2014 Alumni Council Weekend Highlights and Notes

This document includes some facts, figures, hyperlinks to videos, and information that can be incorporated into communication with classmates and other alumni. If you have any questions, please contact the Alumni Office at alumni@oberlin.edu or 440-775-8692.

My New Home
As part of the Friday Opening Sessions, this film was shown. Entering students were asked, “What makes your new college home feel like home?”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PkHfsJCKYg&list=UU7YIUCs0Z5Dh1KGaOFOTYCw


Alumni-Elected Trustee Panel, Friday, September 19, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oT5pQZRrxIA
Featuring Karen Buck Burgess ’72, Alan Houseman ’65, Danette Wineberg ’68, and Clyde McGregor ’74, Chair of the Board of Trustees. Facilitated by Chuck Spitulnik ’73, President of the Alumni Association.

Biographies of the Trustees

Clyde McGregor ’74
Clyde McGregor, Class of 1974, is chair of the Oberlin Board of Trustees. He is a partner at Harris Associates L.P. and serves on the firm's domestic board of directors. He is co-manager of the Oakmark Equity and Income Fund and the Oakmark Global Fund; both funds employ a value investing style. Clyde is a chartered financial analyst, a member of the CFA Institute and a member of the Investment Analysts Society of Chicago. He has served on the Reunion Gift Committee for his 25th and 30th Oberlin reunions.

Karen Buck Burgess ’72
Karen Burgess, Class of 1972, has worked for more than 25 years as a public interest lawyer, specializing in financial market issues. She is currently legal counsel at the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, which was chartered by Congress after the Enron collapse to strengthen financial reporting. Her Oberlin education and experiences profoundly affected her decision to practice public interest law. After graduating from Oberlin, she taught in a rural school in Kenya, attended Antioch School of Law, and worked for the Federal Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education.

Alan Houseman ’65
Alan Houseman, Class of 1965, is a senior fellow and former executive director of the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), a position he held from 1982 when he joined the organization until August 2013. His expertise is innovative anti-poverty strategies and civil legal assistance. In addition to directing CLASP, Alan is a leader of national efforts to preserve and strengthen the federal legal services program. Alan is a graduate of New York
University School of Law. His numerous awards and honors include the Oberlin Alumni Association’s Distinguished Achievement Award.

**Danette Wineberg ’68**
Danette Wineberg, Class of 1968, was vice president, general counsel, and secretary to the Timberland Company and its subsidiaries worldwide and was responsible for the management and administration of Timberland’s legal department from 1997 until the sale of the company in 2011. Danette earned a JD at the University of Michigan Law School, cum laude. Her Oberlin alumni activities have included admissions, regional coordinator work, committee and Executive Board membership and president of the Alumni Association. She received the Association’s Distinguished Service Award in 1999.

**Alumni Forum with President Krislov, Friday, September 19, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.**
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UR3dCkYEBok](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UR3dCkYEBok)
Featuring President Marvin Krislov; Andrea Kalyn, Dean of the Conservatory of Music; and Timothy Elgren, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. Moderated by Chuck Spitulnik ’73, President of the Alumni Association.

**Biographies of the Deans of the College of Arts & Sciences and Conservatory of Music**

**Tim Elgren, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences**
Tim Elgren became dean of the College of Arts and Sciences on July 1. He came to Oberlin from Hamilton College, where he served as professor of chemistry, affirmative action officer, and associate dean. His research efforts in biophysical chemistry deal with environmental toxins and in his lab at Hamilton, he collaborated with students and coauthored papers with undergraduates in a number of publications. His dedication to teaching was acknowledged with the John R. Hatch Excellence in Teaching Award at Hamilton.

**Andrea Kalyn, Dean of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music**
After serving for nine years as the Oberlin Conservatory of Music’s associate dean for academic affairs, Andrea Kalyn was appointed dean of the conservatory in February 2014. She earned her PhD in musicology from the Eastman School of Music, where her scholarship focused on American music of the 20th century. Her bachelor’s and master’s degrees, also in musicology, are from the University of Western Ontario. She also holds an ARCT in piano performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music.

