Austin E. “Dutch” Knowlton was the owner and chairman of the Knowlton Construction Company, an organization started in Bellefontaine, Ohio, in 1937. His company was responsible for over 600 major construction projects throughout Ohio and the Midwest, including school buildings, hospitals, libraries, and post offices. His company built five campus facilities at Ohio Wesleyan.

After graduating from Bellefontaine High School, he attended The Ohio State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in architectural engineering. A prominent businessman and leading philanthropist, Mr. Knowlton became an avid sportsman with a 50-year interest in saddle-bred horses, was a member of the original founding partnership of the Cincinnati Bengals where he served as Chairman, held a major ownership interest for many years in the Cincinnati Reds, and served as a trustee of the Little Brown Jug Society for harness racing in Delaware, Ohio. Mr. Knowlton lived in Delaware County for a number of years.

During his lifetime, Mr. Knowlton established the Austin E. Knowlton Foundation to advance higher education and to provide direct grants and contributions to qualified colleges and universities. Provisions in his will continue to fund the foundation, and his trustees have created the Austin E. Knowlton Memorial Scholarship.
The Department of Economics and the Woltemade Center for Economics, Business and Entrepreneurship offer the Economics Management Fellows Program for qualified incoming first-year students interested in the fields of economics, business, finance, marketing, management, accounting, or international business.

The Summer Science Research Program and Patricia Belt Conrades Summer Science Research Symposium give science students a 10-week opportunity to work one-to-one with a faculty mentor on a research project of interest to both; at the symposium, students present their research posters to the campus and invited guests.

The Sagan National Colloquium spotlights an issue of enduring and powerful social concern through a series of presentations and discussions led by nationally and internationally recognized experts.

The Arneson Institute for Practical Politics and Public Affairs sponsors the University’s Wesleyan in Washington Program, which allows students to receive academic credit in return for working full time in a variety of government settings in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

The Leland F. and Helen Schubert Honors Program intellectually challenges the most talented students among OWU’s community of scholars.

Faculty-led Travel-Learning Courses give students “on-the-ground” perspectives throughout the world on issues they have researched rigorously in the classroom.

Competitive Theory-to-Practice Grants support students’ independent research, internships, service, and cultural immersion throughout the world.

All first-year students begin with UC 160: OWU Experience, a course that introduces them to life on campus. Students work with a mentor to map out their four-year plan and learn about OWU Connection experiences.

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