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Benes Rooms of Hamilton-Williams Campus Center
Introductions & Welcome
Kimberlie L. Goldsberry, Ph.D., Dean of Students

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CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

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Presented by Rock Jones, Ph.D., President of Ohio Wesleyan University, and Nancy Bihl Rutkowski, Assistant Director of Student Involvement

The Meek Awards

Meek Leadership Award
Outstanding Meek Leader Award

Presented by Rock Jones, Ph.D., President of Ohio Wesleyan University, and Craig E. Ullom, Ed.D., Vice President for Student Affairs

Reflections

Rock Jones, Ph.D., President of Ohio Wesleyan University

Closing and Group Photo

Kimberlie L. Goldsberry, Ph.D., Dean of Students
The Ohio Campus Compact Charles J. Ping Student Service Award

Sponsored by Ohio Campus Compact, the Charles J. Ping Student Service Award is designed to recognize and honor the next generation of civic leaders and problem solvers. Recipients are those students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and contributions to community service or service-learning on their campus and within their communities.

2014 RECIPIENT

Carly Zalenski ’15
Canton, Ohio
International Studies, Spanish

My parents have always been my bastions of support; I cannot imagine more loving, supportive or dedicated parents. They have afforded me with opportunities and experiences that very few people are lucky enough to have. They are such driven and passionate individuals themselves, and they inspire me every day to be the best version of myself.

The Columbus Initiative Award for Excellence in Tutoring and Mentoring

Since 1989, Ohio Wesleyan students have been tutoring and mentoring Columbus City School children as part of the Columbus Initiative. This award is given to a graduating senior whose exemplary service and hours of commitment epitomize the very best of Ohio Wesleyan.

2014 RECIPIENT

Shelby Alston ’14
Rockville, Maryland
English

My mother has always been my strongest advocate. It is because of her love and encouragement that I am able to hold my head high and take on any challenge that might come my way.
2014 RECIPIENT
Sijia (Scarlet) He ’14
Changsha, Hunan, China
Economics/International Studies/East Asian Studies

MY MAGICAL ASSISTANT: Ms. Sally Leber “initiated” me into Columbus Initiative and has helped and enlightened me all the way here. Her dedication and practical knowledge in child education directs and inspires me to do a better job as a student tutor at Linden.

The Patricia G. Young Award for Leadership in Service to Children and Youth

The Patricia G. Young Award is named in honor of an OWU Trustee who serves as a Juvenile Court Judge in her home state of Idaho. The award recognizes the student who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in service to children and youth.

2014 RECIPIENT
Men’s Basketball Team

MY MAGICAL ASSISTANT: Head Coach Mike Dewitt has helped shape us into the men we are today. He emphasizes building positive images of ourselves in the community by giving back. He expects us to uphold a high moral character both on and off of the floor.
The Sara Paullin Casto Student Humanitarian Award

The Sara Paullin Casto Student Humanitarian Award is named in memory of a 1996 Ohio Wesleyan Alumna who co-founded a small living unit, the House of H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Pursue Education) which existed on campus for eleven years; conducted extensive community research that led to the founding of the Literacy Coalition of Delaware County; and was a past recipient of the Student Humanitarian Award. This award is given in recognition of consistent outstanding leadership in public service, especially for humanitarian causes, on campus, in the community and beyond.

2014 RECIPIENT
Rachel Vinciguerra ’14
Reading, Massachusetts
History

My magical assistant: Sally Leber has been one of the greatest advocates for my personal growth and education. She has encouraged me countless times to reflect on what my goals and values are and to work to reach them. She has been a wonderful mentor and adviser over the past few years, especially this past year.

The Bridge Builder Award

The Bridge Builder Award is given to an Ohio Wesleyan student in recognition of exemplary service and engagement within and beyond the campus community, especially in the non-profit sector.

2014 RECIPIENT
Kelsey Ullom ’14
Miami, Florida
International Studies major, English minor

My magical assistant: Ever since I shadowed her work for a high school project, Sally Leber has been a powerful guiding force in my life. She has motivated me to power through the hard times, encouraged me to continually try new things, and inspired me to follow my heart in everything I do. I have always appreciated her honesty and fortifying presence in my years at OWU, and I am positively grateful to have her as a mentor and a friend.
Program of the Year

This award honors excellence in programming among clubs/organizations. The Program of the Year demonstrates ingenuity and creativity, and provides a significant contribution to the Ohio Wesleyan community.

2014 RECIPIENT
A Cappellooza Sponsored by Campus Programming Board

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Advisor of the Year

This award recognizes club advisors who provide significant contributions in the positive development of the club/organization they serve, by going above and beyond the expectations to assist as well as encourage the group to think about its role in the larger OWU community.

