

Elizabeth Long Downey '06 Alumni Award

The Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors proudly presents Liz Long Downey '06 with the Alumni Award in recognition of her extraordinary and ongoing commitment to serving Ohio Wesleyan University. Liz says her goal has always been to help OWU in any way she can.

As a student, Liz majored in English and Journalism. She is a proud member of Kappa Alpha Theta, which began a lifelong interest in leadership, extending into other campus roles, including English department student board, orientation leader, and Panhellenic Council.

A legacy internship in the then-called Office of Alumni Relations further ignited Liz's passion for OWU. Since graduation, Liz has served in multiple volunteer roles across alumni engagement, annual giving, admission, career, and fraternity & sorority life. She also served as programming director on the Monnett Club Board, reviewer on the Meek Scholarship Committee, and on the Women of Ohio Wesleyan planning committee.

Liz served on the Alumni Board from 2008–2022, including roles as vice president and president, which she says is her most meaningful OWU volunteer experience. She is proud to have served on the search committee that selected Katie Webster as alumni engagement director, and to have supported the alumni recognition committee in selecting 40-year advancement employee Jeannette Kraus for an honorary alumni award.

Volunteering for OWU took Liz to her husband, **Jason Downey '02**, whom she met while serving on a career panel in 2008. Liz and Jason enjoy serving Ohio Wesleyan together in a variety of capacities. They are members of the Associate Founders' Circle, President's Circle, 1842 Society, and Loyal Bishops Society.

Liz's volunteer talents also extend beyond OWU to the COSI Community Board, Kappa Alpha Theta Columbus Alumnae Chapter, and numerous roles at First Community Church.