

# Distinguished Achievement Citation

E. Rolland Dickson, M.D.

Class of 1955

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 E. Rolland Dickson for his groundbreaking work in liver disease, liver transplantation, research, and academic medicine.

A 1955 pre-medicine graduate and member of Sigma Chi, Rolland was Senior Class President, worked on *Le Bijou* and the *Transcript*, sang in the Men's Glee Club, and served on Interfraternity Council. He earned his M.D. from The Ohio State University and his M.S. from the University of Minnesota.

Rolland is the Emeritus Mary Lowell Leary Professor of Medicine. He served in this position, the highest academic distinction for a faculty member at the Mayo Clinic, from 1987 to 2003.

Rolland has served in other senior leadership positions at both the Mayo Clinic and the Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research. At the Clinic he was a member of the Executive Committees of the Institutional Research Committee and the Comprehensive Cancer Center. He was Section Head of the Division of Gastroenterology and Director of the Clinical Practice Training Committee. At the Foundation he was Director of Development from 1993 to 2003 and a member of the Board of Trustees.

In his specialty of diseases of the liver, Rolland was named the first Director of the Mayo Clinic Liver Transplantation Program, established in 1985. Since the late 1970s, he has been continually funded by the National Institutes of Health in the field of liver transplantation, and he has served the National Institutes of Health as a Member of the Advisory Committee on Liver Transplantation. Rolland has been Chair of the American Liver Foundation and was a member of the National Institutes of Health Digestive Disease Advisory Board.

Rolland has published widely and is the recipient of a variety of honors. He received the Distinguished Achievement Award in Clinical Research in Liver Disease from the American Gastroenterology Association and the Research Achievement Award from the Mayo Clinic Department of Medicine; he also was awarded the honorary designation of Master by the American College of Physicians.

Today, Rolland continues as a Consultant in Gastroenterology and Hepatology and Clinical Investigation at the Mayo Clinic; he is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mayo Clinic Stiftung in Frankfurt, Germany. He is also an Independent Director and member of the Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee at Axcan Pharma, a publicly owned biotechnology company; Lead Independent Director and Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee at Poniard Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; a Director of Pathways Diagnostic Corporation, a development-stage biotechnology company; and a Member of the Scientific Advisory Board at Bay City Capital, a life sciences venture capital firm. In addition, he is Chair of the Board of Directors of the A. J. Palumbo Charitable Foundation in Pittsburgh.

For these exceptional accomplishments, we applaud and recognize E. Rolland Dickson and his notable career through the presentation of this Distinguished Achievement Citation.

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