OBERLIN COMMENCEMENT/REUNION
May 22-25, 2015

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ESCAPE TO Oberlin!

Come back to Oberlin for Commencement/Reunion Weekend and exercise your mind, body, and sense of fun! reunion attendees tell us that Commencement/Reunion Weekend is “amazing” and that connecting with fellow Obies, visiting campus, and celebrating the graduation of the newest class was a highlight of their year. The weekend is rich with presentations, musical performances, family-friendly activities, and time to catch up with friends and make new ones! Plan to arrive on Friday and stay through Commencement on Monday to fully enjoy the weekend.

BIKE RENTALS:

Make online shuttle reservations by visiting www.gohopkins.com and selecting Oberlin under “Groups” in the left navigation bar. If you require a wheelchair lift, please call Hopkins Transportation directly at 1.800.543.9892 to make arrangements.

In Oberlin, the shuttle arrives and departs from the Commencement/ Reunion Welcome Center at the Ward Alumni Center (61 E. College Street, Suite 4) and the rear entrance of the Oberlin Inn. Please be at the pick-up location 10 minutes before departure. The trip to and from Oberlin is approximately 45 minutes. The fare for advance reservations is $23 one-way, per person or $43 round-trip, per person.

RIDESHARE PROGRAM:

Use your trip as a mini-reunion and find other Oberlin alumni and friends in your region with whom to travel. Go to https://oncampus.oberlin.edu/classifieds and select “Seeking Rides” or “Rides Offered” to make connections.

Bike rentals: Rent a bike from the Oberlin Bicycle Co-Operative, located in the basement at the rear of Keep Cottage, 154 N. Main Street. Bikes can be rented by the day or the weekend. The Bike Co-Op accepts cash or checks, but not credit cards. Locks will not be provided, so please bring your own lock from home. If you have any questions about the Co-Op’s Bicycle Rental program, please contact the Oberlin Bicycle Co-Operative at bikecoop@oberlin.edu.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON campus

Please make the Commencement/Reunion Welcome Center in the Ward Alumni Center (61 E. College Street, Suite 4) your first stop. There you will find your pre-paid meal tickets, room assignments, and a full weekend schedule. The center is open during the following hours:

Friday, May 22, 2015 9:00 a.m.–1:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 23, 2015 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 24, 2015 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 25, 2015 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

NOTE: If you will be arriving after the Welcome Center closes, please indicate a late arrival on your registration form, or alert the Office of Alumni Relations before the weekend or the Commencement/Reunion Welcome Center during the weekend. After the Welcome Center closes each night, arrivals need to go directly to the Safety and Security Office at 159 W. Lorain Street. If you have pre-registered for a room, someone from Safety and Security will take you to your room and let you in; however, they will not be able to give you a key to your room. Return to the Commencement/Reunion Welcome Center in the morning to pick up your registration packet and room key.

For Parents of Graduating Students

We are pleased to invite you to attend Oberlin’s 2015 Commencement/ Reunion Weekend. Parents should use the online reservation form found on the Commencement website (www.oberlin.edu/ commencement) to arrange housing and dining for themselves and other family members. Graduates have also received this information about the weekend’s details, and you should keep in mind that grace and regalia information is only available to students from their Registrar’s Office. Please ask your student if you have any questions.

Your family may stay in a college residence hall, choose to make your own arrangements in an area hotel, or opt to stay in an Oberlin home with a host family. On-campus RV sites are also available. Meals are available in the Dascomb food court and in local restaurants. Parents attending the weekend are required to wear academic regalia. Graduates who are interested in wearing regalia in the Commencement exercises can purchase or rent items from the Ben Franklin Store, 13 W. College Street, 440.774.5711, or the Oberlin Bookstore, 37 W. College Street, 440.774.7722. As we move closer to Commencement, graduates will receive further information about the weekend’s details, and you should keep in touch with them about the schedule. We hope Commencement will be a joyous time for you, and we look forward to having you with us.

Receipt of this mailing does not indicate or confirm that a student is eligible to graduate. That information is only available to students from the Registrar’s Office. Please ask your student if you have any questions.

CHECK THE Oberlin Website

For up-to-date Commencement/Reunion information, visit www.oberlin.edu/reunion (alumni) or www.oberlin.edu/commencement (parents and family members).

