Dr. Jeanette Grasselli Brown received the Leona Hughes Inspiration Award. Pictured from left to right, Emily Grannis, Jenny, Will Wemer, and President McDavis.

The Women in Philanthropy of Ohio University (WIP) Leona Hughes Inspiration Award was presented to Dr. Jeanette Grasselli Brown on Friday, July 23rd at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago. WIP established the Leona Hughes Inspiration Award in 2006 to recognize special women who have maintained philanthropic interests in Ohio University and their communities, set an example of personal integrity, and achieved distinction in their chosen fields. Leona Hughes was the first recipient of this award on November 2, 2006, and Jody Galbreath Phillips received this honor February 14, 2008.

Dr. Grasselli Brown’s service and contributions to Ohio University are very vast. Some of the highlights include serving as distinguished visiting professor and director of research enhancement from 1989 to 1995, as Chair of the Board of Trustees, nine years as a Foundation Board Trustee, as Chair of the Ohio Board of Regents, and on the Cutler Scholars Board of Governors. She has received the Alumni Association Medal of Merit, the Alumna of the Year Award, the John C. Baker Founders Award and on November 7, 2003 she received the Founder’s Citation Award, the highest honor presented by the Ohio University Board of Trustees.

WIP MISSION

Women in Philanthropy of Ohio University will foster a powerful tradition of giving and support for the University and its departments, activities and facilities. It will aspire to increase the number of women who give to Ohio University by providing advocacy about women’s philanthropic issues and by training future generations of Ohio University donors.

WIP ANNUAL REPORT ONLINE

WIP’s 2010 annual report is now online. The report includes important WIP updates and reports on WIP events as well as the WIP Endowment Update.

Click here to download the Annual Report (PDF), which includes the following:

- WIP Receives Award
- Tea at the Willard in Washington, D.C.
- Cleveland Tea
- Fall Gathering in Athens
- Frontiers in Science Reception
- WIP February Luncheon
- February Planning Retreat
- Cincinnati Dinner and a Movie
- Jody Galbreath Phillips Giving Circle Golf Event
- Networking Night in D.C.
- Financial Literacy Task Force Summary
- Financial Information & Endowment Update

WIP DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

GROWL Golf Event
Oct. 2

The OU Student Business Association is holding their GROWL Golf Event at the OU Golf Course in Athens. The proceeds will benefit the WIP Jody Galbreath Phillips Giving Circle to Support Women's Athletics. For more information, check the WIP website or contact Dorothy.

WIP Meeting/Gathering
Nov. 4, 4-6 p.m., Lindley Room at the Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens, Ohio.

Winter WIP Newsletter
December 2010

Watch for the WIP Winter Newsletter with the year-end updates and the opportunity for you to make a difference with your important gift to WIP.

WIP OHIO Women Making a Difference Conference
April 28, 2011

We will highlight our OHIO faculty, alumni and students. Do not miss this opportunity to gather your college roommates and come back to campus! This 3rd biennial WIP conference will include a reception on Wednesday evening, April 27. Come and enjoy various speakers, panels, a luncheon, and the famous "Power of the Purse" Silent Auction on Thursday, April 28.

Power of the Purse Silent Auction
To be held at the April 28th WIP OHIO Women Making a Difference Conference

Be on the lookout for purses to donate!! You can help be a Conference sponsor, donate a purse, and/or contribute items to include with the purse. We’re looking forward to the upcoming conference. Plans are in the making for a wonderful time to come back to Athens. If you would like to sponsor the event please contact Dorothy Schey, or if you would like to provide items for the Power of the Purse Silent Auction we are looking for:

- Complete Purses: purse + contents
  - Themed purses are a great idea!
  - i.e., beach tote with a towel, flip flops,

Two of Jenny’s Cutler Scholars attended the ceremony, Emily Grannis, who was also featured on the DVD made about Jenny and Philanthropy, and Will Wemer, who flew back from Boston where he works in admissions at Emerson college. Will’s speech was moving and brought people to tears, because of the sincerity he showed toward his mentor Jenny.

Jenny’s acceptance speech highlighted the importance of philanthropy. She eloquently took the attention away from herself and talked about the importance of giving back and the wonderful way it makes you feel. She said that seeing the students there that evening meant so much to her. It was a beautiful night highlighting a woman who has done so much for Ohio University. Thank you, Jenny!

WIP FOUNDER’S CIRCLE MEMBERS SPEAK AT STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

On May 19, Barbara Strom Thompson, WIP Chair and Melanie Sabelhaus, both WIP Founder’s Circle members, spoke at the Outstanding Student Leadership Awards held in the beautiful Baker University Center Ballroom.

Barb represented Women in Philanthropy and did a great job explaining about WIP’s commitment to the Division of Student Affairs and the importance of grooming leaders.

She said that when WIP first formed they looked for the place where it would make an impact in helping shape tomorrow’s leaders--the SCORE grants and the Amanda J. Cunningham Leadership Center Endowment were two of these places. We were thankful to have Amanda’s mother Sarita and aunt Rosie at the student leadership awards.

