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

May 16, 2015 | 12:30 p.m.
Gray Chapel

Welcome
David Livingston ’94,
President of the Alumni Association Board of Directors

Invocation
Janice Kaye Fritz ’57

Recognition of Reunion Classes
David Livingston ’94

Annual Giving Report
Steve Sherwood ’70

Alumni Recognition Program
David Livingston ’94

Presentation of Honorary Alumni Citations
Recognition of past recipients
Presentations
Anne Fry
Jeanette Kraus
Presentation of Alumni Awards
Recognition of past recipients
Presentations
Andres Duarte ‘65
Mary Steele Holm ’60
Craig A. Luke ’85

Presentation of Young Alumni Awards
Presentation
Kathryn Schlaudt ’10

Presentation of Distinguished Achievement Citations
Recognition of past recipients
Presentations
June Weir Baron ‘50 (Posthumously)
Andres Duarte ’65
Edith Hope Fine ’65
Zack Rosenberg ’95 (Unable to attend)
Abram Wilson ’95 (Posthumously)
Award to be received by Jennie Cashman Wilson

State of the University Address
Rock Jones
President of Ohio Wesleyan University

Closing Remarks
David Livingston ’94

Alma Mater
# Ohio Wesleyan University
## Class Giving Summary

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**The Class of 1965 50th Reunion gift**

*Total Raised: $1,204,454
(Ohio Wesleyan Fund $499,531, Class of 1965 Endowed Scholarship $704,922)

Gift amounts represent cash and pledges through May 11, 2015.
Gifts will be received and appreciated through June 30, 2015.
With this presentation of an Honorary Alumni Award, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize Jeanette Kraus for her loyalty to Ohio Wesleyan University and long term commitment to the advancement of the University.

Jeanette attended Columbus College of Art and Design before beginning her career at Ohio Wesleyan in 1972. Her first position at Ohio Wesleyan University was as a Records Clerk. Other positions Jeanette performed included the Receptionist for Buildings and Grounds and Records Manager. For more than 40 years, Jeanette was a diligent and enthusiastic Ohio Wesleyan employee.

Jeanette’s most recent position was the Alumni Records Supervisor, in which she was responsible for database management, including data review and audit, data imports, and reporting. She also oversaw departmental student workers. Jeanette served on the Heritage Day Committee since its inception, and assisted the Chaplain’s Office with many initiatives. She worked at OWU for over 40 years until her retirement in May 2013.

While announcing Jeanette’s retirement, Jeremy Ball, former OWU Director of Development Services said, “During times of growth and change, Jeanette was always a constant. Her work with students and alumni went way beyond her job responsibilities. Former student workers come back to campus just to talk to Jeanette and credit her with their success. She is an example of how even those not in the classroom can impact the lives of Ohio Wesleyan students.” In her tenure, she saw the school through remarkable change. Ball said, “Jeanette’s tenure took alumni records from paper cards in file cabinets to databases and electronic imaging. She worked tirelessly to ensure OWU would not lose contact with any alumni.”

Jeanette is also a dedicated volunteer with state, national, and international United Methodist Church-affiliated organizations including involvement for more than 20 years in the election of bishops in the church’s north central jurisdiction. She taught mission study courses addressing globalization and its impact on individuals from a Christian perspective and another on Native American survival.

Jeanette served as the Women’s Division director for United Methodist Women, which is made up of 50 directors who represent all United Methodist women in the United States and its territories. Incorporated in New York, the Division handles international outreach projects and oversees investments in excess of $20 million per year. Jeremy Ball said, “Jeanette is also as an ambassador for Ohio Wesleyan in her roles in service to the United Methodist Church around the world. I do not know a person who has a deeper love for Ohio Wesleyan than Jeanette.”

For her inspiring dedication and service to the University for the advancement of Ohio Wesleyan University, we applaud and recognize Jeanette Kraus with this Honorary Alumni Award.
With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan’s Honorary Alumni Award, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize Dr. Anne Fry for her academic contributions and her long dedication to Ohio Wesleyan University.

