

# Distinguished Achievement Citation

John Laurence Keltner, M.D.

Class of 1961

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan's Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize John Laurence Keltner for his noteworthy medical career and his contributions to the highly specialized field of neuro-ophthalmology.

Following his graduation from Ohio Wesleyan, John received his M.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in 1965. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at New York Hospital and additional residencies in ophthalmology and neurology at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem and Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. Between 1970 and 1974 he was awarded two fellowships, one in neuro-ophthalmology at Barnes Hospital and one in pediatric ophthalmology at Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C. He was certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology in 1975.

John is Professor and Chair Emeritus in the Department of Ophthalmology & Vision Science, Neurology & Neurological Surgery, as well as Director of the neuro-ophthalmology service at the University of California-Davis School of Medicine in Sacramento. He has been a member of the faculty of the Department of Ophthalmology for 35 years and served as chair for 26 years. He is also director of Research and Faculty Development at the UC Davis Health System Eye Center.

Recently awarded the North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society's Distinguished Service Award, the organization's highest recognition for sustained and substantial service, John is an internationally known neuro-ophthalmologist who provides consultations in the diagnosis and treatment of complex and unexplained neurological abnormalities that affect visual pathways. He co-directs the Optical Coherence Tomography and Visual Field Reading Centers.

John's major research contributions are in the Optic Neuritis Treatment Trial, which deals with multiple sclerosis-related optic neuritis, and the Ocular Hypertension Treatment Trial for Glaucoma. He is also a pioneer in the field of cancer-related visual loss.

Among his extensive list of professional affiliations, John was a member of the American Board of Ophthalmology for eight years serving as chair in 1997. He also was a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology and was president of the organization for two years.

John is dedicated to educational advancement in the field of neuro-ophthalmology, having taught the Stanford Basic Science Course in neuro-ophthalmology for eight years and at the Harvard Lancaster Course in Ophthalmology at Harvard University for 14 years. Once again leading the way, he was instrumental in developing the Association of University Professors Fellowship Compliance Process for fellows in neuro-ophthalmology as well as for other ophthalmology subspecialties.

For these exceptional accomplishments we join with his classmates, including his wife Nancy Rickey Keltner '61 and applaud John Keltner and his exceptional career through the presentation of this Distinguished Achievement Citation.

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