IMPORTANT: Updating Contact Information and Networking
Please update your own contact information and encourage your classmates to register for OBIEWeb, the alumni online community. It 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 when posted online through OBIEWeb. Alumni surveys show that the most popular section of the alumni magazine is class notes.

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.

Bill Barlow’s Speech at the Kickoff Picnic on Friday, September 21
It is my pleasure to announce the total amount that has been raised so far through the Oberlin Illuminate campaign, and more importantly, tell you how much MORE we need to raise in order to exceed our goal by the campaign’s close, June 30, 2016.
As you’ll see, this campaign has made excellent progress during a time of great economic uncertainty, due to the leadership and generosity of people like President Krislov, board chair Clyde McGregor, Alan, and our campaign co-chairs Chesley Maddox-Dorsey, Pat Shanks and Harlan Waksal, along with many other trustees, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students and friends, whose gifts, small and large, have carried us this far.

As we look to exceed our goal over the next four years, I take confidence from the fact that Oberlin has a history of successfully achieving its campaign goals, even during challenging times. I am pleased that College Archivist Ken Grossi has prepared an exhibit currently in Mudd Library about Oberlin’s philanthropic history. I encourage you to spend a few minutes with Ken’s exhibit, which helps place the Oberlin Illuminate campaign in the context of a long tradition of fundraising and engagement drives that have sustained Oberlin since its earliest days.

Most of us here tonight are aware of Charles Martin Hall and his bequest almost 100 years ago that provided the financial foundation for the modern Oberlin College and Conservatory. However, I’d like to share a different story with you this evening, from an earlier time, when Obies rallied together to achieve a philanthropic goal that helped secure the College’s future at a time of fiscal challenge.
In January 1901, industrialist John D. Rockefeller issued a challenge to Oberlin trustees – Mr. Rockefeller agreed to give Oberlin $200,000 to establish a new endowment fund, provided the College could raise another $300,000 by December 31. Income from this endowment would cover a persistent budget deficit that threatened the College’s fiscal health. That $500,000 would today be equivalent to more than $13 million. The story goes that on the last day of the challenge, December 31, 1901, trustees gathered in the offices of Louis Severance in Cleveland to see if they could raise the $30,000 still needed before the year ended, and Rockefeller’s commitment ran out.

According to the Oberlin Review of January 10, 1902, The waiting was not passive, for the wires were kept hot from Cleveland to New York, Chicago and Toledo in an effort to secure the necessary money. As the day wore on, the money came in slowly in response to the urgent appeals and, until late in the afternoon, there was but small hope of the whole amount being raised.

Then responses began to come in faster, and the hopes of the trustees rose rapidly, till by four o’clock it was seen that all the money would be secured. At the very last there came a large gift that left a deficit of but $196. “Well, I think we’ve stayed here long enough”, said Mr. Severance, and putting his hand into his pocket he counted out the $196, the challenge was met.

Now, I am confident that on June 30, 2016, our trustees will NOT be gathering in Stewart Kohl’s office in Cleveland, trying to secure the last few gifts needed to complete the Oberlin Illuminate campaign!

My confidence is based on the support we have received from so many people and organizations thus far in the campaign. For example, during the Quiet Phase:

- Faculty, staff and students have already given almost $850,000
- Foundations have contributed $12 million
- Parents & Friends of Oberlin have given over $22 million
- Current and Honorary members of the Oberlin Board of Trustees have collectively contributed over $46 million,
- And all other Oberlin alumni have together committed almost $55 million

And so, I am pleased and excited to announce that the total amount raised in the Oberlin Illuminate campaign to date, against a goal of $250 million, is $143,172,501, leaving $106,827,499 left to be raised. And I look forward to being with all of you in four years when we celebrate the conclusion of the Oberlin Illuminate campaign, and the continued success of the Oberlin College and Conservatory.

Thank you very much.

**Status of the Oberlin Inn**

The Board of Trustees continues to explore plans for replacing the Oberlin Inn with a new hotel that will better serve the needs of the College and community. No decision is
eminent, but a new inn is one element in the overall plan for the Green Arts District, which includes a renovated Hall Auditorium and the recently completed improvements to the Allen Memorial Art Museum.

