

CREATING A LEGACY

"The one-room schoolhouse was at the heart of every rural community."

– Catherine Diener Simpson,
Class of 1933



Now located in the heart of EWU's campus, the Cheney Normal School Heritage Center reminds today's students of Eastern's historical beginnings. As Washington's first State Normal School (teacher training institution) established in 1889, Eastern's roots are firmly planted in Thomas Jefferson's enduring legacy and unfaltering belief that an educated populace is critical to our success as a democratic republic.

Early graduates of Cheney Normal, like Catherine Simpson, went on to teach in one-room schoolhouses

in the region – and beyond. Today, nearly 25 percent of EWU students choose teaching as their career path.

Through her generous gift, the EWU Foundation has established the **Catherine Diener Simpson Endowed Fund for the One-Room Schoolhouse** that will help support activities and programs of the Cheney Normal School Heritage Center in perpetuity.

To learn more about adding to this fund or establishing your own named perpetual fund for Eastern through the EWU Foundation, contact:

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