**New Engagement Initiatives**
The Sunday sessions presented a number of new volunteer opportunities.

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Proliferate Internships
• Propose nominate a high quality Summer Internship (grants funding from Oberlin may be available)!
• Sponsor a Winter Term project!
• Provide or find housing for a student intern!
• Forward high quality internship opportunities to the Career Center/Obie Opps

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Connect at Regional Networking Events
• Offer to host, facilitate!
• Attend, participate, and make connections!
• Connect people you've met – during and after the event!

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**Obies Helping Obie (OHO) Job Corp**

• Post jobs that come across your desk to Tappan & Switchboard!
• Forward/Post summer internships and entry-level job opportunities to the Career Center/Obie Opps

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**Obies Helping Obies!**

Obies helping Obies makes the world go round. The Oberlin Switchboard ([https://oberlin.switchboardhq.com](https://oberlin.switchboardhq.com)) is a place to do just that: ask for the things you need and offer the things you have, including but not limited to jobs, housing, advice, and anything in between. To begin engaging fully:

• Sign up!
• Post your first Ask or Offer
• Comment on a post to help out a fellow Obie
• Set up email alerts: e.g. your major, career or life interests, your location.
• During move-in, we talked to dozens of first-year students and asked the question, “What can you teach?” We divided the responses into categories, highlighting things that they could potentially offer on the Oberlin Switchboard.
  [youtube video](http://youtu.be/53wQ8uw58B0?list=UU7YIUCs0Z5Dh1KGaOFOTYCw)

**How to help the Admissions Office**

The Oberlin College Admissions Office values the participation of alumni in recruiting efforts. Our staff is only able to speak with a small percentage of the prospective students each year. Alumni are a valuable asset in the recruiting process—as you meet young students, you can share your Oberlin experiences with them and bring the college to life.
There are several ways that Oberlin alumni can help the Admissions Office:

1. **Join the Alumni Recruiting Network (ARN).** The ARN is a collection of approximately 1,100 alumni volunteers who help recruit students by representing Oberlin at college fairs, attending information sessions or receptions, or interviewing prospective students. Families appreciate the opportunity to speak with alumni because it is through personal stories that students have a sense of the Oberlin community. Additional information about the ARN is available online at www.oberlin.edu/arn

2. **Refer Prospective Students.** Many alumni provide the Admissions Office with the names and contact information for potential students. We will send the student information and encourage them to look seriously at Oberlin. www.oberlin.edu/alumreferral

3. **Recommend High Schools.** The Admissions Office staff visits over 500 high schools annually. However, there are many that we miss. If you know of a high school near you, please pass the name along to us. The chances are good that we know of it and may even visit there, but we are always interested in learning about another high school.

4. **Agencies.** Agencies are organizations that work with underrepresented student populations (students of color, first-generation students, or low income students). As our staff travel around the country, we visit agencies and speak with staff members about Oberlin. We know of approximately 300 agencies—some independent agencies and some branches of national agencies—but we would love to know of more that work with talented students who could succeed at Oberlin.

5. **Boards.** Many of our volunteers serve on local Boards. If you are part of an organization that works with high school students in some way, we would love to know about it.

6. **Be Enthusiastic.** Oberlin is flourishing. You’ve heard about the incredibly talented students on campus. We’ve recently completed the Kohl Building and the Kahn Residence Hall (the sustainability residence hall for first-year students). Our graduates are heading out into the “real world” and making a difference. The easiest thing for you to do is to share news about the wonderful things happening on campus with anyone you meet. Wear your Oberlin t-shirt or sweatshirt with pride—you never know who might see it. Tell your cousins, nieces, nephews, children, grandchildren, or friends’ children about Oberlin.

