

Honorary Alumnus / Alumna

Benjamin T. Spencer

It is a privilege to confer upon Benjamin T. Spencer status of honorary alumnus of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Although Kentucky Wesleyan is his Alma Mater, Dr. Spencer has been a significant part of OWU since 1930 when he came to this campus to guide future alumni through the infinite varieties of Shakespeare and American literature. Through 39 years on the faculty, he spoke at countless alumni meetings, conducted a vast correspondence in a Spencerian script miniscule in size but magnificent in message, welcomed an unending parade of visiting alumni to his and Virginia's home in Delaware, and occasionally dropped in on faraway alumni in his travels. His memory for faces, names, spouses – and undergraduate grades! – has astounded four decades of Ohio Wesleyanites.

Retirement from the University faculty in 1969 did not mean abandonment of his former students. His interest and concern have continued. In recent years, he has shared his delightful erudition through standing-room-only Alumni College lectures and, this year, as lecturer in Summerweek.

For generous expenditure of time, kindness, and spirit, the highest nine-plus to Dr. Ben and an affectionate welcome to the ranks of Ohio Wesleyan alumni.

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