

Celebrating Ohio Wesleyan Recognition Program

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Reunion Weekend | May 19-21, 2017

**Celebrating Ohio Wesleyan
the Annual Alumni
Recognition Program and Meeting
of the Alumni Association**

**May 20, 2017 | 12:45 p.m.
Gray Chapel**

Welcome

Sheila Fagan Plecha '84
President, Alumni Association Board of Directors

Invocation

Alan Sippel '67

Recognition of Reunion Classes

Sheila Fagan Plecha '84

Annual Giving Report

Ellen Simpson '77

Alumni Recognition Program

Sheila Fagan Plecha '84

Presentation of Alumni Awards

Presentations

Lloyd Ferguson '62

James W. Pry II '67

Nancy Seiwert Williams '72

Presentation of Young Alumni Award

Presentation

Julie A. Peterson, Ph.D., '07

Presentation of Distinguished Achievement Citations

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Woodrow W. Clark II, Ph.D., '67

Jo Ann Hermann Emerson '72

Larry Hill, M.D., F.A.C.S., '57

Susan Hagedorn, Ph.D., '67

State of the University Address

President Rock Jones

Closing Remarks

Sheila Fagan Plecha '84

Alma Mater

led by Laurie McGregor Connor '77

Ohio Wesleyan University

Class Giving Summary

Class	FY17 Class Gift Ohio Wesleyan Fund	*Class Gift Participation
1942	\$1,360	17%
1947	\$7,140	28%
1952	\$36,424	31%
1957	\$65,860	38%
1962	\$180,103	38%
1967	\$403,197	32%
1972	\$72,177	21%
1977	\$167,329	24%
1982	\$114,872	16%
1987	\$31,581	16%
1992	\$35,783	15%
1997	\$14,864	15%
2002	\$29,457	15%
2007	\$19,176	9%
2012	\$3,963	18%
Giving Totals	\$1,183,286	

**The Class of 1967 50th Reunion gift
Total Raised: \$1,965,695**

(This includes cash and pledges totaling \$1,373,731;
and planned gifts totaling \$591,964)

Gift amounts represent cash and pledges through May 15, 2017.
Gifts will be received and appreciated through June 30, 2017.

LLOYD FERGUSON '62

Alumni Award

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan University's Alumni Award, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is proud to recognize **Lloyd Ferguson** for his tireless service and unending dedication to his alma mater.

Since his graduation from Ohio Wesleyan in 1962 with a degree in politics & government, Lloyd has remained a committed and true friend to OWU, filling almost every role available at one time or another, including proud Bishop parent.

Lloyd was a packaging and publishing executive for 40 years and founding partner of Summit Media Group in 1993, but still found time to apply his business acumen as a member of the Board of Trustees. He is now a Life Trustee and emeritus member of the Woltemade Center Advisory Board.

Lloyd has served as an A/PART volunteer and an alumni admissions representative, helping to recruit the next generation of Bishops for life. Lloyd also provided many Ohio Wesleyan students with internship and employment opportunities at Summit Media Group.

Lloyd has consistently given back to Ohio Wesleyan, as a member of the Founder's Circle, Tower Society, and President's Circle. He has helped share his passion for philanthropy to OWU by serving as class chair for the annual fund and encouraging his fellow Bishops to join him in supporting OWU.

Evan Corns '59 says of Lloyd: "He has been The True Gentleman of Ohio Delta Chapter of SAE since he joined our fraternity in 1958. I have never served with a better friend and Phi Alpha Brother."

For his decades of devotion to Ohio Wesleyan and our campus community, we are pleased to present Lloyd Ferguson with the Alumni Award.

JAMES W. PRY II '67

Alumni Award

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan University's Alumni Award, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is proud to recognize **Jim Pry** for his outstanding service and dedication to his alma mater.

Jim graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1967 with a degree in economics and geology/geography. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and served on the Interfraternity Council while also playing football.

After graduation, he attended University of Toledo and Ohio Northern University Claude Pettit College of Law before being admitted to the Ohio State Bar Association in 1971. Three years later he also became a certified public accountant.

Jim later served as university counsel to Ohio Wesleyan as a partner in Sears Pry Griebling & McBride in Bucyrus, Ohio.

He is a former member of the OWU Board of Trustees from 2006 to 2012 and is now a member of the Woltemade Center Alumni Advisory Board.

In addition to lending his business expertise to his alma mater, Jim has invited economics students to his Crawford County tree farm along the Sandusky River to learn about the lumber industry.

Jim has also served as a former annual giving and A/PART volunteer, helping to encourage alumni giving to OWU and in recruiting future Bishops.

For his decades of connection and counsel to his alma mater, we are pleased to present Jim Pry with the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Award.

NANCY SEIWERT WILLIAMS '72

Alumni Award

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan University's Alumni Award, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is proud to recognize **Nancy Seiwert Williams** for her decades of faithful and enthusiastic service to her alma mater.

Nancy graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1972 with a degree in fine arts with a concentration in fashion illustration. She went on to receive an associate in applied sciences degree from Fashion Institute of Technology (SUNY).