7. **Spread the Word.** Tell all of your Obie acquaintances about how they can be involved. For more information, contact Joshua Levy ’94, Senior Assistant Director of Admissions and Coordinator, Alumni Recruiting Network at joshua.levy@oberlin.edu.

**Updating Contact Information and Networking**
Please update your own contact information and encourage your classmates to register for OBIEWeb, the alumni online community. **Alumni information will automatically be pushed into our new alumni platform, TAPPAN, when the conversion takes place**
before the end of 2014. The alumni directory is a great resource for alumni and current students! Registering is a quick and easy process:
1. Go to the Alumni website at http://new.oberlin.edu/office/alumni/
2. Go to the MyOBIeWeb box and click on “Register for MyOBIeWeb”
3. Follow the simple instructions.

Encourage your classmates to post Class Notes online. They are automatically sent to the Oberlin Alumni Magazine, as well, when posted online through OBIeWeb.

We are also encouraging alumni to sign up to LinkedIn in order to network professionally with other Obies and connect with current students who are members. They should join the Oberlin College and Conservatory group, which is very active. A link to the group is available on the alumni website’s home page.

Homecoming Weekend
Homecoming Weekend took place September 19-20, 2014, and featured a packed schedule of games and activities, including the dedication of the new Austin E. Knowlton Athletics Complex. The homecoming football game featured Oberlin against Wooster, and though ultimately defeated, the stadium was full and the crowd in good spirits. Fireworks followed the football game, which was Oberlin's first night game.


The Hall of Fame 2014 Class included Henry (Hank) L. Danaceau, M.D. ’59 – Wrestling; John Merrill Shanks ’61 – Basketball; Bill Keller ’63 – Cross Country and Track & Field; Amie N. Ely ’99 – Track & Field; and Dick Michaels – Legendary Oberlin College Coach.

2014 Alumni Awards Presented by Jed Johnson ’80, Chair of the Awards Committee
Alumni Medal: Robert S. Lemle ’75 (presented during Commencement/Reunion Weekend)
Distinguished Achievement Award: Aaron Lazare ’57
Distinguished Service Award: Pat Holsworth (presented during Commencement/Reunion Weekend)
Alumni Appreciation Award: Joe and Bonnie Green Millikan ’63/’63
Outstanding Young Alumni Award: José W. Meléndez ’01
Volunteer-of-the-Year Awards:
• Class President: Marie Barnett ’08
• Admissions Coordinator: Jason Bribitzer-Stull ’95

Oberlin Illuminate Campaign Update, Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
Featuring Bill Barlow, Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs. Please see the included Power Point Presentation, “Oberlin Illuminate Update.” This information is also available on the Alumni Council Weekend 2014 website at
**Business Meeting, Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.**

The Alumni Council of the Oberlin Alumni Association voted almost unanimously to make the most important and sweeping changes to its organizational structure and by-laws in the last 40 years. This was the culmination of more than two years of study, planning, meetings, recommendations, focus groups, listening sessions and much, much more. A great deal of work lies ahead, and your skills and talents are needed more than ever. For a brief overview, please see the included Power Point Presentation, “Alumni Engagement Update and Next Steps.”

New Executive Board Members/Alumni Leadership Council Members:
Lorri Olan ’87, President-Elect
Andy Rowan ’83, Secretary
Andrea Lehman ’83, Admissions Committee Chair
Wendell P. Russell, Jr. ’71, Affiliate Group Representative
Tiffanie Luckett ’99, At-large Member
Erin Herlihy ’97, At-large Member
Tim Hurson ’67, At-large Member
Susan Lubow ’90, At-large Member
Lisa Whitfield ’90, At-large Member

The 2014-2015 Nominations slate, Secretary’s Report and the names of the 2015 alumni-elected trustee candidates were in your Alumni Council folder.

Additional members of the new Alumni Leadership Council, including student representatives, will be nominated in the coming months to fill all of the open seats. Volunteer groups who now have representative seats will be contacted about the nomination and selection process.

Thank you for your service to Oberlin College and Conservatory!