Essex College Student Union

To request the Essex College Student Union’s transportation service from Hopkins International Airport. Shuttle service to and from the airport is available from Hopkins Transportation Service for the weekend. Parents should use the online reservation form found on the Commencement website (www.oberlin.edu/ commencement) to arrange housing and dining for themselves and other family members. Graduates have also received this information about the weekend’s details, and you should keep in mind that grace and regalia information is only available to students from their Registrar’s Office. Please ask your student if you have any questions.

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WEEKEND HOUSING

For those who prefer to stay on campus, residence hall housing is available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. Due to the short turnaround time between the undergraduates leaving and weekend guests arriving, we are not able to accommodate guests on Thursday. All dorms must be vacated by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 25, 2015.

Residence halls are not air conditioned (except for Kahn Hall and some rooms in Asia House, where the Half-Century Club classes are housed), and all beds are twin-sized. A common bathroom is located down the hall from each room. Linens, including a towel, sheets, and a blanket and pillow for each bed, are provided. We encourage you to bring the following items: reading lamp, hangers, small fan, alarm clock, and extra blankets or pillows if needed. Please note that residence hall accommodations are very basic and offer few amenities. No pets, other than approved service animals, are allowed.

Oberlin College has a limited number of ADA accessible housing options. If you have a disability that requires special accommodations, please provide us with a description of your disability or the condition that is the basis of your request.

A hotel list is available at new.oberlin.edu/visitor if you prefer not to stay in a residence hall room. If you stay in a hotel, you will need to travel back and forth to campus; however, you will have the benefit of a private bath, air conditioning, and TV, which are not available in the residence halls. Please work directly with the hotel to make reservations.

HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

Residence hall rooms are assigned once Oberlin knows how many alumni and parents are registered for Commencement/Reunion Weekend. Reunion attendees will be housed together whenever possible. Register before May 1 for the best chance to be housed with classmates.

The primary accommodations for the weekend are as follows:

1949, 1950, 1951  Oberlin Inn/Asia House
1965   Kahn Hall
1990   Talcott (overflow housing in Baldwin)
1999, 2000, 2001  North Hall
Parents/Families  Language Houses and Lord/Saunders

CAMPING

The camper and RV site is the Grey Gables parking lot on W. College Street across from Dascomb Hall; you may use restroom and shower facilities in South Hall. Note that only electricity is offered at the camper and RV sites; noumping stations or noraterwater are available. Sites are limited, so please request one when registering for the weekend. There is a $20 fee per night. Your parking tag will be included in your ticket envelope at the Commencement/Reunion Welcome Center.

Tent sites are available, free of charge, north of Jones Fieldhouse. You may park in the Fieldhouse parking lot and use restroom and shower facilities on North Campus. No registration is required for campsites. Please visit the Welcome Center for a key card for access to restroom and shower facilities.

WEEKEND DINING AND ALCOHOL

Commencement/Reunion Weekend meals are available à la carte so that you can select the meals you would like during the weekend. Vegetarian/vegan options are available for any ticketed meals by advance request with your reservation. If you have food allergies and are attending a ticketed meal, please list allergies on the registration form so we may alert the dietitian. Due to space restrictions, we request that only classmates and spouses/partners attend the reunion dinners. General meal dining (cash only, pay at the door) will be available in the Dascomb food court during the weekend.
GET ACTIVE!

Philips Physical Education Center will be open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Activities include cardio equipment, basketball, racquetball, squash, strength training, swimming, table tennis, and track. Racquets and balls may be borrowed from the equipment room. Those wishing to swim must bring suits. Lockers and towels are available. Access to the Reservoir is included with your paid reunion registration fee. No alcoholic beverages will be served without valid identification.

WHEELCHAIR RENTAL

Wheelchairs and a limited number of electric scooters will be available from the Commencement/Reunion Welcome Center for a flat weekend fee of $30 (wheelchair) or $50 (scooter). Quantities are limited, so please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 440.775.8692 to make a reservation. A VISA or MasterCard is required when you call, but you will not be charged until the device is picked up. Wheelchairs must be returned by 1:45 p.m. on Monday, May 25, or you will be charged a $35 late fee.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

The Presidential Address, Champagne Luncheon, Multifaith Baccalaureate Celebration, and the Commencement exercises will be interpreted. Please make a note on the reservation form if you need to be near the speaker’s platform.

