

Young Alumni Award

Kristen Hajduk Class of 2005

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan's Young Alumni Award, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored to recognize **Kristen Hajduk '05** for her career in national security. Kristen graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and English Literature. She went on to receive her Master of Public Policy in National Security Policy from The University of Chicago.

Following graduation, Kristen began her career as a researcher. She has written over 20 reports on counterterrorism, nuclear verification, and homeland defense issues. Over the years, Kristen has held the following positions: Special Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; and Senior Advisor for Special Operations and Unconventional Warfare. Her areas of expertise include nuclear policy, strategic wargaming, operational analyses, continuity of government policies, NATO strategic planning, and defense talent management policies.

Kristen is also the Co-Founder and Co-Director of No Exceptions, which is an initiative to eradicate legal barriers to women in the United States, making all military positions open to women.

Currently, Kristen works at the Department of Defense as a Regional Director for the National Capital Region National Security Innovation Network.

For her work and commitment, we join the Class of 2005 and applaud and recognize Kristen with this Young Alumni Award.

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