



Dear Classmate,

The committee and I want to thank each of you who have so generously supported Oberlin and our class this fiscal year (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014). As alumni, we are the foundation of this great institution. My sincere thanks go to each of you.

An important date to put on your calendar: May 22-25, 2015 -- the celebration of our 50th reunion at Oberlin. As I explain below, more details will come in future correspondence from Mike Faden, our class president.

This e-mail is a follow-up to the letter I sent last week. I wanted to give you information that I could not include in the letter (it would have been way too long, and you would have tossed it in your circular file). So

before you delete this e-mail, please look it over. The news I have is really exciting, because it shows what our class can accomplish when we set a clear goal and work together.

As you know, our reunion committee designated three major projects to commemorate this reunion:

- The Martin Luther King summer internship program which will provide a stipend to low-income students each year;
- A gift to the Allen Memorial Art Museum to help restore the beautiful main ceiling in the museum's central court; and
- Renewed support for the MLK Scholarship fund that we set up at our 25th reunion.

As I explained in my letter, the committee was moved to establish the summer internship program as a way to do something about income inequality and ensure that students from disadvantaged families have the opportunity to experience valuable internships that often carry little or no compensation. Thanks to many of our classmates' generosity, I am delighted to report that we have met our initial goal by raising close to \$250,000 in cash and pledges for this internship program. The first group of interns will receive stipends and go forth this summer. Oberlin's Career Center tells us that there are many eligible students, and, if we raise more funds for this program, plenty of other worthy applicants would benefit.

We also raised more than \$16,000 toward the AMAM ceiling restoration (see more about the project [here](#)). Although we did not set a goal for the MLK scholarship fund, I hope that we can double or triple the balance by the time of our reunion. As of March 31, the fund totaled \$123,000 and we have commitments for an additional \$4,222.37.

Finally, our class is more than halfway to meeting our overall five-year gift-giving goal of \$8 million. As of March 31, our five-year total is \$4,155,963.

Although we are funding these three main projects, it is equally important for us to continue our annual gifts to the College. A gift of any size will help achieve our annual class participation goal of 63 percent, which we have some ways to go to reach, and it all counts toward our 50th reunion goal.

Classmates have asked about supporting other College programs or

projects. This is not a problem. You can direct your gift to any other area of personal interest to you.

We think two potential projects deserve special mention:

- The College's Director of Libraries requested funding support to digitize past issues of the Hi-O-Hi and Alumni Magazine. The estimated cost of this project is \$28,000.
- Professors in the New Media and Cinema Studies Department, which is located in the newly renovated Apollo Theatre (wait until you see it!) asked if we could supplement their funding for The Apollo Outreach Initiative. This is a year-round media literacy outreach program for public school students in Lorain County. You can see more about the program by [visiting their superb website](#).

If you are interested in supporting either of these, or any other college project (or just need more information), please contact our staff liaison, Jamie Jurado, Director of 50th Reunions, in the Development Office at (440) 775-8550 or by email at: jamie.jurado@oberlin.edu.

As I mentioned at the top of this message, you will receive more details about the reunion weekend in a few months. The event planning will begin in earnest at our committee meeting this fall. We may want to schedule a few forums on issues that we think classmates would find informative, interesting, and relevant to our lives today. We will also look to plan other activities, such as concerts, age-appropriate semi-competitive sports, and, most important of all, ample time to schmooze, re-connect with old friends and make new ones, and plot how to make the world a better place. We would love for you to participate by sharing your ideas before our committee gets together in October. To do so, contact either Mike at mfaden1@verizon.net, or myself at aborut@verizon.net.

Also look in Mike's letter for a call for entries to our class book. The alumni office staff -- with help from all of us -- will publish a bound book of the Class of '65 -- then and now. Previous class books have included names and addresses, photos (both yearbook and recent), recollections of memories from Oberlin, and observations on life since Oberlin. These books contain a treasure trove of wonderful memories and more recent life experiences.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our reunion. In the meantime, b
well.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Allan".

Allan Borut '65

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