

## Distinguished Achievement Citation

(Posthumous)

## Agnes Marie Davis Greene 1912-2012

Class of 1933

With the presentation of Ohio Wesleyan's Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize Agnes Marie Davis Greene for her contributions to the safety and security of the world.

Agnes was born January 15, 1912, at the American Methodist Mission Compound in Beijing, China, to a missionary family who worked in China from 1870 to 1949. Her parents' families were prepared for teaching and mission work at Ohio Wesleyan, and, at 17, after her graduation from the Peking American School in 1929, Agnes followed in their footsteps to Delaware.

A sociology major, Agnes graduated from Ohio Wesleyan *magna cum laude* and was elected to membership in both Phi Beta Kappa and Mortar Board. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society.

With the entry of the United States into the Second World War, Agnes joined the Office of Strategic Services, the predecessor of today's Central Intelligence Agency, which was established in June of 1942 to collect and analyze strategic information required by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and to conduct special operations not assigned elsewhere. Agnes worked at the OSS from 1942 to 1945.

Following the establishment of the Central Intelligence Agency in 1946, Agnes served that agency from 1947 to 1972, where she was a Reports Officer and Senior Manager and Chief CIA Directorate of Operations, Reports and Requirements, Far East Division.

In 1997, the CIA invited OSS veterans and former and current CIA employees to submit nominations for the agency's Trailblazer Awards. Nominations were limited to those individuals—of any grade or field at any point in the CIA's history—who had "distinguished themselves as leaders, made a real difference in CIA's pursuit of its mission, and who served as a standard of excellence for others to follow." Agnes was selected as a Trailblazer, one of only 50 chosen from a field of more than 300 nominees.

At the time the Trailblazers were named, George Tenant, then head of the CIA, said, "Secrecy is a necessary part of the intelligence profession. Your achievements probably will never be known in their fullness by the American people. I am convinced, however, that [they] would be enormously proud if they knew of your service, and I hope you will accept this award as an expression of thanks from a grateful nation."

Today, for her exemplary service to the United States and for upholding the vision and mission of the United State of America around the world, Ohio Wesleyan honors and applauds Agnes Marie Davis Greene with the presentation of this Distinguished Achievement Citation.

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