2014 RECIPIENT
Lisa Garvin
Powell, Ohio
Equestrian Team

MY MAGICAL ASSISTANT: Thank you to Linda Dare of Dare Equestrian Center, our Western Coach. Her direction and support made it possible for me to assist the members of Equestrian Team to reach Regional Competition this year.

Club/Organization of the Year

This award honors excellence among clubs and organizations. The recipient of this award has demonstrated strength in programming, membership recruitment/retention, and administration and has made a significant positive impact on the OWU community.

2014 RECIPIENT
SANGAM

MY MAGICAL ASSISTANT: Darrell, Mona, housekeeping, and buildings and grounds have all been very helpful in the planning of all of our events. Without them our events would not have been successful.
Golden Bishops 2014

Pete and Barbara Smith Outstanding Student Leadership Award

This award is named after the founding members of the Student Union on Black Awareness, Pete ’70 and Barbara ’74 Smith. The Pete and Barbara Smith Outstanding Leadership Award is given to a student of color who demonstrates outstanding leadership in the Ohio Wesleyan and Delaware communities, actively and positively works to create an inclusive community through outreach and programming, and exemplifies the Ohio Wesleyan University spirit.

2014 RECIPIENT
Hazel Barrera ’14
Juarez, MX/ El Paso, TX
Fine Arts

MY MAGICAL ASSISTANT: Terree Stevenson, Sally Leber, Glenda Nieto-Cuevas. These powerful, independent women have been there to support me, listen to me and provide me with the best advice I could have never imagine having.

2014 RECIPIENT
Nola Johnson ’14
Midway, Georgia
Sociology/Anthropology

MY MAGICAL ASSISTANT: My mother, Nancy Bihl Rutkowski, Terree Stevenson, and all of the Black student leaders from 2010-2014. All of these people have provided opportunities for me to grow as a person and as a leader. They have always listened to me and pushed me to never give up.
OWU Spirit Award

The recipient of this award exudes pride in OWU and is a role model for others to follow.

2014 RECIPIENT
Kelsey Brewer ’14
Richfield, Ohio
Pre-Theology/Women’s and Gender Studies double major, Sociology minor

My magical assistant: My magical assistant is Nancy Bihl Rutkowski. She has been the CPB advisor for the past 3 years, and through this and many other opportunities, we have been able to work together. She is my mentor because she sees what I am capable of and encourages me to achieve it. Not only is she an adviser, a mentor, and my boss, but she is my friend. She has helped me become the leader I am today. My OWU experience would not have been the same without her.

Outstanding First-Year Student

This award shall be given to a first-year student who has excelled in a breadth of campus activities above and beyond the typical first-year student, has excelled in a significant way in one campus activity above and beyond the typical member, and has taken his/her academic work seriously.

2014 RECIPIENT
Jocelyne Munoz ’17
Rio Rico, Arizona
Genetics/Spanish

My magical assistant: Those who nurture me with their love, my parents and family.
Best New Member Award

“Best New Member” is awarded by the Executive Committee of WCSA to a member who has begun his or her first term in the previous year and who has made the greatest overall contribution to the mission and goals of WCSA.

2014 RECIPENT
Liam Dennigan ’15
Norwell, Massachusetts
Politics & Government

MY MAGICAL ASSISTANT: My friends and family, Andrew Paik, Brothers of FIJI, Administrative policy committee and Sally Leber.

Best Overall Member Award

“Best Overall Member” is awarded by the Executive Committee of WCSA to the member the council determines to have made the greatest overall contribution to the mission and goals of WCSA.

2014 RECIPENT
Jerry Lherisson ’15
Boston, Massachusetts
Politics & Government

MY MAGICAL ASSISTANT: My mother. It’s amazing to think about the wealth of information and advice I’ve received in the last 21 years from a single channel of reference. She’s taught me the importance of always remaining urgent in aspiring to be more.
Donald G. Chenoweth Friend of WCSA Award

“Donald G. Chenoweth Friend of WCSA Award” is awarded by the Executive Committee of WCSA to a non-member of WCSA who committee members determine has made the greatest contribution to the mission and goals of WCSA.

2014 RECIPIENT
Darryl Phelps
Akron, Ohio
Aramark

My Magical Assistant: The entire custodial service team. By going above and beyond to provide the service throughout campus.

Outstanding Senior Male Athlete

2014 RECIPIENT
Ian Burns McCaslin ’14
Prospect, Kentucky
International Relations

My Magical Assistant: Mrs. Woods was my tutor for years who helped me deal with my dyslexia. Without her help I would not have been able to learn to read at my grade-level and get to where I am today.
Outstanding Senior Female Athlete

2014 RECIPIENT
Margaret Greff ’14
Hopkinton, Massachusetts
International Business/Spanish

*My magical assistant:* My parents have both helped me because they gave me so many different opportunities and always supported me.