Following receipt of her undergraduate degree from Mt. Holyoke College, Anne enrolled in the University of Iowa’s Master of Developmental Biology program. She began her teaching career at Carleton College. This fulfilling experience led the way to a lifetime of college teaching. Anne returned to school once more and completed a Ph.D. in developmental biology with a focus on amphibian metamorphosis at the University of Massachusetts.

In 1969, Anne joined the Ohio Wesleyan faculty. In 1999, she became the Helen Whitelaw Jackson University Professor of Zoology, a position she held until her retirement in 2004. Anne’s first course in developmental biology was a precursor to today’s Introduction to Cell Biology class. In acknowledgement of her work as a researcher and professor, Anne became the youngest faculty member to receive Ohio Wesleyan’s Welch Meritorious Teaching Award, which is given to Ohio Wesleyan professors who have made a significant contribution to the academic climate at the University.

Anne has been published nine times. She was published twice before coming to Ohio Wesleyan and seven times during her career at the University. Her publications include “Effect of temperature on shortening of isolated Rana pipiens tadpole tail tips” and “Histology and lectin-binding patterns in the digestive tract of the carnivorous larvae of the anuran.” Anne also performed valuable volunteer service in the OWU Historical Collection in Beeghly. Performing archival work, she indexed the Ohio Wesleyan Magazine from 1917 to 2009 and prepared a list of faculty, trustees, and administrators from 1842 to present.

In addition to the contributions Anne has made to the University’s preservations and academic departments, Anne was active in supporting extracurricular student activities and university committees. Along with colleagues Lauren Wiebe and Ruth Bauerle, Anne developed the first student-initiated women’s studies course before the Women’s Studies program at Ohio Wesleyan was in existence. As a sports enthusiast and golfer, Anne was the first female faculty representative to the North Coast Athletic Conference.

In 1982, Anne became the Health Professions Advisor for the University. She improved the organization and its level of service. During the course of her academic career at Ohio Wesleyan, Anne gave valuable support to the school with her service on numerous university committees. Appreciated and lauded by students, faculty, and administration, Anne time and again demonstrated her steadfast commitment to the advancement and goals of the Ohio Wesleyan community.

For her inspiring dedication and service to the University and its students, we applaud and recognize Dr. Anne Fry with this Honorary Alumni Award.
ANDRES DUARTE ’65
Alumni Award

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan’s Alumni Award, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize Andres Duarte for his outstanding service to Ohio Wesleyan University.

Excerpted from Ohio Wesleyan’s volume “Noble Achievements: The History of Ohio Wesleyan University from 1942 to 1992” edited by Bernard Murchland, “Andres Duarte has worked to strengthen ties between Venezuela and the United States, counseling approximately 1,500 students on college and university admission in the United States.” During the mid-seventies, Andy was responsible for the enrollment of more than 100 Venezuelan students to Ohio Wesleyan University.

Andy has helped to globalize the Ohio Wesleyan community by recruiting international students to come to the University in addition to bringing intercontinental experiences to Ohio Wesleyan students through summer travel learning opportunities. While one of Andy’s companies was transforming a seaport into an offshore base for oil operations and a terminal for eastern Venezuela, he hosted Ohio Wesleyan students for several years until the environment became too hostile.

Currently, Andy is managing director of Caracas, Venezuela-based Duarte Vivas & Associates. In 2011, Andy discussed “Survival Management in a Distorted Economy: the Venezuelan Model” in a free public lecture as part of the Milligan Leaders in Business Lecture Series presented by Ohio Wesleyan’s Woltemade Center for Economics, Business, and Entrepreneurship. During that stay, Andy also visited politics and government classes to converse with students about the political climate in Venezuela. In economic classes, he spoke on the issues that private industries were facing from policy changes within the Venezuelan government. Andy even visited geology classrooms to discuss the oil industry in his country.

