

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Robert L. Milligan

Class of 1922

Today we are proud and honored to present Robert Lee Milligan with a Distinguished Achievement Citation for his significant contributions as a leader in the petroleum industry and for his service to education.

Mr. Milligan graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1922 with a major in Business Administration and Psychology. In 1980 he was awarded the LHD from the National College of Education of Evanston.

His distinguished career in the petroleum industry began when Mr. Milligan joined the Pure Life Company in 1929 and culminated in his being named President in 1954. In 1965, Mr. Milligan merged Pure Oil into the Union Oil Company of California (UNOCAL). He became Chairman of the Pure Oil Division and held that post until his retirement in 1971. After his retirement he became founder, president and director of Technological Advancements, Inc. and Chairman and Director of Nano Fast, Inc. He is also a retired director of Amsted Industries; Montgomery Ward & Company; Continental Bank; Indianapolis News Publishing Company and The Doctor Scholl Foundation. In addition, he is honorary director of the American Petroleum Institute and a life trustee of Illinois Institute of Technology.

Mr. Milligan has been a Trustee of Ohio Wesleyan since 1955. He became a Life Trustee in 1979. In that year he was also the recipient of the Adam Poe Medal and the Founder's Award. In 1981 Mr. Milligan received the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Award.

In 1992, Mr. Milligan endowed the "Robert L. Milligan in Business Lecture Series" at Ohio Wesleyan's Center for Business and Economics. This generous gift has enabled the Center to sponsor numerous speakers of renown and professionals-in-residence. Mr. Milligan's gift was recognized by President David Warren as affixing "permanently to our program the name of one of Ohio Wesleyan's finest examples of leaders in business."

Mr. Milligan's ties to Ohio Wesleyan and the Methodist Church are historic and significant. His parents, Melvin Lee Milligan and Jennie Fairbanks Milligan, graduated in 1884 and 1887 respectively. On his father's side was Thomas Iliff, one of the original endowers of Ohio Wesleyan, John Wesley Iliff, a generous contributor to the Methodist Episcopal Church and his son, William Seward Iliff, who endowed the Iliff School of Theology at the University of Denver. On his mother's side was his uncle, Charles Warren Fairbanks, Class of 1872, who was Vice President of the United States under Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Milligan and his wife, Mary Cook Milligan, were instrumental in arranging for a bequest on the part of Cornelia Fairbanks Albright, who was the granddaughter of Vice President Fairbanks. In 1994, Mrs. Albright bequeathed to Ohio Wesleyan the equivalent of three endowed chairs in honor of her grandfather, grandmother, and father. Mr. Milligan's sons, Warren and Robert, are members of the classes of 1952 and 1956 respectively.

For his generous contribution to his profession, to education and to his *Alma Mater*, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association is proud to honor Dr. Robert Lee Milligan to receive its highest honor, the Distinguished Achievement Citation.

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