Professionally, she was a buyer and branch store manager for Denver Dry Goods department store before going on to work as comptroller for Harvey & Strait, a wholesale gift business specializing in table linens.

Nancy was a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors from 2006 to 2013 and has volunteered in a wide capacity for Ohio Wesleyan, including countless hours as an alumni admissions representative, attending college fairs, hosting admissions receptions and events, and making numerous phone calls to prospective students.

Nancy is the past co-chair of the Boston Chapter Leadership Board, and under her stewardship the Boston alumni chapter has grown into a cohesive organization with a solid base and annual regional holiday party. Nancy engages with young alumni and with current and future parents through her work as an A/PART volunteer and volunteer with the Office of Alumni Relations.

Nancy and her husband Tom Williams '72 are also loyal supporters of the Ohio Wesleyan Fund and Team OWU, understanding that annual fund support gives the University the ability to allocate resources to the area of greatest need.

Most recently, Nancy and Tom proposed an idea to their "tribe of friends" from the class of '72 (loosely known as GOOF - Gathering Of Old Friends) who have gathered often during the last 40+ years from all parts of the US. The suggestion of contributing to an enduring legacy to Ohio Wesleyan was met with overwhelming enthusiasm. Through the bond of these OWU friendships, an endowed scholarship in the name of GOOF has been established.

Nancy is part of a long line of OWU legacy alumni, including her cousin, nephew, sister and brother-in-law, and daughter and son-in-law.

For her dedicated and determined work on behalf of the University and future OWU students, we are pleased to present Nancy Seiwert Williams with the Alumni Award.

JULIE PETERSON, PH.D., '07

Young Alumni Award

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan University's Young Alumni Award, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is proud to recognize **Julie Peterson** for her work in ecology and management of agricultural pests.

Julie graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 2007 with a degree in zoology and minor in Spanish. While at OWU, she was on the Dean's List all four years and was a member of the honors program. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, Sigma Xi scientific research society, and as well as the Phi Sigma (biology) and Phi Sigma Iota (modern foreign languages) honorary societies.

After OWU, she earned her Ph.D. in Entomology from University of Kentucky in 2012.

She went on to work as a post-doctoral associate at University of Minnesota and is now assistant professor of entomology and extension specialist at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where her work has an emphasis on practical applications for integrated pest management in field crops. Her research examines food web dynamics, insect behavior, compatibility of pest control strategies, and resistance management.

Julie's research, along with colleagues, has been published dozens of times in referred journals and select extension publications.

She is a member of the Entomological Society of America, Ecological Society of America, and International Organization for Biological Control and has received several awards and distinctions, including the J.H. Comstock Award in 2012 from the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America and the Robert J. O'Neil Outstanding Ph.D. in Biological Control Award from the International Organization for Biological Control.

For all of her outstanding achievements in her field so recently after graduation, the Alumni Board is pleased to present Julie Peterson with the Young Alumni Award.

WOODROW W. CLARK II, PH.D., '67

Distinguished Achievement Citation

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan University's Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored to recognize **Woodrow Clark** for his work as a longtime advocate for the environment and renewable energy as a lecturer, author, and advisor.

Woody graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1967 with a major in politics & government and minor in economics. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity and president of the student body. After graduation, Woody went on to earn three different master's degrees in three different fields – from University of Illinois at Urbana, Roosevelt University, and Loyola University – and his Ph.D. in anthropology and education from University of California, Berkeley.

He is an internationally-recognized expert on sustainability and green energy, and was a contributor to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that won a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

Woody has published five books and more than 50 peer-reviewed articles that reflect concern for global sustainable communities.

His was a Fulbright Fellow in 1994 at Aalborg University in Denmark and later returned there in 1999, where he served as visiting professor of science, technology, and entrepreneurship.

He founded Clark Communications in 1980 to produce and distribute documentary and educational films. In 2004, he founded Clark Strategic Partners, a full service strategic planning consulting firm devoted to working with clients in the public, private, and non-profit areas across the globe to implement sustainable environments, renewable energy solutions, and infrastructures. He is executive producer at Clark Mass Media Company. He served as an MBA lecturer at the Anderson Business School, University of California, Riverside, and was senior advisor renewable energy, emerging technologies, and finance to California Governor Gray Davis.

He is a member of numerous boards and associations and has been recognized by governments and institutions of higher learning for his achievements in his field. He was presented Ohio Wesleyan's Sagan National Colloquium Award when he was speaker in 2008.

It is with great appreciation and admiration that we award Woodrow Clark the Distinguished Achievement Citation for his commitment to environmental sustainability education and achievement in the field.

JO ANN HERMANN EMERSON '72

Distinguished Achievement Citation

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan University's Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored to recognize **Jo Ann Hermann Emerson** for her decades of public service and commitment to the ideal of "putting people first."

Jo Ann graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1972 with a major in political science. She showed her interest and skill for politics even then, serving as co-chair of the 1972 mock convention.

Jo Ann went on to serve as U.S. Representative for Missouri's 8th congressional district from 1996 to 2013. She won not one, but two concurrent elections in 1996 for her seat – one as a Republican to fill the last two months of her late husband Bill's term, and the other as an independent in the general election against two challengers. She easily won both.