SUSTAINABILITY

Oberlin’s eco-friendly weekend will include the use of biodegradable dinnerware, recycled paper, and locally grown foods wherever possible. We ask that you bring your own reusable water bottle. Information about our “green” activities can be found at www.oberlin.edu/reunion.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Full refunds (minus registration processing fees) will be issued if we receive notice of cancellation before midnight EDT on Friday, May 15. No refunds will be made after that time unless an event is sold out or cancelled.

CAMP OBERLIN FOR CHILDREN

Make Commencement/Reunion Weekend 2015 a family vacation! This is a great opportunity to introduce your children or grandchildren to your alma mater. Oberlin College offers supervised recreational activities for children ages 4 to 12 Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Children will enjoy various activities on and off campus, including touring the Little Red School House, bowling, crafts, a musical instrument petting zoo at the conservatory, an Indonesian Gong ensemble workshop, and much more!

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Please sign up on the online registration form and include your child’s name and age and any special needs such as food allergies or if they require individualized attention. On Saturday and Sunday, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., children’s pizza dinners will be available in Wilder Hall for children ages 4 to 12 whose parents attend classcluster dinners. Cost for the pizza dinners is $10 per child. Please sign up on the online registration form. If your child is attending the children’s activities, arrangements can be made with the coordinators to have children go directly to the pizza dinners.

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If you have children who are too young for Camp Oberlin, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@oberlin.edu for a list of on-call babysitters. This list will also be available at the Welcome Center. It is your responsibility and discretion to interview or complete a background check on the potential babysitters. Oberlin College cannot do any background checks or interviews with these individuals. We recommend talking to your classmates about arranging for group babysitting. We are willing to house parents of young children near each other, if requested.

There are a limited number of highchairs available in the dining halls. Due to liability issues, we are unable to provide portable cribs. A changing station is available in the Welcome Center.

JUST FOR TEENS

Oberlin will offer supervised activities for teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17 throughout the weekend. Activities include bowling, billiards and ton-tots in Wilder Hall, a movie night, meals on Saturday and Sunday evenings, and more! Cost is $75 for the weekend and requires advance registration. Please sign up on the online registration form.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WEEKEND?

Oberlin College Office of Alumni Relations
65 E. College Street, Suite 4
Oberlin, OH 44074
Phone: 440.775.8692
Email: alumni@oberlin.edu
Reunion Website: www.oberlin.edu/reunion
Parents’ Website: www.oberlin.edu/commencement
Heisman Club Golf Scramble
Played at the Oberlin Golf Club in an 18-hole team scramble format, this golf outing is open to anyone interested in hitting the links! Pre-registration required. Contact Creg Jantz at 440.775.6401 or cjantz@oberlin.edu.

General Campus Tour for Prospective Students
Pre-registration required. Please register at bit.ly/obieCRWvisit.

Graduating Seniors’ Art Exhibition and Student Art Show
Admissions and Financial Aid Information Session
Session for alumni and their high school age students and siblings of current students. Learn more about Oberlin and the admissions and financial aid process at Oberlin College. Pre-registration required. Please register at bit.ly/obieCRWvisit.

Leadership Donor Reception hosted by President Krislov
Members of the John Fredrick Oberlin Society, the Luminary Society, and the Charles Martin Hall Society are invited to the home of President Marvin Krislov for a reception and short program honoring them for their exemplary support of Oberlin during their lifetime and/or through their long-term philanthropic plans. Sponsored by the Office of Development (by invitation only).

Class of 1965 Reception & Dinner
Classes of 1949, 1950, 1951 Dinner
Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M.

1 Heisman Club Golf Scramble
Played at the Oberlin Golf Club in an 18-hole team scramble format, this golf outing is open to anyone interested in hitting the links! Pre-registration required. Contact Creg Jantz at 440.775.6401 or cjantz@oberlin.edu.

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4:30 P.M.

Preliminary Schedule

8:00 a.m.

$ TICKET AND/OR RESERVATION NEEDED

9:00 a.m.

1 Individual Admissions Interviews
For high school juniors who are considering applying to Oberlin. Pre-registration required. Please register at bit.ly/obieCRWvisit.

