OBERLIN COLLEGE CLASS DEAN SYSTEM

OBERLIN COLLEGE & CONSERVATORY
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MISSION

From matriculation to commencement, the class dean system at Oberlin College provides students with essential administrative support informed by the educational, residential, and the developmental advising missions of the college. To this end class deans:

- Apply knowledge of campus resources and professional experience in order to educate, mentor, refer, and guide students in the process of building intellectual and developmental skills for campus life, and in preparation for their lives after Oberlin.

- Offer holistic support services and coordinated follow-up on a full range of academic, personal, and social matters. Class Deans are often asked to follow up with students on reports involving college policies and procedures (e.g., student conduct, honor code, sexual misconduct).

- Augment academic and educational advising efforts through work with academic and administrative deans, the academic standing committee, teaching faculty, and academic advisors.

- Work with class members and officers to build class cohesion and address class-specific issues through such programs as New Student Orientation, Dean of Students dinners/socials, Life After Oberlin, and Senior Week.

FUNCTION OF THE CLASS DEAN SYSTEM

Instituted in 2000, and reporting to the dean of students, the class dean system has proven to be a vital resource for Oberlin students, faculty, staff, and parents. There are seven class deans. Annually a class dean is associated with an incoming class as the class matriculates. One of the seven class deans partners with the first- and second-year class deans; another works with students who remain for a fifth year; and another of the class deans assists transfer students. If you are uncertain about which class dean is the correct class dean, please contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 440-775-8462.
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WHY CONSULT WITH A CLASS DEAN?

- To seek guidance or a referral concerning academic, policy, or personal concerns
- To brainstorm while evaluating various future options
- To share news of important accomplishments and opportunities for celebration
- To seek guidance regarding establishing, maintaining, or reintegrating a sense of personal wellness
- To initiate a mentoring relationship with a member of the college staff who values empowering students to develop holistically
- To seek support and/or referrals when facing emergency, crisis, or overwhelming situations
- To seek coaching concerning involvement in extra- and/or co-curricular organizations and activities

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To report allegations of discrimination or harassment contact Meredith Raimondo, Title IX Coordinator, Special Assistant for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at 440-775-8410.