

Alumni Award

Walter “Skip” Auch

Class of 1968

It is a pleasure to honor Walter “Skip” Auch with this 2013 Alumni Award for outstanding dedication and service to Ohio Wesleyan.

A 1968 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, Skip was a history major, a Delta Tau Delta, and a varsity lacrosse player. From 1968 to 1972, he served with distinction in the United States Army, receiving the Bronze Star for duty in Vietnam.

Upon his return, Skip became a vice president with Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis, beginning a notable career in financial services. From 1981 to 1983, he was a vice president with Kidder Peabody & Company. In 1983, he returned to Paine Webber, Jackson & Curtis, where he remained until 1989. In that year, his career took a turn into broadcasting, and for the next seven years, he was vice president of the Financial News Network/CNBC, with responsibilities for programming, sales and relationship management, marketing, and distribution.

With his wide knowledge of investments, capital markets, syndication, and equities, and an MBA in finance from the Stern School at New York University, Skip joined Oppedisano & Company, an executive search practice specializing in investment management and mutual fund assignments in 1991. He remained with the company until 2001, when he founded and became managing director of Auch Partners LLC, an executive search firm specializing in investment banking, capital markets, securities analysis, investment management, and private banking/wealth management assignments.

In spite of a busy life that also includes wife Lynne and children Ted and Katie, Skip never has lost sight of Ohio Wesleyan. He is a past president of the OWU Alumni Board of Directors and has chaired numerous alumni committees. He also has been a member of an OWU presidential search committee.

Skip has served as a Reunion volunteer, A/PART Volunteer, VCAN Volunteer, Regional Volunteer in the greater New York City area, a member of the Friends of Andy, and has been a “W” Association solicitor for men’s lacrosse. He was instrumental in creating and growing the OWU New York City holiday party into the largest off-campus gathering of alumni in the nation, he remains actively engaged in this event, and has recruited numerous new members to the group.

If that weren’t enough, Skips also is past board member, treasurer and president of the New York Bond Club; creator, producer, writer, and host of WGCH Radio’s “Sound Investing,” active in his church, and a member of the Greenwich Leadership Forum and Kappa Beta Phi, among many other activities.

Today, we join Skip’s wife Lynne and his reunioning classmates in saluting and thanking him for his service to Ohio Wesleyan University and as a valued member of the Ohio Wesleyan family.

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