

Oberlin

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Milestone Reunions at Commencement Weekend Friday, May 22-Monday, May 25, 2026

Celebrating our 25th and 50th Reunions!

Reunion volunteers have been working hard to plan special programming and activities for each day. Check back as we get closer to reunion weekend for more details and updates.

Reunion registration opens on March 10. Visit oberlin.edu/reunion for more information.

Friday, May 22

3:00PM-9:00PM

Reunion Check-in Opens

Make check-in your first stop when you get to campus! Download our app, which serves as your guide for the weekend, pick up your name tag, and get your pressing questions answered.

Wilder Main, Wilder Hall

3:00-4:00PM

\$ Guided Tour of the Jewett House by Fanny Jewett

Offered by the Oberlin Heritage Center, learn about Frank Fanning Jewett, Sarah Frances (Fanny) Gulick Jewett, Charles Martin Hall, the Aluminum Reduction Process and life in Oberlin. Cost: \$6/adult; \$3/college student; and free for children under 18. Advance registration is required, and space is limited to 14 participants. Visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org to register.

Jewett House, 73 S. Professor St.

3:30-4:30PM

* Reunion Alumni Allen Memorial Art Museum Tour

There is no fee to join, but please let us know if you plan to attend. Space is limited to 40 participants. Led by curators Kevin Greenwood and Sam Adams.

Meet in the lobby of the Allen Memorial Art Museum

5:00-6:30PM

* Reunion Alumni Welcome Back Reception

Welcome back to campus, Obies! This event is complimentary, but please let us know if you are going to attend so we can plan accordingly. Reception will include a robust menu with vegan and gluten-free options available. Drinks (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and dessert are also included.

Perlik Commons, Science Center

8:00-10:00PM

\$ Grand Piano Extravaganza

How many pianos can we get on a stage? This event, featuring conservatory piano faculty members and graduating seniors, is a great way to begin the weekend. Cost is \$25.

Warner Concert Hall

Saturday, May 23

8:00AM-3:00PM

Reunion Check-in Opens

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Wilder Main, Wilder Hall

8:00AM-10:00AM

\$ Reunion Alumni Breakfast

Start your day with a full breakfast offered at the Hotel at Oberlin. This event will take place in the 2nd floor ballroom. Vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available. Cost is \$15.

Hotel at Oberlin

10:00AM-11:30AM

\$ Tour: Freedom's Friends: Abolition & the Underground Railroad History Walk

Offered by the Oberlin Heritage Center. Guests on this guided history walk will hear about the historic decisions that shaped Oberlin's growth as a station on the Underground Railroad. Cost: \$10/adult; \$5/college student; free for children under 18. Advance registration is required, and space is limited to 50 participants. Visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org to register.

Meet on the front steps of First Church, 106 N. Main St.

10:30AM-11:30AM

Class of 1976 50th Reunion: A Naturalist's History Tour

We will take a stroll, just as emeritus professor George Jones regularly did back in the sixties and seventies, naming the trees in Tappan Square and nearby, and honoring Dr. Jones and many others who planted, studied, and nurtured them over the past two centuries. Led by Ruth Geyer '76 and Frank Shaw '76.

Tappan Square

11:30AM-1:00PM

*** Class of 2026 Family Social**

Enjoy an informal social celebration with graduates, family members, and guests. Light lunch fare and beverages will be served. There is no fee to join, but please let us know if you plan to attend.

Science Center, Perlik Commons

1:30PM-3:30PM

Class of 1976 50th Reunion: "If You Can Speak, You Can Sing!"

There are ways to help you find your authentic voice - and even those of us who are reluctant to sing in public, can activate muscles in our vocal cords to help better express ourselves in song. Led by Harry Bonner '76.

The Cat in the Cream

1:30PM-3:00PM

\$ Tour: Architecture History Walk

Enjoy a leisurely stroll on this 75-minute tour offered by the Oberlin Heritage Center which explores Oberlin's architecture and the people who shaped the area around Tappan Square. Cost: \$10/adult; \$5/college student; free for children under 18. Advance registration is required, and space is limited to 20 participants. Visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org to register.

Meet at the flagpoles on the corner of Tappan Square across from the Hotel at Oberlin

3:30PM-4:30PM

*** Reunion Alumni Allen Memorial Art Museum Tour**

There is no fee to join, but please let us know if you plan to attend. Space is limited to 40 participants. Led by curators Kevin Greenwood and Sam Adams.

Meet in the lobby of the Allen Memorial Art Museum

3:30PM-5:00PM

\$ Tour: Civil War to Civil Rights History Walk

This 90-minute tour highlights historic events that reveal both Oberlin's progress and setbacks in race relations dating from early Oberlin all the way up to the 21st Century. Cost: \$10/adult; \$5/college student; free for children under 18. Advance registration is required, and space is limited to 40 participants. Visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org to register.

