

Alumni Award

Dorothy Seiller Baldwin and Eleanor Seiller Tarbutton

Classes of 1936 and 1939

It is with great pleasure that we jointly honor two sisters, who also happen to be alumnae of Ohio Wesleyan, through presentation of this 2002 Alumni Award. It seems appropriate to honor them together as throughout much of their lives, they have been accomplishing great feats together.

Dorothy Seiller Baldwin and Eleanor Seiller Tarbutton both began their college careers in the 1930s and followed very similar paths during their years here at Ohio Wesleyan.

Dorothy received her bachelor's degree in 1936 with majors in German and Education. As a student, she belonged to the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honorary Society and was a member of Mortar Board, Who's Who, Panhellenic Council, the Student Faculty Budget Committee, and worked in the Student Affairs Office. As an alumna, Dorothy served on the Alumni Board of Directors from 1970-1979, contributing significantly to every committee of which she was a member.

Eleanor received her bachelor's degree in 1939, graduation with a major in English. As a student, she was a member of the Phi Society, Home Economics Club, Bible Club, Century Club and Press Club. She served on the Sophomore Commission, was elected to the Secretary/Treasurer of her senior class and served as the society editor of the Transcript.

In addition to their individual accomplishments, they also share many of the same accolades. Both Dorothy and Eleanor were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa honorary society; both were presidents of their respective residence halls – Dorothy in Monnett Hall and Eleanor in Stuyvesant Hall – and both were members of Student Council & W.G.S.A. Not only are they sisters by blood, they are also sorority sisters in the Theta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

They also share another very special bond: membership in the Columbus Monnett Club, which continues to strengthen their loyalties to Ohio Wesleyan. Eleanor and Dorothy have both been devoted members of the Club for decades and have served as the Club's Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary for as long as anyone can remember. Both have been recipients of the Monnett Club Award of Merit, Eleanor in 1991 followed by Dorothy in 1993, and continue to attend every meeting they possibly can. To quote another member of the Club, "just to be around those two sisters is a hoot!"

Dorothy and Eleanor continue to touch the lives of Ohio Wesleyan alumni through their involvements with the Monnett Club and role models and energetic alumnae. They are an inspiration to us all and it is with great pride that we honor them today with this Alumni Award.

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