

Honorary Alumnus / Alumna

John H. Reed

With respect, affection and admiration, we extend to you, John Reed, the designation of honorary alumnus of Ohio Wesleyan University.

John was “keeper of the flame” at Ohio Wesleyan from 1952 until his retirement in 1984. Under his administration as Special Collections Librarian, the library’s Archives/Special Collections Area, which house such sterling works as the Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning books and the Archives of Ohio United Methodism, became a rich source of information and history, benefiting greatly the students and staff of Ohio Wesleyan University and the community at large.

Through his commitment to sharing information and his leadership in fostering open communication among librarians, students and the public, John has shown the unique spirit that exemplifies the true librarian. He was an eloquent and determined advocate for the preservation of knowledge and rare artifacts, which resulted in a body of work that will effectively enhance the education of generations to come.

Furthermore, John took the helm of the Slocum Library restoration project, *Preserve the Past*, because of his deep-rooted passion for this jewel of the University. He and his wife Libby have also acted as ambassadors for Ohio Wesleyan, spreading the seeds of goodwill and friendship by attending many alumni events around the country.

Finally, John is recognized for his long and effective service to the Ohio Delta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. His service was excellent, constant and a great source of pride and affection for all of the brothers of Ohio Delta.

Applauding his dedication to the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of Ohio Wesleyan University and to the community at large and appreciating his zealous promotion of the value of the Special Collections Library, it is now my distinct pleasure to welcome John Reed as a fellow alumnus of Ohio Wesleyan University.

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