Melanie was the keynote speaker at the Leadership Awards Gala. She spoke about the importance of being a student leader, and a leader in general. Melanie shared various pivotal things that happened in her life as well as valuable real world experiences which helped shaped her life.

Gwen Hubach, leader of the Community Service Leadership Council (CSLC), who works with the WIP SCORE grants, was one of eight senior students who received the prestigious Outstanding Senior Leader Awards. India Pierce, who helped plan the pilot program of Money U, was awarded the King/Chavez/Parks Award.
• Purse Only
• Any additional items to be included in or with the purses for the silent auction.

MAKE A GIFT
To make a gift to Women in Philanthropy, click here.
Please use the "other" Designation Box on-line and type in "WIP Fund." This will help with our WIP Programming and Operations. If you wish to make a pledge to WIP or specify a particular WIP endowment please contact Dorothy Schey at 740-593-4556 or schey@ohio.edu.

E-MAIL OPTIONS
Click here for options on receiving e-mail.

MELANIE SABELHAUS ADDRESSES CLASSES OF 2010 AND 1970
On June 12, Melanie Sablehaus '70, WIP Founder's Circle member, spoke at the Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies. The Class of 1970 was honored as they walked across the stage to receive a medallion. This class was not able to graduate in 1970 because the campus was closed.

The Class of 1970 was denied an official commencement after the governor of Ohio closed all Ohio colleges following riots in the wake of the Kent State shootings. Over 140 graduates from OU's Class of 1970 walked alongside the 1,500 students from the class of 2010 during the afternoon undergraduate commencement ceremony.

Melanie's speech was called a "fiery address" by OU's Compass Magazine. She challenged graduates to rise to the time, by creating opportunity out of adversity.

"These may be looking like very tough economic times, and you can make excuses. But don't," Sabelhaus told the crowd. "The same thing that made us successful in 1970 is going to make you successful in 2010. And here's what you gotta have: this is really it: You've got to have that fire in your belly."

President McDavis, a member of the class of 1970, said that as it was 40 years ago, the world is still confusing; we are in the midst of another war and our nation is confronting difficult economic times. In the uncertain times, what will sustain you is what sustained me as I stood on the doorstep of a changing world--my education. Click here to read the Compass Article about commencement.

WIP CHICAGO TEA
WIP Friends met at the Four Seasons in Chicago on July 22 for the WIP Chicago Tea. The tea was a success! The energy level was high and we had a lovely
WIP Women enjoyed an evening of fellowship and OU memories at the WIP Chicago Tea on July 22. WIP Vice Chair Charlotte Eufinger, Joan Simpson Parks, Peggy Viehweger, and Patricia Connor Study look like they coordinated their outfits but it was a coincidence.

and talent in one room. There were a mix of ages and professions, from teachers, to lawyers, to business women, and even a judge!

We were pleased that Frank Krasovec, Chairman of the Ohio University Foundation Board and Howard Lipman, the VP of Ohio University Advancement, were able to join us for the Chicago Tea.

It was exciting to watch women gather, meet, and re-meet. Two women who had been Pi Beta Phi sorority sisters and now both live in Chicago saw each other for the first time in about 40 years at the Chicago Tea! It was a wonderful way to bring people back together.

Dick Judson, 1954 OU graduate and band leader of the Dick Judson Orchestra, shared his memories from his days at Ohio University. He played "Colors of the Wind" on his flugelhorn and shared interesting stories of his experiences in entertaining Presidents of the United States.

Door prizes included a green purse to highlight the upcoming Power of the Purse Silent Auction. The tea ended by everyone in attendance introducing themselves and sharing their fondest OU memory. This was well received because women were very interested in hearing about each other's OHIO experiences.

The work being done by amazing women (and men) involved with Women in Philanthropy was highlighted at the Tea, all while having fun learning about one another. Together we can pool our time, talent and treasure to make a real difference!! We hope you stay in touch and join us in whatever way is best for you.
JODY GALBREATH PHILLIPS GOLF EVENT

WIP Women enjoyed the 1st Annual Golf Event to honor Jody and support the Jody Galbreath Phillips Giving Circle to Support Women's Athletics. Pictured L-R: Clinic leader OU Golf Coach Kelly Ovington, OU Intern Jessica Lamb, Dorothy Schey, Timi Gump, Gwen Weihe, Barbara Strom Thompson, Jenn Estes, Stacia Taylor, Peggy Pruitt.

The first WIP Jody Galbreath Phillips Giving Circle Golf Event was held on a gorgeous day at the Oasis Golf Center in Loveland, OH north of Cincinnati. Some played golf on the lovely course while others honed their golf skills at the golf clinic. Everyone convened for golf awards, door prizes and a fantastic dinner to learn more about Jody Galbreath Phillips and the WIP Giving Circle.

Following the dinner, all were invited to join the Ohio Bobcat Club Caravan, where OHIO Coaches and Staff spoke about Athletics. It was fun to learn about various OHIO teams while mingling with more alumni from the Cincy area.

Stacia Taylor sponsored the WIP Jody Galbreath Phillips Giving Circle Golf Event. Many thanks to Stacia for putting together such a wonderful event!