

Alumni Award

Dan Bennington

Class of 1968

It is a pleasure to honor Dan Bennington with this 2013 Alumni Award for outstanding dedication and service to Ohio Wesleyan University.

Coming to the University from Worthington, Ohio, Dan, a member of Phi Gamma Delta, has been a proud resident of Delaware since 1973. He served in the Ohio Army National Guard from 1969 to 1979, and during that period also earned his law degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1973.

Throughout the intervening years, Dan remained a loyal Bishop, serving three terms on the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors and was Chair of the Alumni Recognition Committee. Moving on from alumni affairs, Dan was elected to the Ohio Wesleyan University Board of Trustees, where he served another three terms as part of the Finance Committee and chair of the Insurance Committee. His true passion for Ohio Wesleyan relates to his lifelong service to Phi Gamma Delta. He is the “Purple Legionnaire” meaning he is the primary alumni advisor to the local chapter and the liaison to the Theta Deuteron alumni. He has served as the FIJI House Corporation Treasurer for many years and has been the local “go-to” guy when something needed to be addressed at the house. He was instrumental in the re-colonization and re-chartering of the Ohio Wesleyan Phi Gamma Delta chapter.

From 1973 to 1981, he practiced law in Delaware with the late Peter Manos, Class of 1947, and then with Douglas Warnock, Class of 1975, from 1978 to 1995.

In 1995, he became the Delaware City Attorney, remaining in that position until 2011. While handling the city’s legal affairs, Dan also served the entire community with distinction. A past secretary and past president of the Delaware County Bar Association, an organization of which he’s been a member for 24 years, he also was president or chair of United Way of Delaware County Campaign; the Delaware County Chapter of the American Red Cross; and the Kiwanis Club of Delaware County. Additionally, he was chair of the Delaware City Schools Campaign Committee. In fact, there’s almost no facet of life in Delaware that Dan hasn’t influenced with his presence and dedication to making life better for local citizens.

Married to Sue Swan Bennington, Class of 1969, Dan is the father of Toby Bennington West and Lynsey Bennington, and grandfather to Lincoln and Breckyn West.

Today, we join Dan’s family and his reunioning classmates in saluting and thanking him for his service to Ohio Wesleyan University and to the city in which the University lives. Both town and gown are the better for his contributions.

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