Dear Parents,

Another academic year has come to a close and excitement is high as our students prepare for their summers. For some this means going home and working summer jobs and for some it means internships and fellowships and continuing to build on what they've learned this year.

As we approach our fiscal year end on June 30, Oberlin College comes to the close of our Illuminate Campaign. It has been a great success and the last few years have been quite an exciting time on campus, in no small part due to the contributions of parents who have helped support and grow this institution. Over the course of the campaign, parents have generously given nearly $16 million. Your contributions have helped pay for scholarships for many Oberlin students, most of whom would not have been able to attend otherwise, and you have opened the door to an exciting future.

Thank you so much for all you do for Oberlin, this year and every year. -- Sarah Tancredi, Director of Parent and Family Giving

Renowned Operatic Soprano Jessye Norman to address the Class of 2016

Jessye Norman will address the Class of 2016 as the featured Commencement speaker and will receive an Honorary Doctor of Music. She is hailed

Hotel at Oberlin

Expected to open in mid-May, the new Hotel at Oberlin is receiving national coverage in The New York Times as a hotel for ECO Friendly Tourists.

Award-Winning Students

It's no secret that Oberlin students do incredible things here and after they graduate. Here's just a few members of the Class of 2016 who have been recognized recently.

Fulbright Scholars:

Emma Leiken '16
as one of the world's greatest opera and concert singers and performers. Since the early 1970s, she has starred at leading opera houses, concert halls, and music festivals throughout Europe, North America, and three other continents. She has also forged a prolific recording career with more than 75 albums and several Grammy Awards to her credit.

Commencement/Reunion Weekend

Commencement/Reunion Weekend will take place May 20-23, with the graduation ceremony beginning at 9:30 a.m., Monday, May 23 on Tappan Square.

Oberlin Illuminate Campaign Update

*Oberlin Illuminate* is a seven-year, $250 million fundraising campaign that aims to broaden access to an Oberlin education, strengthen the campus community, enrich the academic program, make Oberlin more competitive, and better position our students for success after they graduate. While the campaign has exceeded its goal by raising $305 million, Oberlin College has remained focused on achieving the goals for three key campaign priorities: Scholarships & Financial Aid, Health & Wellness and Hall Auditorium.

Strategic Plan

The Oberlin College Strategic Plan 2016-2021 was approved by the General Faculty on February 24, 2016 and by the Board of Trustees on March 4,
2016. The process was conducted by a Steering Committee that was co-chaired by President Marvin Krislov and board member Diane C. Yu. Its members included faculty, staff members, students, Oberlin trustees, and alumni.

139th Artist Recital Series Announced

The 2016-17 Artist Recital Series at Oberlin College & Conservatory will boast a spectacular lineup of diverse sounds throughout the coming year. The historic series’ 139th season begins with versatile clarinetist Eddie Daniels, who leads his jazz quartet into Finney Chapel on September 17. The season closes with the annual visit by the Cleveland Orchestra -- an Oberlin tradition since 1919.