



Holiday Greetings from the European Alum Council

Dear all,

Another year filled with Mount Holyoke friendship and camaraderie has gone by, another year in which our team has remained true to its commitment to support and strengthen the MHC alum network in Europe and worldwide and in which we have achieved new heights.

Let's celebrate our achievements together!

Launch of a Global Alum [Website](#): **1 ... but a once in a lifetime achievement!**

Amazing website traffic following the launch: **300 unique visitors from 45 different countries in just a few weeks, from Iceland to Ethiopia, and from Antigua & Barbuda to Japan.**

Enticing interviews with European alums featured on the website: **10**

European alum writers featured on the website: **9**

Increased number of subscribers to our newsletter in the last few months: **+137 ...and counting**

Consistent presence of our MHEAC Facebook group: **14 years on the web, with 1,055 members**

Steady number of local Facebook groups: **13**

Increasing presence on Instagram: **over 440 global followers and 68 postings (more than one a week)**

Extraordinary number of local events across the continent: **43 (including 8 Mountain Day gatherings)**

Consistent number of MHEAC delegates: **22 representing over 26 countries**

Staggering number of online gatherings: **over 80...and in several languages!**

Throughout the year we got together to visit wine cellars, museums, seasonal markets, ancient Roman baths, and we learned and practiced our French online. We took sunny walks in the countryside, listened to fellow alums perform on stage... and also ate a lot of ice cream together! Most importantly, we seized every opportunity to renew our friendship and learn from each other, in true Mount Holyoke spirit!

Happy and joyful holiday wishes from all of us: may the new year bring peace to the world and happiness and health to you and your loved ones!

The members of the Mount Holyoke European Alum Council (MHEAC)

Mountain Day Events



Edinburgh, Scotland



St. Andrews, Scotland



France



England



Germany



Norway



Sweden



The Netherlands

Other Recent Country Events



France



Germany



Great Britain



Ireland



Portugal



Sweden

European Alum Council Meeting in Évora



The European Alum Council came together in Évora, Portugal, in person and online, for a weekend in early November, allowing delegates from the different countries to explore new and continued ways for alums to engage with each other. Highlights included planning discussions in preparation for the Edinburgh symposium, an update on College developments and priorities, and a brainstorming session on how to shape future interaction via our new website. Those attending in person were also treated to a wine tasting led by a remarkable female winemaker, a visit to local Roman baths and more local attractions. Participants had the pleasure to meet with local alums and ones that travelled from near and far to partake in meals and events together, rekindling that flame for MHC and our amazing alum community.

Edinburgh Symposium Save the Date



Woven Legacies: spinning the future from threads of the past

How can the legacies that define our present—scientific, cultural, and social—become tools for imagining a better tomorrow?

Save the date in your agenda and find out more about the symposium [here](#).
Registration will begin in early July!

In Memoriam



We are extremely saddened to report the passing of Dutch alum Georgia Regnault -Smith '64, who died at the beginning of November following a courageous battle with cancer. Georgia was one of the founding members of the European Alum Council, and she was a very active member of the Dutch alum group, which she also led for a few years. In 2022 Georgia was the driving force behind the 16th European Alum Symposium in The Hague. Her commitment, dedication and supreme networking skills allowed alums from all over the world to enjoy an amazing event, celebrating in happiness the end of the dark pandemic years. She will be sorely missed.



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