



Ceremony of placing class scarves on each member of the class of 2012 by members of the class of 1962 – the Grand Mother Class



The next day the class of 2012 wore their scarves while parading with the laurel chain.

### **Welcome to Alumnae Association the Class of 2012**

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Remarks by **Peggy Daus Schwartz**, President of the Class of 1962  
[following the scarf placing ceremony]

What an honor to be here on campus with our grand daughters for this ceremony, for our joint panel at 3 pm tomorrow afternoon and for our joint class histories on Saturday. The Class of 1962 welcomes you to the network of alumnae.

For 50 years we've been involved in the struggle for women's equality: the right to chose- career or volunteer; business or stay-at-home mom. We were struggling against society setting limits and telling us what to do. We still believe that "uncommon" women need to use their education and talents in this country and in the world. We redefined what women could do. You will have you own transitions.

Recently a 1968 encyclopedia was donated to our local library. "Worthless!" We said. "Wait a minute! My education is now 50 years old. I wonder what is out of date that I still hold as fact!" On the other hand the real value of my Holyoke education was that I learned how to learn, how to solve problems, think and form values---"Priceless!" This gift is yours too.

The other gift that Mt Holyoke has given you is your network of classmates and alumnae. Over the years, I've found I have more in common with these intelligent, gifted women regardless of whether I knew them during our 4 years on campus.

The theme we selected for our 50<sup>th</sup> is a line from an Emily Dickinson poem, "Forever is composed of Nows." As you go about your busy multi-tasking lives, don't forget to enjoy the journey. After all Forever is composed of nows.