

Alumni Award

Mark Hubbart Shipps

Class of 1970

With pleasure, we present an Alumni Award to Mark Shipps, Class of 1970.

Mark's contributions as an alumnus have been numerous. At this time, we recognize him especially for his dedication to the successful "Raise the Roof" campaign for University Hall.

When the edifice was dedicated in 1893, it was described as one of the "most imposing college buildings in the United States." Through the century which followed, the structure has served as the University's most recognized symbol.

When it became evident that this venerable campus landmark was in serious need of restoration, Mark, as chairperson of the Ohio Wesleyan Associates, suggested that the Associates would be the logical group to head the necessary campaign to raise money for the project, and then personally worked to help achieve the goal.

Between December 1, 1995 and the end of 1996, the \$1.1 million goal was reached, and work is now underway, due in no small part to Mark's inspired proposal and efforts.

A source of gratification in the restoration process is that Gray Chapel and University Hall are now handicapped-accessible.

As Alumni Admissions Representative, Class Agent for his class of 1970, member of the Annual Fund Council and hardworking member of the Cleveland alumni committee, Mark had proven himself a devoted alumnus long before his most recent contribution.

Part and parcel of his involvement is status as one of four generations of Ohio Wesleyan Shippses!

Congratulations and thank you to this exceptional son of Ohio Wesleyan!

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