**Oberlin Conservatory to begin Live Streaming Concerts from Campus**

The Oberlin Conservatory of Music is officially beginning live streaming concerts from five on-campus venues this year. The inaugural concert for this new initiative was on Friday, September 21 at 8:30 p.m. This presentation was one of the highlighted programs taking place during Oberlin's Campaign Kickoff Weekend. Performers include the Oberlin Symphony Orchestra, Contemporary Music Ensemble, and organist Wesley Hall '13.

Five performance spaces on campus, outfitted to stream concerts, include Finney Chapel, Kulas Recital Hall, Warner Concert Hall, Clonick Hall and Fairchild Chapel. Live streaming will be optimized for several types of devices including computers, iPads, and iPhones.

All live-streamed concerts will be available free of charge for the 2012–2013 academic year. These programs may include faculty and guest-artist recitals and chamber music concerts; large student ensembles such as the Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Contemporary Music Ensemble, and Oberlin Jazz Ensemble; and other programs.

Concerts will only be available for viewing during the actual performance time. Look for the Listen Live button on the [Events Calendar](#) and at [www.new.oberlin.edu/conservatory/listenlive](http://www.new.oberlin.edu/conservatory/listenlive).

**Heisman Hall of Fame 2012 Induction Class**

The Oberlin College Department of Athletics kicked off its Homecoming Weekend by honoring four alumni and a team at its annual John W. Heisman Club Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Friday evening.

The induction class of 2012 consisted of David Craig '87, Ryan Kelley '96, John Limouze '01, Celestine Mercer ‘02 and the 1921 football team.

**David Craig ’87 - Soccer**

A former standout on the soccer pitch, David Craig was a two-time Academic All-American and two-time All-NCAC First-Team selection.

In his four years, Craig helped the Yeomen win a total of 32 games and served as a team captain during his senior season. He was an All-Ohio and All-Midwest Region selection and a member of the NCAC All-Decade Team. In 1987, Craig was also awarded a prestigious NCAA postgraduate scholarship.

After earning his master's degree in theological studies at the Harvard Divinity School, he went on to earn M.A. and Ph.D degrees at Princeton University.
Craig is currently an associate professor of religious studies at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

**Ryan Kelley ’96 - Lacrosse**
A four-time All-NCAC selection, Ryan Kelley was a menace to opposing teams on the lacrosse field.

The attacking midfielder set the school’s single-season record in points (81) and goals (60) during his senior year. Additionally, his career totals of 165 goals and 255 points are Oberlin records.

Kelley, who was elected to the All-NCAC All-Decade team in 2004, is also second all-time in the Oberlin record books with 90 career assists. His teams registered 29 wins during his career.

A chartered financial analyst, Kelley manages two five-star rated mutual funds for FBR Fund Advisers, Inc. He has continued his involvement in the sport by coaching high school lacrosse at Northfield Mount Hermon School in Massachusetts.

**John Limouze ’01 - Swimming**
Remembered as one of the greatest swimmers in school history, John Limouze is a two-time NCAA Champion in the 200-yard butterfly and four-time NCAA All-American.

A three-time Academic All-American, Limouze still holds the school record in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:49.85. A two-time NCAC Champion, Limouze was honored with the athletics department’s NCAC/Stern Scholar-Athlete Award in 2001.

Along with several conference and national accolades, Limouze was named team captain during his junior and senior seasons and Oberlin’s Most Valuable Swimmer four consecutive years.

After Oberlin, Limouze went on to conduct post-baccalaureate research training in molecular biology until 2002. From 2008-11, Limouze was an Internal Medicine House Officer at the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor.

He currently resides in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he is a hospitalist with Cambridge Health Alliance and an instructor in medicine at Harvard University.

**Celestine Mercer ’02 - Swimming**
Celestine Mercer became the first female swimmer in school history to earn All-America honors, achieving the feat in both the 100-yard backstroke and 50-yard free.