Contributing extensive time and resources to the University, Andy currently serves on Ohio Wesleyan’s Board of Trustees as a Life Trustee. He also serves on the Woltemade Center Alumni Advisory Board. Volunteering his time in other capacities, Andy is highly involved with his class reunions as a member of the reunion committee. Andy’s generous contributions to the OWU Connection Curricular Initiative through the Andres Duarte Scholarship for students from Latin America also illustrate his commitment to students and their experiences while at Ohio Wesleyan.

Through personally connecting to potential students, current students, and alumni, Andy has continually impacted Ohio Wesleyan. For his dedication to Ohio Wesleyan University, we join the Class of 1965 and applaud and recognize Andres Duarte with this Alumni Award.
MARY STEELE HOLM ’60  
Alumni Award

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan’s Alumni Award, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize the Reverend Mary Steele Holm for her achievements as a United Methodist minister and for her long-tenured service to Ohio Wesleyan University and the Delaware community.

When Mary’s husband, Robert Holm ’60, returned from his Air Force commitment and began working for University Relations at Ohio Wesleyan University, she immediately initiated her involvement with the University by serving on the Advisory Board and, later, the Facility Corporation Board for the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Mary served many years as the chapter’s Rush Advisor and served on the Advisory Board for the Student Y. In the Delaware community, she served on the Board of the American Cancer Society and was active in the League of Women Voters.

Prior to becoming a minister, Mary volunteered at both the William Street United Methodist Church and Asbury United Methodist Church in Delaware. In 1974, she enrolled in the Methodist Theological School in Delaware and graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1980.

During her ecclesiastical career, Mary held several appointments in central Ohio. Her first position was at the Worthington United Methodist as an Associate Pastor. In 1989, she became the Pastor for the Summit United Methodist Church and served there until 1995. Mary became a Chaplain at Wesleyan Glen Retirement Community until her retirement in 2001. She then returned to the Worthington church, serving part-time for ten years as the church’s Visitation Pastor.

Year after year, Mary has contributed her time and resources to Ohio Wesleyan. She is a current member of the Columbus Monnett Club and the Tower Society. Previously, Mary served on her reunion planning committees, serving as a co-chair for the 50th reunion. She regularly attends University and alumni events on campus, in Columbus, and in Naples, Florida. Frequently during these events, Mary speaks or delivers the invocation.

Mary and Bob’s association with Ohio Wesleyan and its graduates is lengthy and expansive. Over the course of her time spent with Ohio Wesleyan and her husband’s 40-year career at the University, the couple became connected to alumni and students who span more than 100 years of graduating classes.

For her long dedication and service to Ohio Wesleyan University, the Class of 1960, the Delaware community, and thousands of individuals, we join the Class of 1960 and applaud and recognize the Reverend Mary Steele Holm with this Alumni Award.
CRAIG LUKE ’85
Alumni Award

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan’s Alumni Award, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize Craig Luke for his achievements in the field of banking regulation and supervision and for his dedicated leadership within the Ohio Wesleyan community.

Craig graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting in 1985 and obtained his Master of Business Administration from the Scheller College of Management at the Georgia Institute of Technology. His educational experiences at Ohio Wesleyan and Georgia Tech well prepared Craig for what would become an extensive and successful career in banking supervision and regulation.

Craig has served in leadership capacities in various areas of banking supervision that include conducting examinations and the development and implementation of policies dictated by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Currently, Craig is a manager at the tax, audit, and advisory firm KPMG in Atlanta. There he provides advisory services to financial institutions regarding compliance with banking laws and regulations, remediation of examination issues, and examination preparedness. Before joining KPMG, he served as a Supervisory Financial Analyst in the Policy group in the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors in Washington, D.C.

