Information & Highlights

Commencement / Reunion Weekend
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 alumni, 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.

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 in your family’s plans before completing your online reservation forms. You do not have to make housing arrangements for your graduate unless they are a mid-year graduate not currently living on campus. You do, however, need to make reservations for them in the various ticketed events and meals. Regarding housing and meal accommodations, you and members of 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. Graduating students receive a meal ticket for the entire weekend beginning with dinner on Monday, May 18. Tickets to the Kicko Dinner Under the Big Top, Champagne Luncheon, Shansi Breakfast (if applicable), and the Post-Commencement Box Lunch are free to graduating students; however, registration is required by either the parents or graduate. Commencement will be the morning of Monday, May 25 on Tappan Square, rain or shine. Tickets are not necessary; seats are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please note that you will receive VISA or MASTERCARD card information in an email under graduation announcements or official photographs, for information on flowers, and for cap and gown contact information. Oberlin does not require graduating students 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, 440.774.7712.

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.

Reception 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).
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.

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; no dumping stations nor water 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 a 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.

The primary accommodations for the weekend are as follows:

- 1949, 1950, 1951 - Oberlin Inn/Asia House
- 1965 - Kahn Hall
- 1979, 1980, 1981 - Burton Hall
- 1990 - Talcott (overflow housing in Baldwin)
- 1999, 2000, 2001 - North Hall
- Parents/Families - Language Houses and Lord/Saunders

COVER: JENNIFER MANNA
The Reservoir at the Austin E. Knowlton Athletics Complex is where registered alumni of all classes and their registered guests can gather for refreshments and live music from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Soda, beer, wine, snack mix, and nuts will be available. Access to the Reservoir is included with your paid reunion registration fee. No alcoholic beverages will be served without valid identification.

No alcohol will be provided in the residence halls; however, alumni and guests may purchase their own alcoholic beverages.

GET ACTIVE!
Philips Physical Education Center will be open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Activities include cardio equipment, basketball, racquetball, sauna, 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 marking shoes must be worn in Philips. You may bowl at the lanes in Hales Gymnasium.

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 on 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!

Children should be dropped off and picked up at the Commencement/Reunion Welcome Center. Please provide children with a water bottle with their choice of drink. Cost is $75 per day, lunch included, and requires advance registration.

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 class/cluster 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.

TODDLERS AND INFANTS—WEE OBIES
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 does not 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 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
AVAILABLE ALL WEEKEND:
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.

Preliminary Schedule
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015
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.

12:30 P.M.
2: General Campus Tour for Prospective Students
Pre-registration required. Please register at bit.ly/obieCRWvisit.

3:00-5:00 P.M.
3: Graduating Seniors’ Art Exhibition and Student Art Show
Admissions and Financial Aid Information Session
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1:30-2:30 P.M.
4: Individual Admissions Interviews
For high school juniors who are considering applying to Oberlin. 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

Schedule subject to change, and much more will be added! Visit www.oberlin.edu/crw for a more up-to-date listing of events.

Ticket and/or reservation needed.
FRIDAY, cont.

7:00 P.M. 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.)

8:00 P.M. Shabbat Dinner

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

9:00-11:00 A.M. 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/oberlinCRWvisit.

10:00 A.M. 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.

11:00 A.M.-1:30 P.M. Morning Tea with Faculty

Join faculty who made a difference in your time at Oberlin for some light morning refreshments.

11:00 A.M. NOON Admissions and Financial Aid Information Session

Sessions 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/oberlinCRWvisit.

11:00 A.M.-1:30 P.M. Oberlin Student Cooperative Association (OSCA) Alumni Picnic

3:00 P.M. Korea Hip-Hop Dance Performance

Oberlin College Taiko

Conservatory Reception

For alumni, graduates, and families.

Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony & Reception

Friends of the Library and Oberlin Authors’ Reception

Alumni/Commencement Contact Jam

OSlam! Poetry Performance

Latinx Graduate and Family Reception & Dinner

Half-Century Club Reception & Dinner

Event for alumni who have celebrated their 50th reunion. The Class of 1965 has been welcomed into the Half-Century Club.

Newman Catholic Community Mass

Children’s Pizza Dinner & Movies

Class of 1990 Reception & Dinner

Class of 1979, 1980, 1981 Reception


Class of 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 Reunion

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, AND MUCH MORE WILL BE ADDED. VISIT WWW. OBERLIN. EDU FOR A MORE UP-TO-DATE LISTING OF EVENTS.
**SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015**

8:00 A.M. **Oberlin Shansi Breakfast**

10:30 A.M. **5K Fun Run and Walk**

11:30 A.M. **Presidential Address**

11:30 A.M. **Kendal at Oberlin Sunday Branch**

NOON **Champagne Luncheon for Alumni, Graduates, and Families**

2:00-5:00 P.M. **Graduating Seniors’ Art Exhibition and Student Art Show**

4:30 P.M. **Multifaith Baccalaureate Celebration**

3:00 P.M. **Black Parents and Family Appreciation Ceremony**

**TICKET AND/OR RESERVATION NEEDED**

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**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015**

8:00 A.M. **Oberlin Shansi Breakfast**

8:30 A.M. **5K Fun Run and Walk**

10:30 A.M. **Presidential Address**

11:30 A.M. **Kendal at Oberlin Sunday Branch**

NOON **Champagne Luncheon for Alumni, Graduates, and Families**

2:00-5:00 P.M. **Graduating Seniors’ Art Exhibition and Student Art Show**

4:30 P.M. **Multifaith Baccalaureate Celebration**

3:00 P.M. **Black Parents and Family Appreciation Ceremony**

**TICKET AND/OR RESERVATION NEEDED**

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**MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015**

9:00 A.M. **Academic Procession Forms**

9:30 A.M. **Academic Procession & Commencement**

12:15 P.M. **Post-Commencement Box Lunches**

12:30 P.M. **Class of 1965 Farewell Brunch**

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**TICKET AND/OR RESERVATION NEEDED**
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, 8:00 p.m., Apollo Theatre, free admission

ORGAN PUMP: LATE NIGHT MUSIC AND ANTONICS
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

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.
Saturday and Sunday, 3:00 p.m., Wilder Hall Main Space, Tickets $10

OSLAM!
OSLam! strives to create a safe space for Oberlin students to share their stories through slam, spoken word, and performance poetry. They hope to use their art as a means to start dialogue, on this campus and outside it, about topics that are difficult to interpret. OSLam! strives to pour truth, heart, and soul into their ink, and to spill it across stages.
Saturday, 4:30 p.m., Cat in the Cream Coffeehouse, free admission

COMMENCEMENT RECITALS: PART I AND PART II
Outstanding conservatory seniors will perform.
Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 p.m., Finney Chapel, free admission

CINEMA STUDIES FACULTY SCREENING
This special program features short films produced by faculty members in the Cinema Studies Program.
Saturday, 8:00 p.m., Apollo Theatre, free admission

OBERLIN SWING SOCIETY (OSWING) DANCE
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 Valocchi ’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

$ A SHORT PROGRAM OF SHORT FILMS
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

ENTERTAINMENT AND PERFORMANCES
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