

## Co-Presidents

Sophia Apostola lives and Massachusetts with her husband and dog. She works as an attorney for the State of Massachusetts. She has served in many volunteer capacities for Mount Holyoke, including serving as a co-head class agent, admissions volunteer, law school advisor, and your current class president. Her priority for the class is engagement, both with each other and with the college and current students. Sophia likes to spend her spare time hiking with her dog and screen printing.

Margaret Byrne graduated from Mount Holyoke College with a BA in Biological Sciences, where her thesis focused on groundwater contamination. She hold a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Health/Toxicology from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health and a Master of Public Policy and Administration Degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She has worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 7 years, where she is measuring and monetizing harm caused by chemicals in the environment, restoring freshwater river ecosystems, connecting with people about shared environmental goals. She lives in Sunderland, MA with three wonderful children, and loves hanging out with them as much as possible. She is also a champion amateur arm-wrestler and spend the rest of her free time working to protect a wetland in my back yard.

She enjoyed the honor of serving as our class vice president for the past 5 years and look forward to continued service as co-president. In this role, she offers our class her skills in organizing, planning events, fundraising, and interpersonal connection. She will support our head class agents in fundraising drives, will seek out opportunities to connect classmates to one another and to on-campus events, and will show initiative in building camaraderie and support. One of her loftiest goals is to have our class organize a small statue or sculpture honoring Mary Lyon, which would be on display on top of Mount Holyoke near the Summit House, to increase awareness about our amazing college and our Mountain Day tradition. Cool idea right?

She will also work to increase everyone's connection to campus, making sure you know about the new internship program, and strengthening our alum network near and far. She'd love to hear your suggestions for events or initiatives our class could consider, and looks forward to working closely with the other strong volunteers on class board. Thank you!!

## Co-Vice Presidents

Brenda Hernandez is a higher education diversity professional and reproductive justice activist. She is currently the Associate Director for Diversity & Inclusion at BU Law. She is a yoga teacher specializing in restorative yoga, and has developed yoga workshops for those who have experienced reproductive loss and infertility. She has a BA in Women's Studies from Mount Holyoke College and a JD from Pace Law School. Brenda lives in Boston with her husband Jake, their daughter Carmen, and their cat Amethyst.

Adrienne M. Pope was born on the south side of Chicago, and as a toddler, her family relocated to the south suburbs of Chicago. After graduating from Marian Catholic High School, Adrienne pursued her undergraduate studies at Mount Holyoke College and studied abroad at the University of Sydney in Australia. While at Mount Holyoke College, Adrienne was active with the Association of Pan-African Unity, Voice of Faith A Capella Choir, a Weed Summer Research Fellow (where she met and interviewed renowned Sci-Fi author Octavia Butler and presented a short documentary about the author to the Mount Holyoke community), and Hall President of the 1837 dorm from 2003-2004. She earned a B.A. in English from Mount Holyoke College with the class of 2004.

After college, Adrienne joined Teach For America and was an elementary school teacher in Houston, Texas. She became a licensed Early Childhood-4th grade ESL teacher with Houston Independent School District's Alternative Certification Program and the University of St. Thomas. She was honored as Teacher of the Year in her second year of teaching at her school campus. After Teach For America, she went on to pursue a career in Marketing and Communications, which took her to live back in her hometown of Chicago as well as New York City and Los Angeles.

In 2009, Adrienne relocated back to Chicago, IL and is now the Managing Director of a real estate management company, Redel Rentals LLC. Adrienne completed the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program in Chicago and is a licensed Managing Real Estate Broker.

Adrienne has held various volunteer positions throughout the Chicagoland area including serving in various capacities with St. Mark United Methodist Church and as a board member with the Sue Duncan Children's Center. Currently, Adrienne is a co-chair of the Development Committee with the Steppenwolf Theatre Associates Board and a member of the South Suburban Chicago Chapter of the internationally recognized service organization The Links, Incorporated.

In her free time, Adrienne enjoys traveling, writing, and staying connected with her Mount Holyoke sisters throughout the world.

## Reunion Chairs

Rebecca McNealy lives in Evanston, IL and currently is the co-owner of RAM Art Studio in the Edgewater neighborhood of Chicago and a part time art teacher to grades K-6. In her free time, Rebecca likes to make her own art, mainly ceramics and photography, travel, spend time with family, and run races. She is looking forward to completing a half marathon in Las Vegas in 2019! Rebecca has been honored to serve as class president and one of your reunion chairs for Reunion 2019. She is looking forward to continuing to be a part of the class board and serving the class of 2004.

