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## EVERETT PIPER

In his 15 years as president of Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Dr. Everett Piper has become known for his passionate defense of intellectual freedom. Piper advocates tirelessly for cultural courage grounded in the conservation of time-tested truths, and is the 2016 recipient of the Jeane Kirkpatrick Award for Academic Freedom. His commentary on religion, education, leadership and politics is routinely featured in local and national and talk-radio, where persistently challenges the intolerant tolerance of today's academic community.

Dr. Piper is the author of *Why I Am A Liberal, and Other Conservative Ideas* and the viral op-ed, "This is Not a Daycare, It's a University". His newest book on safe spaces and trigger warnings is the best-selling "Not a Daycare: The Devastating Consequences of Abandoning Truth." Piper has been featured on variety of media outlets including FOX News, FOX and Friends, FOX Business Channel, the Glenn Beck Show, The Factor with Bill O'Reilly, NRA TV, the Dana Loesch Show, The Adam Carolla Show, and the 700 Club with Pat Robertson. He has also been a guest on dozens of talk radio programs from coast to coast. Piper is a weekly columnist for the Washington Times and his writing has been featured in multiple other newspapers and periodicals from coast to coast.

A native of Hillsdale Michigan, Dr. Piper grew up in a family that valued hard work, a mindset he carried with him as he moved from industry into pursuing a college degree. Dr. Piper attended Spring Arbor University for his undergraduate education, earned his M.A. from Bowling Green State University, and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

The Pipers, along with their two sons—Seth and Cobi—have served as OKWU's First Family since August of 2002. Dr. Piper actively participates in the Bartlesville community and the Wesleyan church, and serves on a variety of councils and boards relating to Christian leadership, public policy, and community service.