we were unable to find a location willing to host it.

The year kicked off with the summer intern reception, which was hosted at the Warhol Foundation. Current MHC students who were participating in summer internship programs throughout New York City gathered to mingle and share their experiences with others. Several headhunters and human resource people from major NY firms and companies (both for and not for profit) were also in attendance sharing personal insights and suggestions for working in New York City. The event was very well attended and even included a handful of prospective MHC students.

A similar but smaller event was also held in January of this year to feature students who were involved in J-term internship programs. The gathering took place at the Community Service Society. The group had more opportunity to speak to alums one on one. A very nice intimate setting was established, leading several students to express their gratitude for "making New York seem smaller and more personable."

This year also placed technology on the side of the young alum group. Thanks to the hard work of Lana Dinic and Dana Barta, a young alumnae yahoo group was established on the web. All club events, particularly those geared toward young alums, were posted in an organized fashion. Through these digests, a monthly gathering was re-established which fostered both friendship and networking possibilities.

## Communications

### **Claudia Palmira '95** ***Communications Chair***

This year was marked by a major leap in technology for the Club, led by the Communications committee. For the first time, the Club mailing list was organized and centralized into a single database. This database is connected directly to sophisticated e-mail distribution software, which allows designated members of the board to easily compose and send e-mails to all members without relying upon an individual's personal e-mail software. This step not only benefits Communications, but also Membership. The centralized list allows for easy additions to the list and removes the need for a single Board member to maintain the list.

The Club sent out a monthly e-newsletter for the majority of months this year. Features of the newsletter included Events Calendar, The Mount Holyoke New Yorker, Announcements (free listings for Members), and an Editor's blurb. In addition, the Club mailed out event invitations and reminders via e-mail, in partnership with the Programs Committee, to increase awareness and remind our busy members of our events.

The Communications committee redesigned the e-newsletter so that it would have a consistent appearance. Plans for further redesign, including event photos and other features, was suggested for 2006-2007.

As the year closed, the Communications committee compiled a plan for the redesign of the club web site, to be reviewed over the summer.

## Alumnae Admissions Representative [AAR]

**Johanna Fausto '98,**  
*New York City Wide AAR*

### 2000-2006 ADMISSIONS STATISTICS FOR NYC SENIORS

	<b>INQUIRIES</b>	<b>APPLICANTS</b>	<b>% Ytd</b>	<b>ACCEPTS</b>	<b>% Ytd</b>	<b>MATRICULANTS</b>	<b>% Ytd</b>
<b>2006</b>	813	145	18%	76	52%	24	32%
<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 2005 Highlights

- AARs again attended college fairs at local public and private schools that admissions staff could not cover.
- AARs interviewed 6 high school students. This number is lower than years past because Trang Nguyen, the admissions staff person primarily responsible for NYC recruiting, has come down to NYC several weekends this year for pre-arranged, scheduled interviews with students. Traditionally, staff from the Admissions Office planned one weekend dedicated to interviewing students in NYC.

### Spring 2006 Highlight

- **Accepted Student Reception hosted by Stacy Susman Kuhn '89** (Wednesday, April 19) – Thirteen (13) accepted students and their families attended a reception kindly hosted by alumna, Stacy Susman Kuhn. Stacy was gracious enough to host the reception again after an overwhelming 10 (out of the 15 attendees) students enrolled, yielding a staggering 67%. We hope to accomplish the same this year. Eight alumnae were present although one was acting in the capacity as “mother” of an accepted student and chose not to participate in the capacity of an alumna. 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 encouraged students to attend the upcoming MHC Preview weekend. Students received as gifts, a 2006 Zagats NYC guide courtesy of the MHC Club of NY and a red MHC pennant with the Pegasus on it. The MHC Club of New York and the Admissions Office co-sponsored this event.

### 2005-2006 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

**Anne Marie Basic '81**  
*Vice President; Chair, Nominating Committee*

### **2005-2006 Nominating Committee:**

Peggy Andrews '90; Lily Klebanoff Blake '64; Maren Boot '88; Martha Ferry '66; Joan Shapiro Green '66; Stephanie Gillette '95; Sarah Haeger '97; Julie Holley '87; Anne-Marie McGonnigal '85; Mary Griffin Metz '78; Marion Nturu '02; Linda Ing Phelps '86; Sunny Park Suh '91

We are pleased to present the following slate of officers, committee chairs, and committee members for the 2006-2007 Board of Directors of the Mount Holyoke Club of New York:

### **Board of Directors 2006-2007**

#### **Officers & Committee Chairs**

<b>President</b>	Jennifer Durst '95
<b>Vice President</b>	Linda Ing Phelps '86
<b>Vice President – Programs</b>	Anne-Marie McGonnigal '85
<b>Treasurer</b>	Maren Boot '88
<b>Secretary</b>	Raluca Dalea '01
<b>Membership Co-chairs</b>	Julie Holley '87 Akua Soadwa '03
<b>Communications</b>	Amanda Davis '00
<b>Seven Sisters</b>	Mabel Nturu '04
<b>Young Alumnae Co-chairs</b>	Dana Barta '04 Natalya Marusich '04

#### **Committee Members**

<b>Communications</b>	Claudia Palmira '95 – Publications Editor Tara Paone '81 Maura Greaney '95
<b>Membership Programs</b>	Manjari Goenka '04 Peggy Andrews '90 Mary Hidajat '99 Patricia Marion '04 Mary Griffin Metz '78 Meg O'Rourke '89 Lynette Rizzo '96 Marguerite Saint-Preux '02 Susan Saxe '77 Sarah Sladen '03
<b>Young Alumnae</b>	Tamara Dews '06 Rachel Hammerman '04

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#### **Alumnae Admissions**

**Representative (appt'd by MHC):** Johanna Fausto '98

**Honorary Members (non-voting):** Lily Klebanoff Blake '64  
Joan Shapiro Green '66

**Webmaster (non-voting):** Heather Waterman '96