

OXY Occidental College

Women in Philanthropy: Values, Vision, and Voice

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Panelist Bios

Panelist: Anne Cannon '74



Title: Independent Financial Advisor and CPA, Occidental College Trustee, Campaign For Good Co-Chair

Anne Wilson Cannon '74's life has followed anything but a straight line. Oxy was her first choice for college, but she left after her junior year to transfer to the University of Pennsylvania to study accounting. She went on to have a successful career as a CPA, financial analyst, and financial adviser but also spent nine years as a partner in a Hong Kong art gallery that featured contemporary Vietnamese painters. And after a 30-year absence, she returned to Eagle Rock in 2005 to finish her anthropology degree.

Over the last dozen years, she has dedicated herself to service to the College. She joined the Board of Trustees in 2007, took on major leadership roles, and now has quietly become one of Oxy's most generous supporters. For Anne, there is a compelling logic to it all: her experience as an undergraduate at Penn and throughout her career repeatedly demonstrated the value of her Oxy liberal arts education.

Anne has been a regular contributor to the Oxy Fund, saying that "I knew I should give back because I had been given a gift—not only from my parents but from the people before me who gave to the College. That inspired my giving."

Her philanthropy is deeply personal and thoughtful, with a focus on the College's highest needs: building Oxy's endowment and supporting financial aid, faculty and academic programs, and the College's capital priorities.