Oregon State University
Alumni Association

Don and Shirley Wirth Young Alumni Award

Sponsored by the OSU Alumni Association | **Nominations due May 1, 2026**

Established in 2006 and permanently renamed the Don and Shirley Wirth Young Alumni Award in 2017, the award recognizes alumni, age 35 or younger, for exceptional achievements in career, public service and/or volunteer activities, which bring credit to Oregon State University. Don Wirth, a 1961 OSU graduate, was executive director of the OSUAA for 21 years and is widely credited with getting the CH2M HILL Alumni Center built. He and Shirley Wirth, a 1963 graduate, worked tirelessly for decades to increase alumni involvement and services at the university.

Eligibility Considerations:

1. Any alumnus of Oregon State University who are 35 years of age or younger.
2. The award shall recognize individuals whose service to the university, service to their community or accomplishment in their chosen career reflects positively on all alumni and the university.
3. In addition, please highlight how your nominees' service and accomplishments relate to one or more of the following areas:
    - Supported and/or activated change within industry, local community and/or OSU community in respect to diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice.
    - Supported governmental and community advocacy efforts for Oregon State University, OSU Alumni Association and/or OSU Foundation's education efforts, research and programs.
    - Supported students and graduates with career advice and connections to alumni, donors and friends and/or providing their career expertise to university leadership, faculty and staff to guide outreach and educational efforts of the OSU community.
    - Supported engagement activities designed to cultivate stewardship and donations, and/or help strengthen the OSU community.

Those Ineligible for Nominations:

1. A candidate for any public office.
2. Anyone currently serving as a member of the OSU Board of Trustees, OSU Alumni Board of Directors or OSU Foundation Board of Trustees; and/or an OSU Alumni Association, OSU Foundation, INTO OSU or Oregon State University employee.

Nominations:

1. Nominations for the award are encouraged from any source.
2. All nominations shall be kept confidential.
3. Please include the nomination form on the next page.
4. If a nominee is not selected in the first year, their file will remain active for two years following their nomination.

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Who would you like to nominate for this award: _____

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Home address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ **Alternative Phone:** _____

LinkedIn: _____

Who is making this nomination: _____

Name: _____

OSU Dept: _____

Email address: _____

Primary/ Work Phone: _____ **Mobile Phone:** _____

Please include with your nomination:

- This nomination cover page
- Letter of nomination which includes the reason for the nomination and how this individual exemplifies the qualities of the award and meets all criteria.
- Current resume, vitae, and/or LinkedIN profile
- Other supporting documentation such as newspaper articles, links to videos and/or presentations with a short summary describing the content for each link, letters of reference, etc.

Email documents in one message to osualum@osualum.com with subject line: Black and Orange Awards or send paper files to: OSU Alumni Association, 204 CH2M HILL Alumni Center, Corvallis, OR 97331.