

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Robert P. Bauman

Class of 1953

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan's Distinguished Achievement Citation, we are honored and privileged to recognize Bob Bauman's exceptional career as a business leader, both in the United States and internationally.

After graduating from Ohio Wesleyan in 1953 with majors in business administration and accounting, Bob attended the Harvard Business School where he received an M.B.A. in 1955. Following three years in the Air Force, he began his business career with General Foods, selling coffee to small grocery stores in Philadelphia. By 1972, Bob was Executive Vice President and a director of General foods and later President of International Operations.

After a 23 year career with General foods, Bob became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Avco Corporation in 1981, and Vice Chairman and Director of Textron, Inc. in 1985 after Textron's acquisition of Avco.

In 1986, Bob was chosen as Chief executive Officer of the Beecham Group, with headquarters in England, where he was the driving force behind the merger with SmithKline in 1989. Upon retiring as the Chair man of SmithKline Beecham in 1994, he became Chairman of British Aerospace and more recently became Deputy Chairman of BTR in England.

Capitalizing on Bob's business acumen, numerous corporations have invited him to serve as a director, including CIGNA Corporations, Inc., Reuters, Morgan Stanley, Union Pacific, Capital Cities/ABS Inc., Wyman-Gordon Do., Palm Beach, Inc, McKesson Corp. and SCM Corp.

Despite his busy career, Bob has found time to be involved in higher education, including serving time as a Trustee for Ohio Wesleyan University and also for Spelman College.

Also an author, Bob published the books Plants as Pets in 1982 and From Promise to Performance in 1997. Bob's family includes his wife, Patricia, a noted artist, his son, John and daughter Elizabeth who is a 1990 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan.

While at Ohio Wesleyan, Bob was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, a varsity tennis player, a member of the student government and was awarded membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, the leadership honorary.

His leadership talents, which were nurtured while he was an undergraduate at Ohio Wesleyan, have led to a business career distinguished by significant accomplishments and accolades. We join with the students and alumni of Phi Gamma Delta at this annual Pig Dinner in applauding and recognizing Bob Bauman's outstanding career through presentation of this Distinguished Achievement Award.

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