

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Thomas R. Tritton

Class of 1969

It is a privilege to commemorate the many achievements of Dr. Thomas R. Tritton and to honor him with Ohio Wesleyan University's Distinguished Achievement Citation.

Tom, a renowned cancer researcher and academician, has had a profound impact on the lives of people of all ages. Through his work in the fields of science and education, he has demonstrated his commitment to improving the quality of life for all of humanity and certainly shown his dedication to the scholastic, intellectual and spiritual training of his students.

He graduated in 1969 from Ohio Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry. While here, he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, the Chi Gamma Nu Chemistry Honorary Society, Circle K and the Red Cross. He was awarded a National Science Foundation pre-doctoral fellowship after his arrival at Boston University. In 1973, he completed his Ph.D. in biophysical chemistry and continued on to Yale University for postdoctoral work in the chemistry department. He remained at Yale from 1975 to 1985 serving on the faculty in Yale's pharmacology department and was the recipient of a research career development award from the National Institutes of Health. In 1985, he became a professor of pharmacology at the University of Vermont and, in 1991, was appointed vice provost. Tom has a passion for leading students, faculty and alumni, and has found a home within the Haverford College community. He has served with distinction as its President since 1997.

Among his many distinguished achievements, Tom co-chaired the first international symposium on organ directed toxicities of cancer drugs. He also chaired the Gordon Research Conference on cancer chemotherapy at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire. A member of the American Association for Cancer Research and the American Society of Biological Chemistry and Molecular Biology, he also serves on the advisory panel of the American Cancer Society and the board of the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, as well as the editorial boards of several scientific publications dealing with cancer research and pharmacology. There is a saying from the Society of Friends that follows that surely guides Tom's life:

"Take heed, dear Friends, to the promptings of love and truth in your hearts. Trust them as the leadings of God whose Light shows us our darkness and brings us to new life."

Ohio Wesleyan is pleased to honor alumnus Tom Tritton for his unwavering dedication to the needs of his fellow man by presenting him with the Distinguished Achievement Citation.

We join his reunioning classmates in saluting Dr. Thomas Tritton and recognizing his outstanding achievements through the presentation of this Distinguished Achievement Award.

May 15, 2004

