

Katie Webster Honorary Alumni Award

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan University's Honorary Alumni Award, the OWU Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored to recognize **Katie Webster** for her exemplary service to the university and her dedication to ensuring that Bishop alumni and friends remain connected in meaningful ways.

Katie arrived at Ohio Wesleyan in 2013 as the associate director of advancement. She used her talents to build and implement a comprehensive 50th reunion giving strategy that included volunteer recruitment and training for more than 100 alumni leaders. The result was record-breaking participation and giving across multiple reunion classes.

In 2015, Katie became the director of alumni & family engagement. In this role, she provided strategic leadership for OWU's Alumni Board of Directors. She helped develop and scale signature programs, including Reunion Weekend, Homecoming & Family Weekend, and OWU Near You, and developed an intentional and comprehensive volunteer engagement strategy. In 2016, Katie started the Women of Ohio Wesleyan (WOW) program, an initiative that is close to her heart. Since then, WOW has grown into a signature program that promotes greater engagement, community building, mentorship opportunities, and philanthropic support—all in a community that celebrates women.

Katie's leadership in connecting alumni to admitted students through thank-you notes, swag deliveries, and more earned a CASE Circle of Excellence Award. She helped OWU navigate a presidential transition by planning "Rock Reunion Weekend" to honor Rock Jones as he retired and then led planning for President Matt vandenBerg's OWU Inauguration. Katie also served on the internal leadership team for the *Connect Today, Create Tomorrow* comprehensive campaign.

Ohio Wesleyan is grateful for Katie's leadership and work to advance the university and its priorities while engaging alumni and friends. Many will remember Katie's friendship and remarkable Bishop pride. Katie's enthusiasm for Ohio Wesleyan is so spirited that she is often mistaken for being an alumna. We thank Katie for her tireless efforts to make every day a "Great Day to be a Bishop" and are proud to grant her official Honorary Alumni status.