

James “Jim” Wallar ’70 Distinguished Achievement Citation

The Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored to present **James “Jim” Wallar ’70** with the Distinguished Achievement Citation, the most prestigious award bestowed by the university to alumni, for his significant contributions to global economics.

A Phi Delta Theta, Jim graduated from OWU with a degree in economics and Spanish. At OWU, he played football and was a member of the W Association, Phi Beta Kappa, and Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary. He is a member of the 1967 Team of Distinction Football Team.

Jim earned a master’s degree from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University and served a distinguished career with the U.S. Treasury Department. His post at headquarters included economist with the Office of Tariff and Trade Affairs, deputy director of the Development Policy Office, and director of the Office of Trade Policy, where he developed and coordinated international trade policies including negotiating positions for the Uruguay Trade Round, the North American Free Trade Agreement, and bilateral and regional issues.

Jim held several high-level positions in Germany, Russia, France, Switzerland, and Afghanistan. During the Tokyo Round, Jim was a trade negotiator for the U.S. Trade Representative in its Geneva delegations and returned to Washington, D.C., to help pass legislation implementing the results of the Round.

After serving in government service, Jim joined the economics consulting firm Nathan Associates. He continued high-level work in international economics, including managing a \$150 million USAID project in Southeast Asia. Jim delivered world-class economic and analytic solutions to more than 140 countries. He has published numerous articles throughout his career for the National Bureau of Asian Research and the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Jim’s volunteer activities include serving as president of

the Friends of Colvin Mill and working with Afghan families in Northern Virginia. Jim speaks German, French, and Spanish and is an ESL tutor.

Jim's awards from the U.S. Treasury Department include the Albert Gallatin Award, The Secretary's Honor Awards, the Award for Exceptional Service, The Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service (Afghanistan), the Commander's Award for Public Service (Iraq), and also awards for outstanding performance from the State Department.