Evidencing both his aptitude for leadership and his dedicated commitment to Ohio Wesleyan University, Craig served as President of the Alumni Association Board of Directors from 2011-2013. He previously served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors for nine years. Additional alumni engagement includes serving as a mentor in the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs alumni mentoring program, organizing OWU Class of ’85 reunions, and involvement in the Volunteer Career Assistance Network (VCAN). He serves as Alumni Admission Representative, and is active in OWU events in Atlanta. Craig was inducted into the SUBA hall of Fame in 2012 and is a member of The Tower Society. Beginning July 1, 2015, Craig will serve on the OWU Board of Trustees as an Alumni Trustee.

Craig has credited his Ohio Wesleyan experience with providing him the necessary tools to lead and succeed in his career, and he has proven himself as a dedicated OWU alumnus. For his professional achievements and dedication to Ohio Wesleyan University, we join the Class of 1985 and applaud and recognize Craig Luke with this Alumni Award.
KATHRYN SCHLAUDT ’10
Young Alumni Award

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan’s Young Alumni Award, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize Kathryn Schlaudt as a dynamic and diligent humanitarian.

Working tirelessly to better the lives and health of others, Katie has held positions with three universities, including Ohio Wesleyan University, and four nonprofit health organizations since her graduation in 2010. In her current position with Brown University, Katie serves as the Kenya-based project manager of a five-year mental health research program for HIV-positive outpatients.

In preparation for becoming a global citizen, Katie obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and French from Ohio Wesleyan. She then earned a Master of Arts in International Development from Ohio University in 2012. While there, she won the Yale Summer Foreign Language Area Studies Scholarship to study and work in Kenya. She was also a teaching assistant and taught a women’s online course that provided guidance and clarification for health care issues.

Before leaving for Africa, Katie returned to Ohio Wesleyan in September of 2012 as the Community Service Learning Post Graduate Intern. In this position, she collaborated with local and national organizations to secure community opportunities for Ohio Wesleyan students.

Katie’s next role was with the Carter Center as the Technical Advisor to the Chadian Ministry of Health’s National Guinea Worm Eradication program. As advisor, Katie managed a team of 21 field staff and 336 volunteers over a region of 137 villages.

With resolute dedication to improving the lives of others, Katie has contributed valuably toward solving world issues that impact the lives of millions of individuals, such as not having access to clean drinking water. For her work, determination, and compassion, we join the Class of 2010 and applaud and recognize Kathryn Schlaudt with this Young Alumni Award.
With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan’s Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize posthumously June Weir Baron as an engaging educator, revolutionary reporter, and exceptional editor of fashion publications.

June graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1950 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Anthropology. In the course of her career, she became Vice President and Associate Publisher of “Women’s Wear Daily” and “W” after serving as fashion editor for both publications. Magazine publisher Condé Nast then requested that she become the Fashion News Director of American Vogue, and later, The New York Times made her Deputy Style Editor of The New York Times Sunday Magazine. Hearst Corporation invited June to become Executive Fashion Editor of “Harper’s Bazaar” and to direct the magazine’s fashion department. For her extraordinary editorial expertise, she won the Fashion Group International’s Night of Stars Award.

As a leading fashion journalist, June regularly previewed fashion collections and interviewed top designers and visionaries such as Karl Lagerfeld, Yves Saint Laurent, Giorgio Armani, Givenchy, Christian Lacroix, Sonia Rykiel, Valentino, Gianni Versace, Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren, and more. June’s fifty-page “Fashion Report on European and American Ready to Wear Collections” was one of the best-selling advertising sections in “WWD” history and predicted which eye-catching collections would be the most profitable. After traveling the globe for fashion forecasts, June trekked from Land’s End to L.L. Bean to report on America’s great mail-order clothing catalogs. The stateside findings appeared in Mirabella in the column “She Shops by Night.”

Wishing to share her exclusive findings on fashion, June has frequently lectured, organized, moderated conferences, and created 25 new courses at New York University since the spring of 2000. Integrating real-world practice into her classroom, June implemented courses such as Giorgio Armani: Thirty Years of Dressing 20th Century’s “New Woman” with guest speakers and trips to museums, stores, and designers’ studios. June has lectured at American art museums and women’s clubs across the United States on behalf of Fairchild Publications.

