

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Phyllis McMullen Wynn

Class of 1955

With great pride and respect, we present Ohio Wesleyan's Distinguished Achievement Citation to Phyllis McMullen Wynn in tribute to her exceptional lifework as a feminist, a responsible public servant, a respected teacher and for her involvement with the world community.

Phyllis M. Wynn graduated from P. S. DuPont High School, then went on to pursue her education at Ohio Wesleyan University, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1955. After receiving her Master's degree from Case Western Reserve University, she began an elementary school teaching career that encompassed the next twenty-two years.

"Phyl," as she is affectionately called, first began her commitment to philanthropy with the establishment of a scholarship at Ohio Wesleyan in memory of her roommate Barbara Van Sittert, which aids women interested in medicine. She also has been actively involved with the Delaware community, serving as President of the Board of Delaware Guidance Services in the early 1980's and volunteering with the United Way of Delaware. Her more recent activities include President of the Delaware Pro-Choice Medical Fund, Educate the Children board member, YWCA Fund Development Committee, Panelist on the Delaware State Arts Council, Chair of the Book Corner at the First Unitarian Church, Advisor to the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition, Advisor to the Delaware Community Foundation Youth Philanthropy Board, and Member of the Charles Parks Foundation Board. After sponsoring a child in Nepal and traveling extensively there, Phyl now raises money for Educate the Children, a group teaching literacy, health safety and nutrition to Nepalese women. As Phyl says herself, "Improving the lives of women improves the lives of everybody."

"Love life, engage in it, give it all you've got. Love it with a passion, because life truly does give back, many times over, what you put into it."

—Maya Angelou, American Poet

These words from the great American poet Maya Angelou, summarize the life, spirit and vision of Phyllis McMullen Wynn, because they epitomize the great wealth of love that she has poured into the world community which she will, no doubt, receive back in even greater measure. We join her fellow classmates in saluting Phyllis McMullen Wynn and recognizing her outstanding accomplishments through the presentation of this Distinguished Achievement Citation.

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