



Honoring Frances Perkins '02 and Mount Holyoke Alums

An Invitation to Honor Frances and MHC

from Susan Bateson '76

The Frances Perkins Homestead is the “place of the heart” of Frances Perkins '02. A National Historic Landmark, it ranks among our nation’s most significant places. The **Frances Perkins Center** purchased the Newcastle, Maine homestead from Perkins’ grandson and sole heir in January 2020 and has commenced work to preserve, renovate, and endow this nationally significant property in perpetuity, and to prepare the facility to host tours and educational programs to honor and share the legacy of Frances Perkins. When completed, we also will open the Homestead’s important historic landscape for public access.

The Center’s *Frances Perkins Homestead Campaign: Seeking the Public Good* has raised 56% of the money needed to fund this work. As Vice-Chair and Treasurer of the Perkins Center Board of Directors, I am deeply committed to **celebrating Frances at her homestead** as one of Mount Holyoke’s sterling examples of living a life of purposeful engagement in the world—and a testament to the power of public service and commitment to principles.

With my husband Steve Fuller, I have **pledged to match 1:1 up to \$500,000** in donations and pledges from MHC alums made between now and December 31, 2022 to name the Homestead’s Education Center “In Honor of Mount Holyoke College Alums.” This Education Center, which will be on the Homestead property, is integral to the plans of the Frances Perkins Center for engaging and serving the public.

I invite you to join me in this effort to celebrate our alma mater and one of MHC’s most esteemed alums. To learn how you can help, please contact me at bateson.susan@gmail.com. You also can donate directly by [clicking here](#). Thank you!