As evidenced by her various jobs in key editorial positions at Vogue, Harper’s Bazaar, and The New York Times, June has dedicated herself to making the most prevalent trends accessible to wider audiences. She has helped lead the way for women in publishing, serving as the first woman vice president at Fairchild Publications. While flipping through the polished pages of Vogue, fashion inspiration seekers can still read one of June’s creations, “Vogue’s View,” a popular editorial column.

For her professional achievements and dedication to the field of fashion, we applaud and recognize June Weir Baron with this Distinguished Achievement Citation.
With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan’s Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize Andres Duarte as an adventurous, skillful, and adaptable business developer.

With the knowledge and ability to discover valuable resources, Andy is able to utilize, maximize, and share these resources with others. Andy has started and grown businesses in trade, shipping, port management, and logistics in South America and the Caribbean for 35 years.

After studying for seven years in the United States, Andy returned to South America to work as a Field Geologist in Venezuela and Ecuador, where he searched for materials to feed the cement and ceramics industry. After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Geology and Economics from Ohio Wesleyan University, Andy was awarded a graduate school fellowship from the Shell Oil Company to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Geology from the University of Oklahoma. Andy spent the following year at the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University.

Andy started his first business in 1974, Duarte Vivas y Asociados, C.A. (DVA), which originally recruited immigrants during the Portuguese Revolution to come to Venezuela. In just two years, the business grew into a trading company that brought commodities into Venezuela. Less than a decade later, Andy’s company received an award from the Danish government for importing more than one million tons of Portland cement into Venezuela.

Additionally, Andres Duarte brought valuable resources to Ohio Wesleyan University by recruiting more than 100 students to the university. Andy is a Life Trustee of Ohio Wesleyan University. For three years, he participated in the privatization of a fishing port in eastern Venezuela that created a special opportunity for Ohio Wesleyan students. Through this Ohio Wesleyan summer program, students were able to learn and participate in the project.

Andres Duarte is a member of the board of the Venezuelan American Chamber of commerce and was made Vice President in 1990. In 1988, Andy became a member of the Venezuelan high commission for border control and development of reciprocal interests with Columbia.

Because of greater governmental regulations after Hugo Chávez took presidential office in 1999, Andy returned to the United States to obtain a Master of Arts in International Affairs from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Andy was named Justice of the Peace after returning to Caracas, Venezuela. A year after receiving his graduate degree, Andy expanded his business interests outside of Venezuela by opening offices in Ecuador and Bolivia with Gustavo Vollmer, Ohio Wesleyan Class of ’89.

For his professional achievements and dedication to the field of business, we applaud and recognize Andres Duarte with this Distinguished Achievement Citation.
With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan's Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize Edith Hope Fine as a progressive, engaging, and dedicated educator for students of all ages.

Edith tirelessly contributed her time to create a multitude of learning opportunities for children and adults in the San Diego area. She organized before- and after-school classes for children. She also tutored and taught science classes from her garage. Edith was a writer-in-residence at Flora Vista Elementary and worked with third grade writers at Park Dale Elementary. In addition to this, she taught preschool and kindergarten through sixth grade in Manhattan Beach, and writing classes at San Diego State University Extension. After serving more than 20 years as a teacher, Edith became a writer. She has composed 18 published children’s books, three student workbooks, and is credited with hundreds of magazine and newspaper contributions.

Through colorful characters and exotic adventures, Edith’s stories encourage and facilitate learning. Edith’s “Water, Weed, and Wait” was a Growing Good Kids and Excellence in Children’s Literature Winner in 2011 and a finalist for the San Diego Book Awards. Her book “Armando and the Blue Tarp School” was adapted into a children’s musical and chosen by One Book, One San Diego 2012, as a companion book to Luis Urrea’s “Into the Beautiful North.” Adapted and produced into an animated video by Disney, “Under the Lemon Moon” was included in the series “Beyond the Page.” “Under the Lemon Moon” also was named one of the 50 Best Children’s Books by Parents magazine. It was also chosen as a Parents’ Choice Silver Honor Book and Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People.

