

Honorary Alumnus / Alumna

Ellen LeGendre Warren

With friendship, affection, and the deepest regard, we extend to Ellen LeGendre Warren the designation of honorary alumna of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Ellen Warren's years at Ohio Wesleyan were determined by her husband, David's, tenure as 13th president of the University, but she herself defined her role here. And in those years, from 1984 to 1993, she became well known, well liked and well respected throughout the campus and community, not only as a partner and helpmate to the president, but as an intelligent, independent woman, contributing to the University in her own way, many ways.

She was ever the gracious host, willing to linger for hours in the foyer of her home, meeting, greeting and welcoming to Ohio Wesleyan our students, their parents, the faculty, alumni, donors, neighbors and guests.

She became a sensitive and caring friend, to students away from home for the first time; to parents concerned about their sons' and daughters' welfare; to faculty, administrators and staff; and to neighbors and friends in the Delaware community.

As a dedicated mother of three growing children –Jamison, Mackenzie and Katrin- Ellen also active involvement in the civic life of Delaware, volunteers for many different groups and issues. Remarkably, she still found time for the co-curricular activities that are so much (and so constantly) part of college life. Attendance at such events is never mandatory for a presidential spouse (or even a president) and many students, parents and faculty were surprised and pleased by Ellen's personal congratulations after a concert, a play, a soccer game...

Ellen Warren is a person most of us met because of her husband. But we came to know and cherish her because of what and who she is: an independent, assertive, articulate and deeply caring wife, mother, educator, citizen and ambassador for Ohio Wesleyan.

We do, therefore, enthusiastically welcome Ellen Warren to the ranks of alumni - and Alumnae - of Ohio Wesleyan University.

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