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AVAILABILITY:
Faculty and student presentations; alumni presentations, panels, and activities hosted by reunion classes; tours of campus and new buildings; Allen Memorial Art Museum and Weltzheimer/Johnson Frank Lloyd Wright House exhibits and tours; library tours; departmental and program open houses; and Oberlin Heritage Center tours.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

1. Kickoff Dinner Under the Big Top
   All reunion attendees, graduating students, and parents/family members are invited to attend. (Free to graduating students; registration required.)

2. Shabbat Dinner
   Please register at least two weeks in advance by contacting Shimon Brand at shimon.brand@oberlin.edu. Dinner is $20 per person and must be paid in advance to Oberlin Hillel.

3. College Admissions 101
   A half-day seminar for the high school age children of alumni and siblings of current students. Learn about the college admissions process, preparing for interviews, and writing college application essays. Pre-registration is required. Please register at bit.ly/obieCRWvisit.

4. Class of 1990 Brunch at the President’s Home
   The Class of 1990 is invited to the home of President Marvin Krislov for a brunch and short program. Tickets are required for all guests, including children.

5. Morning Tea with Faculty
   Join faculty who made a difference in your time at Oberlin for some light morning refreshments.

6. Admissions and Financial Aid Information Session
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7. Asian/Pacific Island Graduates and Family Appreciation Reception

8. Oberlin Student Cooperative Association (OSCA) Alumni Picnic


10. Tour of the Robert S. Lemle ’75 and Roni Kohen-Lemle ’76 Academic Commons and Main Library
   Hosted by Ray English, director of libraries.

11. Graduating Seniors’ Art Exhibition and Student Art Show

12. Oberlin Shansi Open House

13. OLA (Oberlin Lambda Alumni) & MRC (Multicultural Resource Center) Colloquium & Lavender Celebration
   A reception of LGBTQ alumni and graduates. All are welcome.

14. Oberlin Swimming and Diving Alumni Gathering
   Co-hosted by Emeritus Professor Dick Michaels and Head Coach Andrew Brabson.

15. Oberlin Contra Dance

16. Heisman Club Hall of Honor Ceremony
   Pre-registration required. Contact Carrol Wilhelm at 440.775.5268 or cwilhelm@oberlin.edu.

17. Koreo Hip-Hop Dance Performance
   Oberlin College Taiko

18. Conservatory Reception
   For alumni, graduates, and families.

19. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony & Reception
   Friends of the Library and Oberlin Authors’ Reception

20. Alumni/Commencement Contact Jam
   OSlam! Poetry Performance

21. Latina Graduate and Family Reception & Dinner

22. Half-Century Club Reception & Dinner
   Event for alumni who have celebrated their 50th reunion. The Class of 1965 will be welcomed into the Half-Century Club.

23. Newman Catholic Community Mass

24. Children’s Pizza Dinner & Movies

25. Class of 1990 Reception & Dinner


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SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

8:00 a.m. Oberlin Shansi Breakfast
3:00 p.m. Koreo Hip-Hop Dance Performance

8:30 a.m. 5K Fun Run and Walk
4:00 p.m. Oberlin College Taiko

10:30 a.m. Presidential Address
4:30-6:00 p.m. O’Circus!

11:30 a.m. Marvin Krislov delivers his state-of-the-college address following an organ performance by a graduating student.
5:00 p.m. Oberlin Improv Extravaganza

1:00-5:00 p.m. A Short Program of Short Films
5:30-8:30 p.m. Oberlin Baroque Ensemble

1:30 p.m. Kendal at Oberlin Sunday Brunch
6:00 p.m. Black Parents and Family Appreciation Dinner

3:00 p.m. Shavuot Reception
6:30-8:30 p.m. Children’s Pizza Dinner & Movies

3:00-5:00 p.m. Champagne Luncheon for Alumni, Graduates, and Families
6:50-8:30 p.m. Reunion Receptions & Dinners

4:30 p.m. Multifaith Baccalaureate Celebration
7:00-10:00 p.m. Mellon (MMUF), McNair, BP & Science Scholars, and Oberlin College Research Fellows (OCRF) Dessert Open House

4:30 p.m. Graduating Seniors’ Art Exhibition and Student Art Show
7:30 p.m. Social on the Square

5:00 p.m. Commencement Recital Part I
8:00 p.m. Shavuot Dinner

5:30 p.m. Shavuot Reception
8:30 p.m. Commencement Recital Part II

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015

9:00 a.m. Kendal at Oberlin Sunday Brunch
12:15 p.m. Post-Commencement Box Lunches

9:30 a.m. Academic Procession & Commencement
3:00 p.m. Posse Scholars Commencement Reception

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MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015

12:15 p.m. Class of 1965 Farewell Brunch

12:30 p.m. Ticket and/or Reservation Needed

YEVGEN GULENKO

12:15 p.m.
Please remember to register for entertainment events that require tickets as soon as possible, since they can sell out before the weekend. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 440.775.8692 or alumni@oberlin.edu.