A two-year team captain, Mercer also received the Honda Scholar-Athlete Award and Moulton Award. She currently holds the school record in the 50-yard free (24.53) and the 100-yard backstroke (58.29).
A four-year NCAA Academic All-American, Mercer graduated from Oberlin in 2002 with high honors in geology. She went on to win a number of research awards, such as the University of Oregon Staples Research Award and the Geology Society of America Lipman Research Award.

In 2009, Mercer was a visiting assistant professor of geology at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. She is currently a postdoctoral researcher at the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston, Texas.

The 1921 Football Team
Just one of five football teams in school history to go undefeated, the 1921 Yeomen squad finished 7-0-1. The team allowed just 25 points and shut out four opponents along the way.

The 1921 team is best remembered for being the last team from the state of Ohio to beat The Ohio State University. Before the turn of the 20th century, Ohio State and Oberlin were comparative in size, but by 1921, Ohio State’s enrollment grew to over four times the size of Oberlin’s student body.

As the gap in class sizes began to grow wider, so did the talent on the gridiron. In the three previous meetings prior to 1921, Ohio State scored a total of 211 points against Oberlin, while the Yeomen failed to score a single point against the Buckeyes.

In 1921, the teams met again as Ohio State came off a Rose Bowl appearance and a conference championship the previous year. The Buckeyes gained the lead in the first five minutes of the game after they scooped up a blocked Yeomen punt and scored. The Buckeye score would be the last time Ohio State crossed Oberlin’s goal line.

In the third quarter, the Yeomen put together an 85-yard drive that ended with a touchdown. Oberlin’s kicker completed the point after, which proved to be all the lead the Yeomen would need to seal the victory.

The win over Ohio State was a memorable one, to say the least. However, it was just one of the team’s seven wins in its undefeated 1921 season. The year marked the second undefeated season in Oberlin history and came 29 years after the 1892 team finished 7-0.

The Yeomen, coached by Thomas Metcalf, featured 16 lettermen and were led by captains Udell Stallings and Reese Richards.

Allen Memorial Art Museum Updates

Message from the new John G. W. Cowles Director of the Allen Memorial Art Museum Andria Derstine:
It is an enormous pleasure to take up my new position as the John G. W. Cowles Director after six years as a curator at the Allen Memorial Art Museum, during which time I came to greatly admire its distinguished history, impressive collections, and talented staff. I do so amidst a very high level of activity on the part of my colleagues. This past summer – a season often associated with rest and relaxation – saw preparations continue apace towards the AMAM’s major academic-year-long initiative on the theme of Religion, Ritual and Performance, including a wide array of exciting installations of works from antiquity to the present. One, a major loan exhibition comprising Renaissance art from the AMAM and over 30 paintings, sculptures and decorative arts from the Yale University Art Gallery, is part of a collection-sharing initiative generously sponsored by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Through this program, Yale has loaned significant parts of its collection to six other college and university museums: Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Mt. Holyoke, Oberlin, Smith, and Williams. The AMAM is proud to be part of this select group, and indeed to be the only museum chosen for the program which is not in the New England region. We extend our sincere thanks to the many Oberlin faculty members and Yale staff who have worked with us to bring this exhibition to fruition. Other installations, of ancient, Asian, African, Islamic, Latin American, European, and modern & contemporary art, have been organized by Oberlin students, faculty, and museum staff to complement and expand upon the themes of that show.

The AMAM was buzzing over the summer with seven Oberlin College faculty members, all from different departments, who worked with the museum’s Office of Academic Programs through Mellon-funded curriculum development grants, enabling them to use original artworks to enhance the academic experience in their upcoming courses. At the same time, the Education office and curatorial colleagues planned a very exciting fall semester of programs, in addition to hosting a week-long camp for teens in partnership with the Oberlin Heritage Center, and a week-long camp for kids (ages 5-13) with the Firelands Association for the Visual Arts (FAVA). We also hosted 20 art history professors from around the country, through the Council of Independent Colleges and with funding from the Samuel H. Kress Foundation, as part of a medieval and Renaissance art course co-taught by museum staff and Oberlin College art history faculty, and colleagues from Oberlin College’s Library, the Intermuseum Conservation Association, and Cleveland Museum of Art. Our sustained high level of activity is due in no small part to the support received from November 2011 to June 2012 from Katherine Solender (OC 1977), who served as Interim Director, and I extend her my warmest gratitude for her wise leadership and management.

