

Alumni Award

Howard McVay Austin

Class of 1969

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan's Alumni Award, The Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize Howard McVay Austin, for selfless service as an exemplary volunteer and lifelong dedication to his alma mater.

Howard received his B.A. in Chemistry and was a member of Chi Gamma Nu and Phi Beta Kappa academic honorary societies. He was also a member of the OWU Senate.

Howard's devotion to his alma mater began early as a member of a long and proud Ohio Wesleyan legacy. From Cyrus Austin, Class of 1879 and Professor and Dean at Ohio Wesleyan, to Howard's son, Will, who graduated in 2006, there have now been five consecutive generations of Austin's at Ohio Wesleyan on both Howard's fraternal and maternal sides of the family. In turn, Howard's dedication to Ohio Wesleyan has endured LONG past graduation and continues to this day.

As an alumnus, Howard has worked to strengthen the connection between Ohio Wesleyan and Atlanta area alumni and prospective students through his work as a regional alumni volunteer and a volunteer for the Alumni/Parent Admission Recruitment Team. He serves as a local contact for alumni as an OWU Connections volunteer and can be counted on to support Ohio Wesleyan at local alumni events, having helped plan, organize, and host many of them over the years. As an Alumni Admissions Representative, Howard has strengthened student recruitment in the Atlanta area, tirelessly assisting with college fairs, calling prospective students, attending admissions events, and meeting with guidance counselors. Howard is also a founding member of the President's Circle, providing guidance and counsel on the future of Ohio Wesleyan.

Today we join Howard's reunioning classmates, and his wife Colleen, in saluting, thanking, and applauding him for decades of devoted service to Ohio Wesleyan University and as a valued member of the campus community.

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