Other children stories and workbooks by Edith include “Cryptomania! Teleporting into Greek and Latin” and the accompanying workbook, “Greek and Latin for Cryptomanicas” for third to sixth graders. Edith also wrote “Nitty-Gritty Grammar: A Not-So-Serious Guide to Clear Communication.” She also has written biographies of Gary Paulsen, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Barbara McClintock. The biographies of Barbara McClintock and Gary Paulsen are now e-books as part of the Spotlight Biography Series of eFrog Press.

Edith strives to better the lives of others by generating opportunities. She is active with the American Association of University Women, Voices of Women. Edith also participates in the organization Responsibility, which is committed to building schools providing education for children who live near municipal dumps in Tijuana, Mexico, and Matagalpa, Nicaragua. She runs the published members group of the San Diego chapter of the Society of Children’s Writers and Illustrators and serves on the advisory board of UC San Diego Extension’s new Children’s Book Writing and Illustrating certificate program.

Edith’s fervor for the written word has carried her through an involved lifetime of teaching, writing, and supporting local organizations. For her professional achievements and dedication to the field of education, we applaud and recognize Edith Hope Fine with this Distinguished Achievement Citation.
With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan’s Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize Zack Rosenberg as an innovative and compassionate social entrepreneur.

After his graduation from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1995, Zack moved to Washington, D.C., to serve as the Development Director for the Consortium for Services to Homeless Families, Inc. As director, Zack designed a program to help low-income people and welfare recipients attain and maintain jobs that pay livable wages.

Zack attended American University Washington College of Law, where he obtained his juris doctor, cum laude. He began his own law firm in 2004, with a practice focused on defending clients charged with criminal offenses. During this time, Zack secured the release of an innocent man who had served 20 years for a murder that he did not commit.

When Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans in 2005, Zack took action by volunteering to help rebuild the city. After getting to know the residents, witnessing the little progress that was being made, and recognizing that there were solvable problems that remained unaddressed, Zack decided to stay. He left his successful law firm, bought a truck, and moved to New Orleans.

There, Zack co-founded the St. Bernard Project with Liz McCartney, whom he later married. With the philosophy of treating clients like family, the nonprofit organization creates solution-oriented programs. The St. Bernard Project rebuilt homes for 800 families with the help of 10,000 unskilled volunteers in New Orleans, Louisiana; Joplin, Missouri; Staten Island, New York; Rockaway, New York; and Sea Bright, New Jersey. As the CEO of the St. Bernard Project, Zack designed a replicable model for post-disaster relief and pre-disaster risk mitigation for homeowners and small- to mid-sized business owners, known as Disaster Resilience and Recovery Lab (DRRL). He is additionally involved in working with war veterans and rehabilitated criminals.

The achievements of Zack, Liz McCartney, and the St. Bernard Project have earned them numerous accolades. In 2008, the St. Bernard Project was the winner of Manhattan Institute’s Social Entrepreneurship Award. In 2009 and 2010, President Obama acknowledged the organization in his Hurricane Katrina anniversary addresses. Also in 2010, US News and World did a cover feature naming it as one of the top 10 most socially innovative programs in the United States. The Clinton Global Initiatives featured the St. Bernard Project in 2011, 2013, and 2014. Zack received recognition as a GLG Social Impact Fellow, a New Orleanian of the Year, a Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project Champion of Justice, and he was a recipient of the Manhattan Institute Social Innovation Award. He is also the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate from Muhlenberg College and a Distinguished Alumnus Award from Washington College of Law.

