Greetings from Oberlin! Thank you for helping the Oberlin admissions staff by conducting an alumni interview. Enclosed with this letter you will find information regarding the student you have agreed to interview. The student has also been given your name as their assigned interviewer. **Please initiate contact with the student.**

Recently there has been some confusion about the usefulness of the interview reports. These write-ups are important in providing us information about a candidate, their personality, and their desire to attend Oberlin. Please take them seriously and complete them thoroughly. We ask you to remember one thing: **the fact that a student has a good interview does not automatically make them a 5.** In the Admissions Office, approximately 75% of the interviews are a 3. In four years on staff, one of our counselors has only given 3 5’s. It is OK to like an applicant and still rate them a 3.

### Interview Ratings Guidelines

**5** An incredibly exceptional person who may have overcome tremendous odds and obstacles and has shown outstanding achievement in personal, extracurricular, or leadership areas.

**4** A very appealing candidate. This student may have achieved much in his/her community, have overcome obstacles, or had a particularly wonderful interview. This person is an extremely good match for Oberlin.

**3** An applicant who is strong and would fit in quite well at Oberlin but does not stand out in a significant way from the rest of our applicants.

**2** There is something that makes us question this student, whether it is personally, socially, or academically. Perhaps there is a question to this person’s academic commitment. There may be an attitude problem. For some reason we see this person as a detriment to the Oberlin community.

**1** This is a student who we do not want at Oberlin. Why? Generally it is because this person is a really bad fit or they made some sort of inappropriate remark.

Please return the enclosed interview report form within one week of conducting the interview. You have three options for returning the interview report: 1) fax it to us at 440-775-6905 (make sure the student’s name is one the write-up; 2) e-mail it to us at arn@oberlin.edu; or 3) mail it in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

Please note: Early Decision 1 deadline is November 15. Early Decision 2 deadline is January 2. Regular Decision deadline is January 15. The sooner the interview is completed, the sooner the admissions staff can read the write-up.