ALUMNI VOLUNTEER SUMMIT

FINAL SCHEDULE
September 18-20, 2015

Sessions for class agents appear in blue.
Sessions for class officers and reunion planners appear in red.
Sessions for all volunteers appear in purple.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Alumni Center Open
Schedule of events, packets, name tags, refreshments, restrooms, and business services will be available.

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Development Committee Meeting
(continental breakfast and lunch will be served)

9:00 a.m. – Noon  Career Committee Meeting
(continental breakfast and lunch will be served)

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.  Welcome to All Volunteers and College Updates
This welcome session will feature updates on the following areas:
- The Oberlin College Strategic Plan – Chuck Spitulnik '73, President of the Oberlin Alumni Association
- Admissions and Financial Aid – Tom Abeyta, Senior Associate Director of Admissions, and Rob Reddy, Director of Financial Aid
- Student Affairs and the Multicultural Resource Center – Eric Estes, Dean of Student Life and Services
- Oberlin Illuminate Campaign Update – Bill Barlow, Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.  Break

3:00 – 3:50 p.m.  The Cost of Oberlin College: Finances and Budget
Presentation by Mike Frandsen, Vice President for Finance and Administration, followed by time for Q&A.

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Orientation for New Lead and Associate Agents
This session will be lead by Sue Angell ’99, Associate Director of the Oberlin Annual Fund, and Danielle Young, Executive Director of the Alumni Association. We will also be joined by members of the Development Committee.
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Orientation for New Class Officers**  
This session will be lead by Meena Ghaziasgar, Director of Alumni Relations, and Wendy Uhlmann ’83, Class Presidents’ Representative on the Alumni Leadership Council.  
*Conservatory Annex, Meeting Room 201*

6:00 p.m. **Reception and Dinner for all Volunteers**  
*(Reception begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.)*  
Welcome and Introductions – Chuck Spitulnik ’73, President of the Alumni Association  
Featuring Presentation of the Alumni Appreciation Award to Jeanne Atkinson ’53 by Jed Johnson ’80, Chair, Awards Committee; a musical performance by a Conservatory of Music student ensemble; and college update and Q&A with Marvin Krislov, 14th President of Oberlin College.  
*Carnegie Building, Root Room*

8:00 p.m. **Thabo and Friends Songwriter Showcase**  
An evening featuring Oberlin College songwriters at the Cat.  
*Cat in the Cream Coffeehouse, Hales Annex*

9:00 p.m. – Midnight **Obiepalooza Part I: Glow Bowling**  
Alumni and students will gather in friendly competition and compete on mixed teams.  
*College Annex*

9:30 p.m. **Azúcar: Latin Night**  
Join us for a night with great tunes of salsa, merengue, bachata, and more. Don’t know how to dance? No worries, we’ll teach you. We’ll workshop right at the beginning.  
*Spanish House (La Casa Hispanica; Harvey House), Events Room, 96 South Professor St.*

9:30 – 11:00 p.m. **Observatory and Planetarium**  
The observatory will be open to view stars, planets, galaxies, nebulae, and more! During inclement weather the planetarium will be open instead of the observatory.  
*Peters Hall, Observatory*

11:59 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. **Friday Night Organ Pump**  
Experience the tradition: A Friday Night Organ Pump to kick off the semester. Various works performed by the Conservatory of Music’s organ department.  
*Finney Chapel*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015**

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. **General Buffet Breakfast**  
*(Line opens at 7:00 a.m.)*  
*Oberlin Inn, Main Dining Room*

8:00 – 8:50 a.m. **What is this Engagement Thing, Anyway? A Session for All Volunteers Working in Partnership**  
Please attend this session to kick off the day and hear some ideas about why volunteers are critically important to Oberlin, the wide array of ways alumni can be active within the community, and how you—our volunteer leaders—can help.  
*Conservatory, Stull Recital Hall*
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Alumni Center Open**
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Ward Alumni Center, 65 E. College St., Suite 4

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Getting the Work Done: Web Tools for Annual Fund Volunteers**
This session on the Fundraisers-in-Action platform is for class agents and will be lead by Angie Mattox, Assistant Director of the Oberlin Annual Fund.

Science Center, Craig Lecture Hall

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Reunion 101: Housing, Meals, Schedules, Reunion Accounting Periods, and All Other Nitty-Gritty Details**
This session is for class officers and reunion planning volunteers.

Conservatory, Bibbins Hall, Room 223

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **OC Sampler #1: Inside the Oberlin Conservatory with Alexa Still**
Join Alexa Still, associate professor of flute at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music since 2011, for informal conversation and dialogue about the Conservatory. This semester, Professor Still teaches 17 students one-on-one. Her philosophy is “to encourage students to think about what they want to do, get them thinking on a bigger scale, and help them with all the tools they need to make themselves excellent.” Professor Still is well qualified to do this, as she maintains a busy concert schedule, having presented recitals, concertos and master classes in England, Germany, Slovenia, Turkey, Mexico, Venezuela, Brazil, Canada, Korea, China, Australia, New Zealand, and of course across the United States.

