

# West Virginia Wesleyan

To All Graduates of the Last Decade:

Attending **West Virginia Wesleyan College** was one of the best decisions I ever made. The lasting friendships we made there are irreplaceable, and I know you agree. Now that I have completed grad school, I'm even more convinced that Wesleyan prepared me well.

Two years ago, I joined the **G.O.L.D. Society** (Graduates of the Last Decade), the year it first started. This society is specifically designed for young alumni of Wesleyan – alumni like most of us who have just entered the working world, but still have amazing, vivid memories of our beloved College and the time spent there. To join, all that is needed is a **financial gift of any size** to Wesleyan. It's that simple. A gift of any size can mean \$10, \$20, \$50 or more. Renewal simply means making a contribution each following year.

For example, I know several of my alumni friends have started annual giving by gifting their graduation year amount (for me, that'd be \$20.08). **The amount is totally up to you.**

What matters most is your **participation**. Best of all, you can designate your gift to any area of campus (including, for example, academic departments, athletic teams, Reemsnyder Research Center, current scholarships, the Wesleyan Fund, the Chapel, the library, etc.).

In addition, there are several **benefits** of G.O.L.D. Members receive a small token of appreciation upon joining, and we're invited to a special reception during Spring Sing Weekend. At this event, **Wesleyan administrators listen to what we have to say**. Just last spring, President Pam Balch spoke to the group and heard our comments and answered our questions. It is refreshing to know that they seek out our comments and questions, even if we might not have much to give yet.

I look forward to seeing you in April at the G.O.L.D. Society event or at next year's Homecoming. I thank you, in advance, for your contribution – of whatever amount – **to our incredible alma mater**. Together, we can make Wesleyan even stronger for future students, just like **past alumni did for us**. Please feel free to contact the alumni office ([alumni@wwvc.edu](mailto:alumni@wwvc.edu)), the advancement office ([makeagift@wwvc.edu](mailto:makeagift@wwvc.edu)), or me if you have any questions. I can be reached at [jzritchie@gmail.com](mailto:jzritchie@gmail.com) or via Facebook.

In friendship,

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