

Alumni Award

Kathy Butler

Class of 1974

It is a pleasure to honor Kathy Butler with this 2014 Alumni Award for outstanding dedication and service to Ohio Wesleyan.

At Ohio Wesleyan, Kathy was a member of Pi Beta Phi and was elected to Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honorary society. Upon graduation, Kathy embarked upon a career that has encompassed both business and community leadership.

From 1976 to 1985, Kathy was employed by DL Group/Banite, Inc., in Buffalo, New York, first as marketing coordinator and then as marketing manager. In 1985, she moved on to Columbus McKinnon Corporation in Amherst, New York, as communications manager until she became director of marketing and communications from 1989 to 2000. From 2000 to 2006, she was chief marketing officer at Hodgson Russ LLP, a law firm of approximately 200 attorneys in eight locations in the United States and Canada.

As she filled these challenging positions, Kathy also was an active community volunteer in organizations such as the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers; Hospice Buffalo; Kaleida Health Foundation, which honored her with its Distinguished Volunteer Service Award in 2004; Millard Fillmore Health System Foundation, where she served as board member, board co-chair, and chair of the board; and United Way of Buffalo Erie County, which named her Outstanding Volunteer of the Year in 2000.

Ohio Wesleyan also has benefited from Kathy's skills and talents. She served on the Alumni Board of Directors from 2001 to 2012, as vice president from 2006 to 2008 and president from 2008 to 2010; she also has been co-chair of her class leadership in support of the Ohio Wesleyan Fund since 2001. She was chair of the Alumni Recognition Committee from 2005 to 2007 and Student/Alumni Committee chair from 2000 to 2008. She served as an evaluator of the Meek Scholarship Committee from 2010 to 2013. In addition, she served as a member of the University Marketing Advisory Council and on three Class Reunion committees in 1999, 2004, and 2009; she was chair of the Class Reunion committee in 1999. In addition, she was the alumni representative at the inauguration of President Rock Jones in 2008.

Today, we join Kathy's reunioning classmates in applauding and thanking her for her service to Ohio Wesleyan University. She is a valued member of the Ohio Wesleyan family.

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