

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT CITATION

William Richard Darrow, M.D., Ph.D. Class of 1960

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 William Richard Darrow for his pioneering work in the development and worldwide standardization of new pharmaceuticals.

Bill graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1960 as a pre-medicine major. On campus he was active in Phi Gamma Delta and was a varsity football player, swimmer, and lacrosse player. Editor of *The Transcript*, he was also a member of Interfraternity Council, W-Clan, and was elected to Omicron Delta Kappa. After graduation he earned his M.D. at Western Reserve University, served an internship at University Hospitals in Cleveland, and later was awarded a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from Case-Western Reserve University.

Bill spent his entire professional career in medical research, specifically in the development of new medicinals, beginning at Ciba-Geigy in New York and then at Schering-Plough in New Jersey. In the span of 25 years, he led the development of 46 new drugs, including Claritin; alfa-interferon; an array of cardiovascular drugs; and several anti-cancer drugs, including Eulexin for prostate cancer and Temozide for the most malignant strain of brain cancer. Retiring as Senior Vice President for Medical Operations, Bill remained with Schering-Plough for another decade as Senior Medical Advisor.

Among Bill's most noteworthy accomplishments is the 12-year period he served as U.S. delegate to the International Conference on Harmonization, an unprecedented cooperative undertaking among the United States and the European Union, as well as Japan, the World Health Organization, Canada, and the Pacific Basin countries, to develop uniform worldwide testing and approval standards for new medicinal products. Prior to the work of the Conference, each country had its own—and often very different—set of standards for approval of new drugs.

Bill also served on the Executive Committee and as Chair of the Medical Section of PhRMA, the pharmaceutical industry's trade association. The Medical Section represents thousands of physicians and paramedical personnel throughout the country who conduct human subject research on both new and current pharmaceuticals. He also chairs the PhRMA Foundation Scientific Advisory Board, which awards fellowships and research grants to outstanding scientists.

Bill has been honored as Humanitarian of the Year by the Arthritis Foundation's New Jersey Chapter, which he also served as Board Chair. He has twice served as President of the Bernards Township Board of Health. He is a member of the Royal Society of Medicine and a Fellow and Life Member of the American Academy of Pharmaceutical Physicians.

For these and for his many other noteworthy accomplishments, we applaud and recognize William Darrow and his exceptional career through the presentation of this Distinguished Achievement Citation.

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