

Honorary Alumnus / Alumna

Jeanette Kraus

With this presentation of an Honorary Alumni Award, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize **Jeanette Kraus** for her loyalty to Ohio Wesleyan University and long-term commitment to the advancement of the University.

Jeanette attended Columbus College of Art and Design before beginning her career at Ohio Wesleyan in 1972. Her first position at Ohio Wesleyan University was as a Records Clerk. Other positions Jeanette performed included the Receptionist for Buildings and Grounds and Records Manager. For more than 40 years, Jeanette was a diligent and enthusiastic Ohio Wesleyan employee.

Jeanette's most recent position was the Alumni Records Supervisor, in which she was responsible for database management, including data review and audit, data imports, and reporting. She also oversaw departmental student workers. Jeanette served on the Heritage Day Committee since its inception, and assisted the Chaplain's Office with many initiatives. She worked at OWU for over 40 years until her retirement in May 2013.

While announcing Jeanette's retirement, Jeremy Ball, former OWU Director of Development Services said, "During times of growth and change, Jeanette was always a constant. Her work with students and alumni went way beyond her job responsibilities. Former student workers come back to campus just to talk to Jeanette and credit her with their success. She is an example of how even those not in the classroom can impact the lives of Ohio Wesleyan students." In her tenure, she saw the school through remarkable change. Ball said, "Jeanette's tenure took alumni records from paper cards in file cabinets to databases and electronic imaging. She worked tirelessly to ensure OWU would not lose contact with any alumni."

Jeanette is also a dedicated volunteer with state, national, and international United Methodist Church-affiliated organizations including involvement for more than 20 years in the election of bishops in the church's north central jurisdiction. She taught mission study courses addressing globalization and its impact on individuals from a Christian perspective and another on Native American survival.

Jeanette served as the Women's Division director for United Methodist Women, which is made up of 50 directors who represent all United Methodist women in the United States and its territories. Incorporated in New York, the Division handles international outreach projects and oversees investments in excess of \$20 million per year. Jeremy Ball said, "Jeanette is also as an ambassador for Ohio Wesleyan in her roles in service to the United Methodist Church around the world. I do not know a person who has a deeper love for Ohio Wesleyan than Jeanette."

For her inspiring dedication and service to the University for the advancement of Ohio Wesleyan University, we applaud and recognize Jeanette Kraus with this Honorary Alumni Award.

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