On a sad note, we were very sorry to learn of the death of Emeritus Professor of Fine Arts Paul Arnold, who was a tremendously supportive colleague and friend of the AMAM since his student days at Oberlin in the 1930s. His great knowledge of the museum’s history, and his generosity and warmth, will be sorely missed.
As we gear up for a year of great activity, we invite you to visit us, whether in person or via our blog (http://amamblog.tumblr.com) – and as always, we are grateful for your support.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND VOLUNTEERING

Alumni Awards Presented by Sharon Gratto ’66, Chair of the Awards Committee
2012 Alumni Award recipients were:

Alumni Medal: Daniel Gardner ’89
Distinguished Achievement Award: Nan Aron ’70
Distinguished Service Award: Laura Stachel ’80
Alumni Appreciation Award: Gideon Y. Schein ’68
Outstanding Young Alumni Award: Matthew Kaplan ’07
Volunteer-of-the-Year Awards:
Elana Gartner Golden ’98, Class President
Rebecca Witheridge ’10, Regional Coordinator
Patty Stubel ’09 and Mel Maisel ’93, Admissions Coordinators
Ashley Smith ’03, Class Agent

IMPORTANT: Please encourage your classmates to nominate alumni for recognition by the Alumni Association! Nominations can be submitted at http://new.oberlin.edu/office/alumni/alumni-awards/.

The 2012-2013 Nominations slate and Secretary’s Report were in your Alumni Council folder.

The First Ever All-Conservatory Reunion, June 14-17, 2012

Over 200 alumni, guests, emeriti faculty and current faculty returned to campus for the first-ever Conservatory Reunion & Celebration. Reconnecting with old friends, making new friends (over 65+ years of Oberlin graduates were represented, from the Class of 1944 through the Class of 2012), Obies came together to recreate the experience of making, talking about, and enjoying music at Oberlin.

Some incredible performances took place over the weekend. The Alumni Reunion Recital included the presentation of the Distinguished Achievement Award, posthumously awarded to Moses Hogan ’79. Saturday evening brought a cabaret performance by Judy Kuhn ’81 and Seth Rudetsky ’88. The reunion took a turn towards the silly on Saturday night, as Mock Student Recital was resurrected, featuring stories, songs, and skits that had the audience roaring in laughter.

A corps of bloggers and photographers from multiple offices on campus captured both reunions on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and Tumblr. Take a moment to read, listen, and view some some highlights from the weekend: http://ocreunionblog.tumblr.com/
**Oberlin: A Fine Art Book for the Oberlin Community**

*Oberlin*, a beautiful documentary book about Oberlin College, is the fruit of a three-year collaboration between Oberlin College and College Green Publishing; from that collaboration a unique 500-page memorabilia publication has been produced. The book features images from the Oberlin Archives from every era, essays drawn from dozens of interviews, and the highest-quality contemporary photography, which has been commissioned especially for this notable work. Ten percent of the cover price will be donated to create an endowed scholarship fund that will benefit future generations of Oberlin students. Visit oberlinbook.com for information on this exceptional book.

**Call For Regional Coordinators**

The Alumni Office is looking for volunteers to help strengthen Oberlin’s presence in Albuquerque, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington DC, and Western New England, through alumni, admissions and career networking events. If you’re interested in serving on your local alumni club planning committee, please contact John Keller, Director of Alumni Regional Activities & Education at John.Keller@oberlin.edu.

**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. We welcome volunteers around the country but we are in particular need of alumni in Miami, Texas, and Los Angeles. 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.
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.** There are approximately 175 people on campus for Alumni Council Weekend. There are many more Oberlin alumni who are not here. 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.

The areas where alumni interviewers and recruiters are most needed right now include Los Angeles, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, New York, and Philadelphia.

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Thanks for a great Council meeting!