

Claire Everhart '10 Young Alumni Award

The Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored to present **Claire Everhart '15** with the Young Alumni Award to recognize her exceptional work to make the U.S. and the global community more equitable for people who are systemically disenfranchised, including women, minorities, and people from underprivileged socioeconomic backgrounds.

Claire graduated from OWU with a degree in international studies and a minor in Spanish. She earned a master of science degree in international public policy from University College, London. Claire began her career as a research assistant at Canaan Fair Trade in Palestine. She then held other research and communication positions at the Global Village Collection, The Great Initiative, Optimal Solutions Group, and the Eastern Congo Initiative.

Claire was selected for the Presidential Management Fellowship, the most prestigious U.S. government leadership development program leading to a career in public service and the government. Claire worked with USAID to monitor, support, and publicize U.S. global development programs through this program.

She also was a Legislative Fellow in the U.S. House of Representatives for Congressman Matthew Cartwright of Pennsylvania's 17th district on environmental policies. She is managing director of partner engagements for the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation. In this role, Claire liaises with financial institutions across Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa to increase access to finance by leveraging of local private capital.

Dedicated to the greater good, Claire has served in volunteer positions, including board member for On the Ground Global, political partner for the Truman National Security Project, and advisory council member of the National Democratic Institute. She also leads DC United Against Hate, an organization that aims to combat hate speech, partisan politics, and discriminatory policies.

Claire, a standout student-athlete at OWU, continues to run. She has participated in Run Across Congo (seven marathons in seven days), Run Across Palestine (five marathons in five days), and Run Across Ethiopia (10 marathons in 10 days), all to raise funds supporting various humanitarian projects in these areas.