

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Roscius N. Doan

Class of 1961

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan's Distinguished Achievement Citation, we are honored and privileged to recognize Dr. Roscius Doan for his medical and humanitarian contributions to the health of people in the United States and in Eastern Europe.

Following his graduation from Ohio Wesleyan in 1961, Rosh attended Case Western Reserve, receiving his medical degree in 1965. He then traveled to Peru as Peace Corps physician, serving as a pediatrician for a multi-agency nutritional recuperation project. Upon returning to the United States, Rosh furthered his education by receiving a MPH from the University of California in 1970. During the '70s and early '80s, Rosh was a lecturer and research pediatrician at the child development center of the University of Washington. While there, he served as deputy director of the maternal and infant care project for high-risk infants and co-produced two audio-visual productions for the March of Dimes on maternal nutrition during pregnancy in both English and Spanish. From 1983 to 1990, Rosh served as the medical director of Fircrest School in Seattle, a large state residential facility for developmentally disabled children and adults.

Rosh's humanitarian interests led him to the former Soviet Union and its successor states first as the Project Chair for the Seattle-Tashkent Sister City Medical exchange Project. He spent a year in Tashkent treating children with hepatitis and worked to establish a facility to manufacture hepatitis B vaccine. He maintains a close connection with Tashkent, having established a physician exchange program, an email link with the city, and having participated in planning and building a peace park.

Inspired by the lack of proper health care and more importantly, the lack of preventative measures in the area of Russia, he joined Project Hope in 1992 as the director of the Moscow Office. Here he initiated a medical humanitarian assistance program which delivered seventy million dollars worth of medicine and other supplies to hospitals in the area.

On joining PATH (Program for Appropriate Technology in Health) in 1994, Rosh directed a USAID program in the Ukraine with projects in diphtheria epidemic control, blood borne infection control for health care workers, and humanitarian assistance to diabetic children. Becoming the PATH Site Manager for the Ukraine 1997, he continues to promote the program's mission of improving the health of women and children and of preventing communicable diseases in the Ukraine.

Rosh's fourth generation ties to Ohio Wesleyan started with his great grandfather, John H. Doan, who was a preacher and attended Ohio Wesleyan in 1856. His grandfather, also a physician, followed in the early 1900s. The family tradition has culminated with over 20 members of the family attending Ohio Wesleyan, five eventually earning medical degrees. While Rosh was at Ohio Wesleyan, he was an active member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, an officer on the Interfraternity Council and a member of the Concert Band and Kappa Kappa Psi honorary.

It is a privilege to honor Dr. Roscius Newell Doan, an exemplary son of Ohio Wesleyan, and to applaud him for his outstanding work, which has given a measure of hope and help to victims of disease.

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