

## Happy 2013 to the Class of 2004...

Happy 2013! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that the new year is treating you well so far. Remember to stay in touch with the class through our Facebook page (Mount Holyoke College Class of 2004) and our new website ([alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/wp/mhc2004](http://alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/wp/mhc2004)). These two places will be our main sources of communication about class events and special occasions that are coming up over the next year.

It is hard to believe that we are another year closer to our 10th reunion. As Mount Holyoke celebrates its 175th anniversary this year, our class continues on the journey of reunion planning. Make a note on your calendars to save the dates May 16–18, 2014 for Reunion I! Your amazing reunion co-chairs Kristina and Jen are going to be communicating with you over the next eighteen months in order to keep everyone in the loop about what is being planned for Reunion. Please look out for this information starting in February.

It has been an honor serving as your class president for almost four years. Your class board has been hard at work and I am very excited about the reunion planning that is taking place and the events that are being held as we lead up to this event. I hope you all come out and join us. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Best,  
*Becky*

Becky McNealy  
Class President

### Class Board (2009-2014)

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## The Lyon Loop: 5 Ways to Connect

### 1. New class website

The site features information about our class, including photographs, a reunion countdown, links to the *Quarterly*, giving goals and more. Keep checking the site, especially as Reunion 2014 gets closer, as the Board will continue to add fresh content.

[alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/wp/mhc2004](http://alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/wp/mhc2004)

### Want to volunteer?

Check out the volunteer tab to see opportunities available with the class and with Mount Holyoke.

### Share your reunion photos

Help us build an album of memories. Send photos to [2004classboard@gmail.com](mailto:2004classboard@gmail.com) and we'll post them.

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## (Continued) The Lyon Loop: 5 Ways to Connect

### 2. Facebook

Our official Facebook group, called "**Mount Holyoke College Class of 2004**," is a great place to learn about class happenings, regional gatherings, volunteer opportunities and more.

### 3. Email blasts

Look out during the year for updates on a variety of topics. We'll remind you about special traditions and events, like Mountain Day and Strawberries & Champagne.

### 4. Class newsletters

Watch your mailbox for delivery of class newsletters! They're packed with a variety of updates—just like the one you're reading now! Older newsletters are available on our new class website.

### 5. Class notes in the *Quarterly*

Have you relocated? Did you finish graduate school? Where have you traveled? Have you received a promotion? Were you recently married? Have a baby on the way? Your classmates want to hear from you!

Send your news to [2004scribe@gmail.com](mailto:2004scribe@gmail.com).

## Dollars and \$ense:

*Updates on Fundraising & More*

### Fundraising Idea

Would you buy a Monopoly game with a Mount Holyoke theme? The class board is in the process of making that a possibility. Although the wheels are just beginning to turn, we hope to have the games available by spring 2013.

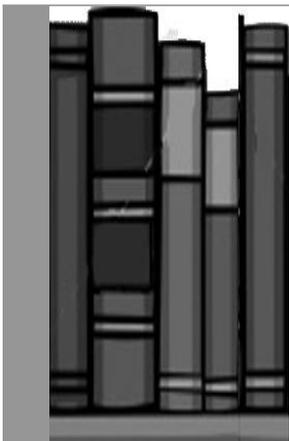
## Mini – Reunions

As a way to lead up to our 10<sup>th</sup> reunion in May 2014, our class will be having a series of mini-reunions over the next year.

These mini-reunions will enable our class to have many opportunities to get together across the country. In order for

everyone to share together, whether near or far from campus, many of the mini-reunions will be planned around May 23, the day of our graduation. Come out and join us in Boston, Washington D.C., Chicago, Houston, South Hadley, and more! Stay tuned for information about exact dates and activities in your area!

Interested in hosting or helping to plan one of the events in your area? Please email the class board at [2004classboard@gmail.com](mailto:2004classboard@gmail.com) with your best contact information and available dates.



### Good Books for your Kindle, next book group, or bookshelf

*The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri (MHC Common Read 2012)

*Maine* by J. Courtney Sullivan

*The Wednesday Sisters* by Meg Waite Clayton

Share your good books by sending suggestions to [2004classboard@gmail.com](mailto:2004classboard@gmail.com).

### Shop and Support MHC

Demonstrate your pride in Mount Holyoke or send good MHC memories to a friend by purchasing items from other classes and regional clubs. A wide variety of items are available, including coffee, jewelry, art prints, pet leashes, pens, silk scarves, chairs, pens and more. Proceeds from the purchase of Association gifts benefit the Alumnae Scholar Fund.

[www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/gifts](http://www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/gifts)