Guy Sarvis Award

Dr. Sarvis was a Professor of Sociology at Ohio Wesleyan who devoted much of his life to promoting and living by example the virtues and values of cross-cultural understanding and sensitivity to racial and religious diversity. This award is given to a student who has a demonstrated record of fostering cross-cultural understanding and contributing to the creation of a culture of hospitality and inclusion at OWU.

2014 RECIPIENT
Prabhjot K. Virk ’14
Buffalo, New York/Amritsar, India
Psychology major, Religion minor

*My magical assistant:* There were many people that helped me accomplish all the things I have accomplished on campus: All of the IOCP faculty (Darrell, Dorota, Gerri, Cathy), board members in clubs I led, members of clubs I have participated in/ambassadors in the ISAP program, and the SIO office.
President’s Club Recognition

President’s Club exists to support and advance the mission and goals of Ohio Wesleyan University with specific attention and regard to the Office of the President. Members of the President’s Club serve the University at important functions, at Pritchard House events, and coordinate President’s Ball.

Meek Leadership Awards

The Meek Leadership Awards were established with a contribution from Phillip J. Meek and Nancy LaPorte Meek, both 1959 OWU graduates. OWU seniors who have demonstrated exceptional leadership service during their years at Ohio Wesleyan and show promise to sustain that commitment throughout their lives may be considered for these awards.

2014 RECIPIENT
Marissa Alfano ’14
Brunswick, Ohio
Journalism/Politics & Government

MY MAGICAL ASSISTANT: I was fortunate to grow up in a home where my family constantly told me I was capable of achieving anything I wanted to and that my future was limitless. This gave me confidence in myself and the permission to dream big. I watched my dad put the needs of others before himself, act humbly about any skills he possessed and always remain true to his values. From his example, I learned the foundations of successful leadership and decided to get involved in organizations I was most passionate about.

Martin Clark ’14
Hamden, Connecticut
Politics & Government/Spanish

MY MAGICAL ASSISTANT: Dr. Kimberle Goldsberry has helped me by serving from a mentor and friend during my entire time as a member of the Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs. While serving as President her guidance and advisorship were priceless as she helped me to
work through many tough issues facing the organization and university. Through her help I have become a leader who leads by example and is able to make tough decisions and stand by them regardless if they are popular or not. Special consideration must be given to Patricio Plazolles as well. As the advisor of the Marketing Group, he has helped me to develop a confidence and the tools necessary to pursue my dreams. With him nothing is impossible and he has been completely encouraging throughout my entire collegiate career.

2014 RECIPIENT
Jake Miller ’14
Middlebury, Vermont
English
MY MAGICAL ASSISTANT: Nancy Rutkowski for always seeing the leadership potential in me and encouraging me to take on leadership roles.

2014 RECIPIENT
Jenna Ortega ’14
Glen Ellyn, Illinois
Exercise Science/Spanish
MY MAGICAL ASSISTANT: My parents have been my biggest inspirations and motivators in life. They have pushed me since day one and have taught me to never give up. They have believed in me even when I didn’t believe in myself. I also would like to recognize all of my teammates and friends who have supported me in my four years at OWU. I would not have been able to accomplish anything without them.

2014 RECIPIENT
Rachel Tallmadge ’14
Fairview, Pennsylvania
Economics/Pre-Law
MY MAGICAL ASSISTANT: There have been so many people that have helped me throughout my career at Ohio Wesleyan. Dr. Esler and Dr. Gitter have always encouraged me to blend my passions with my academic endeavors. Dana Behum, Amanda Stewart, and Levi Harrell have always challenged me to be the best that I can and have given me great advice for school and life. There are so many more and I am so sorry I cannot name everyone.
The Outstanding Meek Leadership Awards

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Nola Johnson ’14
Midway, Georgia
Sociology/Anthropology

My magical assistant: My mother, Nancy Bihl Rutkowski, Terree Stevenson, and all of the Black student leaders from 2010-2014. All of these people have provided opportunities for me to grow as a person and as a leader. They have always listened to me and pushed me to never give up.

2014 RECIPIENT
Andrew Paik ’14
Columbus, Ohio
Economics/Politics & Government

My magical assistant: Saif Rahman (academic advisor), Mike Esler (pre-law advisor, moot court coach, life coach), Anthony McGuire (friend, leadership mentor), Friends of OWU, and my church (for teaching me patience, faith, and hope for the future).
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