$ THE GRAND PIANO EXTRAVAGANZA
How many pianos can we get on stage? This not-to-be-missed annual event featuring conservatory piano faculty members and graduating seniors is a great way to begin the weekend. Proceeds benefit piano department projects. All seats are reserved.
Friday, 8:30 p.m., Warner Concert Hall, Tickets $20

CINEMA STUDIES SCREENING: BEST STUDENT FILMS OF THE YEAR
This special program features the best Oberlin student narrative, documentary, and experimental films of 2014-15.
Friday, 8:00 p.m., Apollo Theatre, free admission

ORGAN PUMP: LATE NIGHT MUSIC AND ANTICS
Enjoy a fun-filled musical spectacle! Hilarity guaranteed. Sponsored by the Organ Pump Committee of Oberlin.
Friday, 11:00 p.m., Finney Chapel, free admission

OBERLIN CONTRA
What’s a great way to celebrate the Class of 2015? Dance with them! No experience necessary, no partner needed. Dance to live music provided by a student band with instructions from student callers. We’ll have a lesson from 2:00-2:30 p.m. and contra dancing from 2:30-6:00 p.m.
Saturday, 2:00 p.m., Hales Gym, free admission

OBERLIN COLLEGE TAIKO
“Taiko” means wide drum in Japanese; Oberlin Taiko means a great show, lots of energy, and plenty of drums.
Saturday and Sunday, 3:00 p.m., Taftan Square, free admission

$ KOREO HIP-HOP DANCE PERFORMANCE
Koreo is a co-ed hip-hop fusion dance troupe featuring student-choreographed performances. Its mission is to be a source of artistic expression and learning through dance, while always seeking to maintain a standard of professionalism and quality.
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Try your hand (and feet) at swinging the night away! Free, beginner swing lesson taught from 8:00-9:00 p.m. by Stephanie Zellers ’15 and Annie Valočič ’15. No partner or experience is required. Dance to live music from 9:00 p.m.-midnight. Come to watch, dance, learn or just listen to the music—you’ll be glad you did! See you on the dance floor!
Saturday, 8:00 p.m., Hales Gym, free admission

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Please join the Oberlin Silent Film Ensemble for spirited accompaniment to a selection of early films in the historic and recently renovated Apollo Theatre. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Apollo Theatre on Saturday, May 23.
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Please join the Oberlin Silent Film Ensemble for spirited accompaniment to a selection of early films in the historic and recently renovated Apollo Theatre. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Apollo Theatre on Saturday, May 23.
Saturday, 9:30 p.m., Apollo Theatre
ACAPELICANS, NOTHING BUT TREBLE, OBERTONES AND 'ROUND MIDNIGHT
A cappella music for everyone! From Bach to Beatles, fusion to funk, these students rock the house—a cappella style.
Saturday, 10:15 p.m., Finney Chapel, Tickets $15

OCIRCUS!
Folk-Circus Oberlin style! Jugglers, tumblers, stilt-walkers, and other performers present a family-friendly show. Suitable for children of all ages.
Sunday, 4:00 p.m., Hales Gym, free admission

OBERLIN BAROQUE ENSEMBLE
Oberlin Conservatory of Music, a pioneer and leader in historically informed performance, presents a program of baroque chamber music featuring Oberlin conservatory students from the Historical Performance program and coached by HP faculty members.
Sunday, 5:00 p.m., Fairchild Chapel, free admission

CAMPUS ILLUMINATION
Tappan Square at its most beautiful, with hundreds of colorful Japanese lanterns strung across the green. Families may enjoy ice cream, music and more.
Sunday, 7:00 p.m., Tappan Square, free admission

OBERLIN STEEL PERFORMANCE
The group plays in the tradition of the great steel bands of Trinidad, but also performs arrangements of salsa, calypso, and jazz tunes as well as original compositions and arrangements by band members.
Immediately following Campus Illumination, steps of Finney Chapel