

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Ruth Davies

Class of 1927

Dr. Ruth Davies' aggressive, unwavering commitment to excellence has profoundly improved the quality of life directly for generations of students, colleagues and their families, and indirectly for those in the sphere of association. Some of her special caring and concern- and generous financial assistance- has been expended on international students, with whom she has remained in touch after graduation, visiting them on their home territories in her frequent travels.

Her steadfast campaign toward perfection in the written and spoken word and encouragement of scholarship have influenced six decades of undergraduates toward more civilized self expression, has remained with them as they enter the wider world and thus has enhanced society wherever Ohio Wesleyan alumni are found.

A 1927 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, Ruth joined its faculty in 1928 and retired in 1973. In addition to her efforts in the classroom, during forty-five years as a member of the English and humanities departments, she strongly supported academic pursuits throughout the campus. To mention only a few of her landmark accomplishments, she founded and chaired the Student Academic Achievement Committee, headed the program for the University Achievement Scholars, instituted the *Ohio Wesleyan Literary Magazine*, the *Student Scholar*, and the lecture-movie series. For many years, lecturers and artists of international renown were influenced to perform here, because Ruth supplemented a limited budget with considerable persuasive powers. University Forum, precursor of today's National Colloquium, was under her direction.

Her volume linking Russian literature and history, "The Great Books of Russia", was published in 1968 and has become a classic in the field.

The 1969 recipient of the Bishop Herbert Welch Meritorious Teaching Award, she has a M.A. from the University of Chicago and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. With admiration, respect, and congratulations, we bestow on alumna and emeritus professor Ruth Davies the 1988 Distinguished Achievement Citation.

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