She was the first independent elected to federal office in Missouri in 122 years before switching to Republican after completing her husband's term, then becoming the first Republican woman elected to the U.S. Congress from Missouri.

She was reelected seven times without serious difficulty, capturing nearly 70 percent of the vote in all of her elections. Her margins of victory in the district were always higher than those of GOP presidential or gubernatorial candidates.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Jo Ann was the Chairman of the Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee and also served on the Agriculture Subcommittee and Legislative Branch Subcommittee. Jo Ann focused extensively on economic development and rural policy issues, which enabled her to represent her constituents in Missouri's 8th Congressional District, which was primarily rural. Additionally, she also worked extensively to help eradicate hunger throughout the United States and abroad, including as a board member for World Food Program USA.

Jo Ann hosted several Ohio Wesleyan students as interns in her Washington, D.C. office and returned to campus to serve as commencement speaker in 2005.

It is with great appreciation and admiration that we award Jo Ann Hermann Emerson the Distinguished Achievement Citation for her dedication and public service to her country.

LARRY HILL, M.D., F.A.C.S. '57

Distinguished Achievement Citation

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan University's Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored to recognize **Larry Hill** for his more than five decades in the field of medicine, including in wartime, and his significant advances in research and accomplishments in surgery.

Dr. Hill graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1957 with a degree in pre-medicine and minor in music. He received his medical doctorate from The Ohio State University.

Dr. Hill is an accomplished pediatric surgeon, educator, and humanitarian. He began his medical work as a medic in Vietnam in 1966, and then returned to the U.S. for a noteworthy career in pediatric surgery. He is also trained in general, trauma, transplant, and thoracic surgery.

Dr. Hill served for many years as a professor of pediatric surgery at both Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland medical schools. Dr. Hill is affiliated with the American Pediatric Surgical Association, the American College of Surgeons, the American Surgical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Southern Surgical Association, and the Society of University Surgeons.

Dr. Hill led a team of doctors in the groundbreaking 1986 operation at the University of Maryland Medical Center to separate conjoined twins. The successful surgery involved a 24-member team and took more than 12 hours and was the first time twins were separated at the Medical Center.

He has been involved in research throughout his career, as well as public health, public speaking, and grant writing.

Dr. Hill and his wife Charlotte Hill '57 chaired the effort to raise \$500,000 to renovate the Stuyvesant Hall bell tower during the restoration project, as part of the Class of 1957 55th reunion gift. They are inaugural and committed members of the President's Circle and regularly welcome Ohio Wesleyan alumni in the Baltimore area to their harborside home.

It is with great appreciation and admiration that we award Dr. Larry Hill the Distinguished Achievement Citation for his significant achievements in the field of medicine.

SUSAN HAGEDORN, PH.D., '67

Distinguished Achievement Citation

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan University's Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is proud to recognize **Susan Hagedorn** for her dedication and achievement in the fields of nursing and media, and her commitment to social justice.

Susan graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1967 with a degree in English. She went on to earn her bachelor of science from University of Massachusetts Amherst in nursing in 1977, and received her master's in nursing from Boston College in 1982, and Ph.D. in nursing from University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in 1995.

Susan is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and served on the Dean's Executive committee at the UMass School of Nursing. She serves on the board of several nonprofits, including that of the Nurse-Family Partnership, an organization dedicated to helping first time parents succeed.

In 2006 she was presented the Nightingale Excellence in Caring Award, and she received the Humanitarian Award from the Long Island International Film Forum in 2013, along with numerous other professional recognitions.

Susan is an associate professor emeritus at the University of Colorado. After retiring from the active faculty in 2006, she pursued her interest in film and media studies at The New School in New York City, earning a certificate in digital video production in 2002, a graduate certificate in documentary studies in 2008, and a master's in media studies in 2010.

She founded Seedworks films to seed social change work and bring viewers inside the experience of nursing and being nursed. She has produced more than 20 films on nursing and social justice.

Susan's philanthropy has reflected her professional interests. She funded the Center on Domestic Violence at the University of Colorado Denver, School of Public Affairs, as well as the Seedworks Nursing Professorship for Social Justice at the University of Massachusetts.

It is with great appreciation and admiration that we award Susan Hagedorn the Distinguished Achievement Citation for her dedication to deepening the experience of nursing through her teaching, studies, and documentary production.

Platform Party

Rock Jones, *President, Ohio Wesleyan University*

Sheila Fagan Plecha '84, *President, Alumni Association Board of Directors*

Katie Webster, *Director, Alumni Relations*

Special thanks to **Joe Musser**,
Professor of English, for playing the organ.

Alma Mater

Ohio Wesleyan! Sweetly and strong
Rises our hymn of praise for thee alone;
Heaven re-echoes it, loud let it ring.
Ohio Wesleyan! Loyal hearts sing.

Ohio Wesleyan! Proud is thy crown.
Rarest of laurels e'er victory has known;
Noblest achievements have hallowed thy name.
Ohio Wesleyan! Deathless thy fame.

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