

Alumni Award

C. Joseph Diamond and Linda Diamond

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan University's Honorary Alumni Award, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is proud to recognize **C. Joseph Diamond and Linda Diamond** for their endless dedication to and support of the Delaware community and OWU.

They established the C. Joseph and Linda Diamond Endowed Scholarship for students from the Delaware County area going into the arts, sciences, or humanities through an estate commitment in 2016. They are members of the Bishop Backers Executive Committee and Tower Society. The Diamonds were awarded the Town-Gown Award by the Ohio Wesleyan Athletic Department in 2017 in recognition of longstanding relationships with and outstanding support of Ohio Wesleyan student-athletes and athletic programs.

Joe was the Assistant Preservation Officer for the City of Columbus, Ohio; the Planning Director for the City of Oberlin, Ohio; City Planner for Delaware, Ohio, and the Regional Planning Director for Delaware County, Ohio.

Linda taught elementary school for 20 years. She was the Executive Director of the Ohio State Board of Sanitarian Registration and also served as the Director of Communications and later as the Development Officer for the Delaware General Health District.

Joe is the principle and owner of Diamond Design and Planning, which specializes in downtown revitalization; historic preservation; and master planning. Joe and Linda co-own Rosebud Properties, a real estate holding and management company which specializes in historic commercial and residential properties. Rosebud was named the 2006 Small Business of the Year from the Delaware Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, it was recognized five years in a row by Main Street Delaware for projects in downtown Delaware. Rosebud was also awarded the Best Historic Commercial Restoration in the State of Ohio and the 2011 Spirit of Main Street award from Heritage Ohio.

Linda was recognized as 2001 Citizen of the year by the Delaware Area Chamber of Commerce. Joe is a founding member and past president of Main Street Delaware and serves on its Design Committee. He is also a founding member of the executive board of the Strand Theatre and Cultural Arts Center and volunteers as the facility manager for the organization.

For their tireless support and enthusiasm for strengthening the bonds of Ohio Wesleyan and the surrounding community, as well as their work to support students, the Alumni Board is pleased to present Joe and Linda Diamond with the Honorary Alumni Award.

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