

Honorary Alumnus Award William Stroud

It is a pleasure to bestow the status of Honorary Alumnus to William Stroud for his loyalty and service to Ohio Wesleyan.

From the day Bill purchased The Brown Jug Restaurant with Ed Wolf, the pair was committed to serving the Ohio Wesleyan community. Whenever they were asked, Bill and Ed opened The Jug to Ohio Wesleyan. Through the years The Brown Jug hosted five Ohio Wesleyan presidents; numerous University guests; speakers and honorees; multiple championship athletic teams and fans; many reunion dinners, and generations of students, parents, faculty and staff. Bill and Ed also employed hundreds of OWU students.

Bill is a graduate of Wittenberg University, so he also hosted gatherings for the Tigers a time or two. However, we know that Bill is really a Battling Bishop at heart!

Under Bill and Ed's leadership, The Jug was recognized with countless awards including, but not limited to the statewide Heritage Ohio "Best Main Street Business Award" in 2006; the 2004 Delaware General Health District Beautification Award; the 2002 Delaware County Fair Business and Community Partner Award; the 2006 Ohio Wesleyan Athletic Department Town and Gown Award; and the Midwest News Service "Best of the Best." The Jug also received the 1998 Small Business of the Year Award from the Delaware Area Chamber of Commerce, an organization that Bill was involved with throughout his business life. He also was a member of Celebrate Delaware and its successor Main Street Delaware serving as its founding President.

Bill has served as board member and president of the Delaware Area Recovery Services Board and the Delaware/Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, from which he received the 1999 Arthur S. Flemming Award for Community Service. He continues to serve on the Delaware Juvenile Court Treatment Advisory Council.

Today Bill adds another distinction to his long list of accolades—the 2010 Honorary Alumnus Award. We join as a community with Bill and his wife, Marty, in saluting, thanking, and applauding him for decades of devoted service to Ohio Wesleyan University and as a valued member of the Ohio Wesleyan community.

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