

# Distinguished Achievement Citation

Herbert L. DuPont

Class of 1961

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan's Distinguished Achievement Citation, we are honored to recognize Dr. Herbert DuPont's extraordinary career in the field of medicine.

As a student at Ohio Wesleyan, Herbert played varsity basketball and became a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Following his graduation in 1961 with a B.A. in pre-med, Dr. DuPont went on to earn his medical degree from Emory University. Bert began his career as an officer for the Epidemic Intelligence Service at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, an experience that would set the course for his career. A part of the CDC's investigative team, Bert traveled to sites of emerging epidemics around the world and developed vaccines for infectious causes of diarrhea. In 1973, he became Professor and Director of the Program in Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston and later serving as the Director of the Center for Infectious Diseases at The University of Texas Medical School and School of Public Health for five years. Since 1995, Dr. DuPont has been the Chief of the Internal Medicine Service at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital and the Vice Chairman of Internal Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine. His other current appointments include the Director of the Center for Infectious Diseases and Professor of Epidemiology at The University of Texas Houston School of Public Health, and Professor of Medical Sciences at The University of Texas Houston Medical School.

Dr. DuPont's scientific work in the field of intestinal infections has aided the establishment of standards in clinical practice and teaching throughout the world. His passion for his work has resulted in his management of several international research projects and the establishment of diarrheal research programs with sites in Mexico, Egypt, Jamaica and Zambia. Bert and his wife, Margaret Wright DuPont, also class of 1961, have dedicated their life's work to the medical field and research. Their partnership has included taking medical and undergraduate students annually to Mexico to work in the area of infectious disease research. Dr. DuPont's expertise has been sought by many including his appointment in 2002 to the National Institutes of Health Blue Ribbon Panel on Bioterrorism and Its Implications for Biomedical Research.

Throughout his distinguished career, Bert has authored or co-authored over 500 medical and scientific publications and 17 books and received numerous awards and honors. He has been cited in *The Best Doctors in America* for his work in infectious diseases and been awarded France's Bronze Medal of Honor and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Zurich.

Herbert DuPont's tireless efforts in the fields of infectious diseases, travel medicine and internal medicine have contributed greatly to the well being of the world's population.

For his significant contributions in scientific research, teaching, clinical practice and service to the global community, we are privileged to present Herbert DuPont the Distinguished Achievement Citation.

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