

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Dr. Sharon Anderholm Wiener Class of 1970

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan's Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize **Dr. Sharon Anderholm Wiener '70**.

Sharon graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1970 with Bachelor's of Arts in Pre-Med. After graduation from OWU, she was graduated from Duke University with a Master's of Art and a Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science. Her Doctoral Dissertation was on Turkish Foreign Policy Decision-Making. Throughout the years, she learned five languages – Turkish, French, Arabic, Russian and Spanish.

Sharon's career includes: Foreign Service Board of Examiners which prepared analysis of Foreign Service entry systems for the Director General; Consul General/Principal Officer in Istanbul, Turkey leading 300+ personnel in a major international business, media, political, and cultural center and hosted hundreds of official visits including President Obama; and Minister Counselor for Political Affairs in Paris, France serving as third-ranking officer in one of the largest embassies.

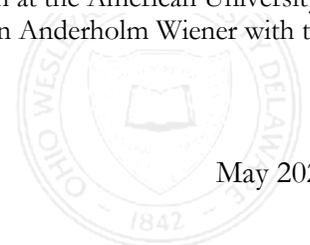
Throughout her career, Sharon served many roles. Most notably, she was the US Representative of Koc University, a leading US style Turkish university; and the Chair of the Turkish Area Studies program at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute. Those roles are a direct reflection on Sharon's priority of the importance education plays in all societies and in contributing to international understanding.

Sharon spent her career as a woman in a male-dominated career; and dedicated her later career to gender equality. She served as the Acting Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, a position reporting directly to the Secretary of State and the senior US government position committed to ensuring that gender equality is reflected in all aspects of US foreign policy.

Following retirement, Sharon spent three and a half years adjusting to cancer diagnosis of her husband's. They spent those years traveling and enjoying time together. Following her husband's death in 2018; Sharon has been committed to helping senior citizens age in their homes and tutors at an elementary school in one of Washington, DC's most challenged neighborhoods.

Sharon was awarded the Department of State Secretary's Career Achievement Award, "in recognition of her distinguished career with the Department of State from 1978 to 2011 and with appreciation for her extraordinary achievements in Washington, Bogota, Moscow, Cairo, Paris and Istanbul."

This citation only begins to tell the story of Sharon's career as a seasoned diplomat with broad policy and management experience dealing with high profile issues in the Department of State and in major foreign posts in Europe, the Middle East/North Africa and Latin America. Sharon says, "the most important impact OWU had on me was giving me the opportunity to participate in the Great Lakes Colleges Association Junior Year Abroad program at the American University of Beirut. That cause me to totally change my life direction." We applaud and recognize Sharon Anderholm Wiener with this Distinguished Achievement Citation.



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