

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Carol Hamilton Scott

Class of 1953

With pride, we present Ohio Wesleyan's Distinguished Achievement Citation to Carol Hamilton Scott in recognition of her exceptional career as a humanitarian and volunteer, working towards improved relationships between races and helping individuals seek self-sufficiency.

Carol began her career of service before she even graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1953. As an undergraduate, she organized student trips to visit veterans at the Chillicothe Veterans Hospital and senior citizens at the Delaware County Nursing Home. For her efforts, she received her first recognition for volunteerism: the Red Cross Gray Lady Pin.

Since her graduation from Ohio Wesleyan, it has been Carol's mission to provide services to eliminate poverty and illiteracy in the Springfield, Ohio, community. During the 1960s she was active in the Civil Rights movement and directed the Springfield Urban League's Leadership Development Project. Through her participation in the National Council of Negro Women, she helped welfare mothers obtain college scholarships to continue their education and pursue professional careers.

Carol's most significant contributions have involved promoting and providing job-training opportunities to assist families in getting beyond the welfare system. In 1970, she founded the Clark County Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC), an affiliate of a nationally recognized community-based organization, which provides job training to the unemployed and underemployed. The Clark County OIC has enabled over 45,000 people to "help themselves" since its inception. Carol Scott was also elected to the National OIC Board of Directors and held the position for 20 years during which she organized and chaired the National OIC Auxiliary and Volunteer Support Services. Her service to OIC of America, Inc., has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Leon H. Sullivan Volunteer of the Year award.

Carol was the first woman elected to the Board of Directors of Wilberforce University and the first African-American woman to serve on the Board of Directors of Banc Ohio National Bank and later, National City Bank. She has held leadership positions with numerous local universities and community organizations, including her prior service on the Ohio Wesleyan University Board of Trustees, and has been the recipient of a multitude of awards. In 1994, she was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in recognition of her dedication and service to others.

We join her reuniting classmates in saluting Carol Hamilton Scott and recognizing her outstanding accomplishments through the presentation of this Distinguished Achievement Award.

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