Meet on the front steps of First Church, corner of Main and Lorain St.

4:00PM-5:30PM

\$ Oberlin Baroque

The Conservatory of Music, a pioneer and leader in historically informed performance, presents a program of Baroque chamber music featuring graduating seniors and alumni of the Historical Performance Program. Cost is \$20.

Bosworth Hall, Fairchild Chapel

5:30PM-7:00PM

\$ Class of 1976 50th Reunion Half Century Dinner

Celebrate the momentous achievement of 50 years since your graduation from Oberlin! The evening will include a warm welcome into the Half Century Club at Oberlin, along with special moments and recognition for the Class of 1976. Dinner, drinks, and dessert will be provided with a variety of menu options. Cost is \$35.

President's House

6:00PM-8:00PM

\$ Class of 2001 25th Reunion Dinner

Are you ready to relive the good old days and catch up with your fellow classmates? If so, then you won't want to miss out on this celebration of our 25th reunion alumni! Join an evening filled with good food, refreshing drinks, and delectable desserts. It's the perfect opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new memories, and reminisce about the good times you shared together. Cost is \$25.

Hotel at Oberlin

7:00PM-9:00PM

Class of 1976 50th Reunion: When the Moon is in the Seventh House: A History of Astrological Medicine

Dr. Jeremy Wasser '76, a noted physiologist, medical historian, and educator, will give a talk about the intersection of history, astronomy, and medicine, followed by a tour of the Taylor Planetarium and Observatory in Peters Hall, led by Observatory and Planetarium Coordinator Dave Lengyel.

Peters Hall

9:00PM-12:00AM

25th Reunion Night at the 'Sco

Get down and dirty at the 'Sco to your favorite tunes from your years at Oberlin!

Wilder Hall, The 'Sco

Sunday, May 24

8:00AM-10:00AM

\$ State of the College Reunion Alumni Breakfast

President Ambar will share the State of the College at a special breakfast for alumni that will include time for Q&A. This event will take place in the 2nd floor ballroom with the program starting around 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$15.

Hotel at Oberlin

10:30AM-12:00PM

Class of 1976 50th Reunion: Transforming Values into Action - Careers and Work

Diana Lee '76 will moderate a panel of classmates discussing their careers, evolutions in their fields, and the role that values, fostered at Oberlin, played in the work they chose and how they did it. Featuring Susan Phillips, Bill Frelick, Carol Izumi and Bishop Andy Lewter, who will discuss their respective careers in labor, human rights, the law and in the ministry.

Science Center, Dye Lecture Hall

12:00PM-1:30PM

\$ Reunion Alumni Grab and Go Lunch

A casual "grab and go" style lunch buffet option will be available for reunion alumni. Seating will be available at the Science Center, or you can take your food to go and enjoy at your favorite spot around campus. Cost is \$15.

Perlik Commons, Science Center

1:30PM-3:00PM

Class of 1976 50th Reunion: Retirement as Reinvention

Led by classmate Patty Powell '76, join classmates for a thoughtful panel discussion exploring how retirement is not an ending, but an opportunity to reimagine how we spend our time, talents, and energy. Alumni attending this session will also have an opportunity to share their own stories of finding purpose and passion after retiring from full-time careers.

Location TBD

4:00PM-5:00PM

Class of 1976 50th Reunion Memorial Program

An opportunity to remember and reflect on the friends we have lost.

First Church, 106 N. Main St.

5:30PM-7:00PM

\$ Class of 2001 25th Reunion Farewell Reception

Spend the last night on campus at a casual reception with your classmates while supporting a local Oberlin alumni-owned business. Heavy apps and drinks will be available. Cost is \$20.

Black River Wine Shop & Bar, 15 S. Main St.

5:30PM-7:00PM

\$ Class of 1976 50th Reunion Farewell Dinner

Wrap up your weekend with an evening filled with good food, drinks, and desserts. Your professors, who are local to Oberlin and taught during your time at Oberlin, will be invited to join us! You'll have plenty of time to share your favorite stories and reminisce with old friends before you head out to Tappan Square for Illumination and say "farewell!" to reunion weekend. Cost is \$35.

Hotel at Oberlin

7:00PM-10:00PM

Campus Illumination and Social on the Square

Join us for this Oberlin tradition that gathers faculty, alumni, graduates and their families, staff, and community members for an evening of music and fun. Join members of OCOPE, the Oberlin College Office and Professional Employees Union, around the campfire for complimentary s'mores and conversation. This event will feature food trucks, so come hungry!

Tappan Square

Monday, May 25

9:30AM-12:30 PM

Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2026

Congratulations to the 2026 graduates! The ceremony will proceed rain or shine.

Tappan Square

Details are tentative and subject to change.

*Events marked with an * or \$ require registration and/or have a cost associated.*