Vanessa Megaw has worked as analyst at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in Washington, D.C. since 2013. She specializes in student lending and debt relief market analysis to inform policy. Prior to her time in the government, Vanessa was the marketing director for an International education program based in Western Massachusetts and earned a dual MBA/MPPA from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She also has a passion for dancing and playing the ukulele (poorly) with her partner and baby.

## Treasurer

Chrysante Courniotes is currently a Health Policy Strategist and Management Consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton in Washington, D.C. She joined Booz Allen in March 2008, and recently celebrated her 10-year anniversary with the firm. She has spent most of her career focused on improving healthcare access and quality for our Veterans and Service Members.

Prior to joining Booz Allen, Chrysanthe was the project manager for the Afghanistan Medical Reconstruction Project for the Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine (CDHAM), a Department of Defense (DoD) research entity. In this role, Chrysanthe travelled to Afghanistan, where she collaborated with the U.S. Government and Afghan Ministries of Health and Defense on the development of a 10-year Strategic Health Plan. This strategic plan outlined health policy initiatives for maternal and child health, mental health services, and healthcare training and education for Afghan clinicians and administrators. Chrysanthe has served as a public health analyst for the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense, primarily focused on Iraq and Afghanistan healthcare reconstruction work.

Chrysanthe holds a Juris Doctor (J.D.) in Health Law and Policy from the UDC's David A. Clarke School of Law, and a Master's of Science in International Health Management, Economics, and Policy from SDA Bocconi University in Milan, Italy. She is a 2004 graduate of Mount Holyoke College, where she wrote her Honors thesis, entitled, "Shooting Up the Stereotypes: The Human Face of Injecting Drug Use and HIV/AIDS in Western Massachusetts," and majored in Critical Medical Anthropology (special major).

In her free time, Chrysanthe is an active member of the Women's National Democratic Club, and enjoys spending quality time with her family and friends.

## Co-Scribes

Asha Strazzero-Wild is the Vice President of Marketing at Precision Xtract at Precision Medicine group, where she is responsible for building the market brand and managing all marketing and promotional efforts. Prior to joining PMG, Asha was the Head of Growth Operations at RxRevu, a start up focused on providing prescription price transparency to providers at the point of care. Before joining RxRevu, Asha was a Senior Director at The Advisory Board Company where she managed a \$7M provider portfolio and all external revenue cycle engagements. Before joining The Advisory Board, Asha was a national program director for a public health non-profit and an education non-profit, where she managed 26 clinics across the country, and launched new programs across four states, respectively. Asha serves on multiple national and regional health care boards such as HIMSS and HFMA and speaks regularly at conferences across the country.

## Head Class Agents

[Anna Bennett Robertson](#) is beginning her 10th year as HCA (she thinks! She's lost count...) and is excited for another five years working for our class and Mount Holyoke. She is inspired by the generosity of her classmates, in their volunteer time and their financial gifts to the College, and that inspiration keeps her working as HCA. She works part-time in the Athletic Department at Williams College and is a mom to 3-year old George. She and her family live in Williamstown, MA. In her off time, she enjoys knitting, gardening, and painting and baking.

[Norma Jean Barrett](#) '04 is Senior Associate Director and Interim Director of The Wellesley Fund at Wellesley College. Her work focuses on annual giving strategies, gift solicitation, and recruiting volunteers. After graduating from Mount Holyoke with a degree in International Relations, Norma worked in the financial sector for nearly eight years. In 2010, she began efforts to switch careers to higher education fundraising and in 2012, she joined the External Relations team at Harvard Business School, working in Planned Giving & International Development. After three years at HBS as part of the Harvard Campaign, Norma joined The Wellesley Fund, where her team's fundraising efforts were part of the \$500 million Wellesley Effect Campaign. Norma has been a class volunteer for The Mount Holyoke Fund since 2003. She lives in Cambridge, MA with her husband and two children.

## Nominating Committee

[Kate Grote Hill](#) lives in Vermont with her husband Nate and their two boys, Jay and Owen. She has been an elementary teacher for the last twelve years and currently teaches first and second grade at their town elementary school. Her family is very involved in their community with different committees, sports, and activities. Kate also enjoys photography, exercise, and selling Usborne Books on the side.