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Conservatory, Kohl Building, McGregor Sky Bar

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m. – Noon **Reunion Planning: Class/Cluster and Multigenerational Collaboration**
(Classes of 05, 06, 07, 91, 85, 86, 87, 70, 71, 72, 55, 56, 57)
This session is for class officers and reunion volunteers.

Conservatory, Bibbins Classrooms 223, 224, 238, 233, 234
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. **OC Sampler #2: Inside Oberlin College with Marcelo Vinces**
Get a feel for Oberlin academics through informal conversation with Marcelo Vinces, Director of the Center for Learning, Education and Research in the Sciences (CLEAR), who will be joined by several OC students displaying posters of their recent undergraduate research projects. This session aims to facilitate dialogue among alumni and students about academics, research, and life within the College today. Please note that student presenters have created these posters in anticipation for the Celebration of Undergraduate Research, which will take place next month. Your participation is a great practice run for our students to talk about their research.

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Noon – 1:20 p.m. **Lunch: Volunteer Recognition and Alumni Leadership Council Updates**
Come prepared to mingle with other alumni from your geographical region and to share your thoughts about why you volunteer for Oberlin College and how we can keep you and other volunteers motivated and feeling valued.

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Alumni Associations and Annual Funds as Volunteer-Driven Organizations: Lessons and Aspirations from the Carleton College Annual Fund**
Featuring guest speaker Becky Zrimsek, Assistant Vice-President for Annual Giving/Alumni & Parent Relations, Carleton College, and an introduction by Bill Barlow, Vice President of Development and Alumni Affairs. This session is for all volunteers.

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Class Agent Group Session: The Role of the Development Committee and Class Agents**
This session is for Lead and Associate Agents and will be lead by members of the Development Committee and Danielle Young, Executive Director of the Alumni Association.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Getting the Work Done: Connecting with Your Classmates by Mail, Email, and Social Media**
This session is for class officers and reunion volunteers.

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Class Volunteer Decade Breakout Sessions: Collaborating to Engage Your Classmates**
These informal sessions are for class-based volunteers to gather and discuss ideas of how to engage more of their classmates, especially in the coming year.

5:15 – 5:30 p.m. **Break**
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  **Career Initiatives and Programming**  
This session is open to all volunteers and all are encouraged to attend. Hear from members of the Career Committee about ways to help support students and fellow alumni around career topics.

7:00 p.m.  **Alumni-Student Networking Reception**  
The informal nature of this event will foster an exchange between alumni and students around shared Oberlin experiences, students’ post-graduate plans, and general career advice.  
_Sponsored by the Career Center and the Careers Committee._

9:00 p.m.  **Obiepalooza Part II: Alumni-Student Jazz Club**  
Attend an informal session with students to continue the conversation about networking and what’s happening on campus today. Enjoy live jazz during this fun event!

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7:30 – 9:00 a.m.  **General Buffet Breakfast**  
_(Line opens at 7:30 a.m.)_  
_Oberlin Inn, Main Dining Room_

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  **Closing Program: Oberlin Conservatory—150 Years of Excellence and Impact**  
Featuring Dale Preston ’83, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and Cathy Partlow Strauss ’84, Director of Conservatory Communications  
_Oberlin Inn, Main Dining Room_

10:00 a.m.  **Meetings Conclude, Departure**

**ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  **Kendal at Oberlin Open House**  
Come visit Kendal at Oberlin and learn about retirement options near your alma mater. See for yourself why so many Oberlin College alumni return and retire to Oberlin. To schedule an appointment, call Maggie Stark at 1-800-548-9467.
Presentation of the 2015 Distinguished Music Education Alumni Award Recipient

Nita Van Pelt ’79 has been selected by the Music Education Division as its 2015 Distinguished Music Education Alumni Award recipient. She graduated from Oberlin College in 1979 with Bachelor of Music and Master of Music Education degrees. Since 1981, she has been the director of bands and orchestral programs, grades 4–12, in Elyria, OH, and currently at Lakeridge (OR) and Lake Oswego (OR) public high schools. She has extensive experience conducting youth orchestras, specifically the Northern Ohio Youth Orchestra and the Metropolitan Youth Symphony, and at summer camps/festivals such as Westchester Music and Arts Summer Camp in Katonah, NY, and the Young Musicians and Artists Summer Camp in Salem, OR. An active member of the Oregon Music Educators Association (OMEA) and the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), Nita was key in beginning string honors programs for OMEA. She continues to be an active clarinetist, performing for 21 years with the Oregon Symphonic Band and the Oregon Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra since 2004.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

Allen Memorial Art Museum Sunday Object Talk

Second-year student Cori Mazer ’18 will present a talk on Alexander Calder’s small-scale sculpture Yellow Stalk from the 1950s. Talk starts at 2:00 p.m., and last approximately 15 minutes.

Offered most Sundays during the academic year, these object talks are orientated specifically toward the casual visitor to the Allen Memorial Art Museum. Each talk focuses on one work in the collection or on view in a current exhibition, and lasts approximately 15 minutes plus questions. Conducted by an Oberlin College student docent, these talks are a fantastic opportunity to learn about new objects or revisit old ‘friends’ from the collection.