For his professional achievements and his inspiring dedication to helping others, we applaud and recognize Zack Rosenberg with this Distinguished Achievement Citation.
With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan’s Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize posthumously Abram Wilson as an inspiring educator, creative composer, and mesmerizing musician.

Through the warm, golden tones of his trumpet, the riveting rhythms contained in his compositions, and his personable and persuasive words, Abram effortlessly engaged, while simultaneously educating, audiences. He possessed a remarkable ability to convince audiences worldwide that jazz music matters.

As lively as his trumpet playing, Abram’s vivacious passion for jazz was nurtured as a young student at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, whose alumni include Wynton Marsalis and Harry Connick Jr. At the age of 17, Abram traveled north to attend Ohio Wesleyan University, where he had the opportunity to develop his talents as a classical trumpeter as well as earn a degree in Music Education. Abram continued his formal education by earning a master’s degree at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

Abram moved to New York City and formed the Abram Wilson Quintet and Septet. He also performed with many well-known artists including the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, the Roy Hargrove Big Band, and Ruth Brown. In 2002, Abram relocated to London and recorded his first album, “Jazz Warrior.” The recognition of “Jazz Warrior” led to a commission from the Cheltenham Jazz Festival to create “Ride! Ferris Wheel to the Modern Day Delta.” The innovative piece is a mix of blues, bebop, brass-band music, and hip-hop created with the underlying story of a jazz musician who escapes his musical roots for his dream of becoming a hip-hop celebrity. Abram’s final recording with Dune Music, “Life Paintings,” presents a more refined and mature sound, garnering for its composer the BBC Jazz Award for Best New CD and the BBC Jazz Award for Best Band.

Abram strongly believed in educating and inspiring others through his words. Between numbers during performances, he would narrate the history of New Orleans jazz. While traveling and performing in cities, Abram often performed at local schools and taught an introduction to jazz and a short lesson in improvisation to the schools’ students. He had served as the Assistant Artistic Director for Tomorrow’s Warrior, an education program created by Dune Music. Shortly before his premature death in June of 2012 at age 38 due to natural causes, Abram was appointed Turner Sims Professor at the University of Southampton and the first Jazzlines Associate Artist at Town Hall and Symphony Hall in Birmingham.

In the course of an accomplished albeit too-short lifetime, Abram established his mark on the music world as an educator and as a critically-acclaimed and award-winning musician, bandleader, and composer. For his professional achievements and dedication to jazz education, we applaud and recognize Abram Wilson with this Distinguished Achievement Citation.
Platform Party

Rock Jones, President of Ohio Wesleyan University
David Livingston ’94, President of the Alumni Association Board of Directors
Brenda Shaw, Director of Alumni Relations

Also Seated on the Platform

Former recipients
(listed with name, class year, and year of recognition)

PAST DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT CITATION RECIPIENTS

Sue Swink Sager ’55 • 2005
William Sager ’55 • 2005
Gary L. Schaal ’63 • 1998
Stephen “Rick” Schaal ’60 • 2010

PAST ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Laura Pierce Bump ’58 • 2013
Douglas H. Dittrick Jr. ’55 • 1993
Janice Kaye Fritz ’57 • 2002
Nancy Morgan Giles ’60 • 2010
Margaret Ray Giroux ’55 • 1987
Maribeth Amrhein Graham ’55 • 1980
Sally Christiansen Harris ’76 • 2001
Robert A. Holm ’60 • 2005
Peter J. Lee ’65 • 2010
Robert Nims ’63 • 1994
David E. Papoi ’65 • 1996
Patricia Fraser Papoi ’66 • 1996
Robert M. Roach ’68 • 1993

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PAST ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS (continued)
Stephen C. Sherwood ’70 • 2010
Mark H. Shipps ’70 • 1997
Virginia O’Grady Shipps ’70 • 2000
Marsha A. Tilden ’81 • 2011
Jackson E. Winters ’61 • 2011

PAST HONORARY ALUMNI RECIPIENTS
Richard W. Smith Hon 2005

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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.