

Clay Mowry '86 Distinguished Achievement Citation

With the presentation of Ohio Wesleyan's Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored to recognize **Clay Mowry '86** for his outstanding work in the commercial launch and satellite sectors, serving in government, as the leader of an industry trade association, and as a senior executive for leading space companies.

At Ohio Wesleyan, Clay majored in politics & government and minored in management. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta and Pi Sigma Alpha. Clay earned his MBA from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. He also studies international business at the University of Oxford.

Today, Clay Mowry is the CEO of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), and a globally recognized space industry executive at companies including Voyager Space, Blue Origin, and Arianespace. Clay is a lifetime AIAA member. AIAA elected Clay as a fellow in February 2024. Before joining AIAA, Clay's career spanned the commercial launch and satellite sectors as a senior executive for leading space companies and trade associations. Clay is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University in the Science, Technology, and International Affairs (STIA) program. He is also an advisor to VAST, a pioneer in space habitation technologies.

Clay served as president of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF), the world's leading space nonprofit comprising 513 member organizations from 77 countries, including space agencies, companies, research organizations, societies, and museums. He also served as a Presidential Management Fellow and a Senior International Trade Specialist at the International Trade Administration.

Clay is the founder of the Future Space Leaders Foundation, a nonprofit focused on assisting young professionals in their career development.