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 Obies, 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.

COMMENCEMENT/REUNION WEEKEND DATES
In 2012, the Oberlin College faculty approved academic calendar changes. As a result of these changes, Commencement will not always fall on Memorial Day. Commencement is now held on the fourth Monday each May. In some years, such as 2018, that fourth Monday is also Memorial Day, May 25-28, 2018.

COMMENCEMENT/REUNION ESSENTIALS

DIRECTIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

DIRECTIONS: Campus maps and detailed directions to Oberlin, including cab, train and bus information, appear at new.oberlin.edu/visitor.

SHUTTLES FROM THE AIRPORT: Major airlines serve Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. Shuttle service to and from the airport is available courtesy of U.S. Event Services for the weekend by advance reservation (very limited walk-on space available). Please make online shuttle reservations by visiting go.oberlin.edu/crw-shuttle. The shuttle times to and from the airport are listed on the reservation site once you select the number of people you want to make the reservation for. To make reservations over the phone, call the shuttle company directly at 1-800-972-9940 and mention "Oberlin Commencement Shuttle." You may make your payment over the phone with a credit card, and you will receive an email confirmation upon providing your email address. If you require a wheelchair lift, please call the shuttle company directly at the number above.

In Oberlin, the shuttle arrives and departs from the shuttle stop in front of the Slow Train Café, located at 55 East College St., which is conveniently located close to both The Hotel at Oberlin and the Commencement/Reunion Welcome Center in the Ward Alumni Center.

(65 E. College Street, Suite 4). Please be at the pick-up location 10 minutes before departure. The trip to and from Oberlin is approximately 45 minutes. The fare for advance reservations is $30 one-way, per person or $55 round-trip, per person (via Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express only). Walk-up passengers will pay a one-way fare of $32 per person, cash or credit card.

RIDESHARE PROGRAM: Use your trip as a mini-reunion and find other Oberlin alumni and friends in your region with whom to travel using Oberlin Switchboard. Go to http://switchboard.oberlin.edu to ask for or offer a ride.

BIKE RENTALS: Rent a bike from the Oberlin Bicycle Co-Operative, located in the basement at the rear of Keep Cottage, 154 N. Main Street. Bikes can be rented by the day or the weekend. The Bike Co-Op accepts cash or checks, but not credit cards. Locks will not be provided, so please bring your own lock from home. If you have any questions about the Co-Op’s Bike Rental program, please contact the Oberlin Bicycle Co-Operative at bikecoop@oberlin.edu.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON CAMPUS
Please make the Commencement/Reunion Welcome Center in the Ward Alumni Center (65 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 25, 2018: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 a.m.
- Saturday, May 26, 2018: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 27, 2018: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 28, 2018: 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.
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 28, 2018. 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 as soon as possible for the best chance to be housed with classmates. Housing is sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Primary accommodations for the weekend are as follows:

1952, 1953, 1954
The Hotel at Oberlin (overflow in Asia House)

1968
Kahn Hall (overflow in Barnard and Bailey)

Burton Hall

1993
Talcott Hall (overflow in Baldwin and Fairchild)

2002, 2003, 2004
South Hall

Parents/Families

Language Houses and Lord/Saunders

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, 110/220, is offered at the camper and RV sites, and there are four light poles that have four outlets on each. There are no dumping stations nor water 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, west of the Williams Field House. You may park in the Jesse Phillips Physical Education Center 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 à 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
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.

Language Interpretation

The Champagne Social, Crimson and Gold Convocation and Presidential Address, Multifaith Baccalaureate Celebration, and Commencement exercises will be interpreted. Closed captioning will be available for the commencement ceremony. Please note on the reservation form if you need to be near the speaker's platform.

Get Active!

Philips Physical Education Center will be open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Activities include cardio equipment, basketball, racquetball, sauna, strength training, table tennis and track. Racquets and balls may be borrowed from the equipment room. Lockers and towels are available for a small daily fee. Please note that non-marking shoes must be worn in Philips. You may bowl at College Lanes in Hales Annex.

Make a Gift in Honor of Your Reunion

Have you contributed to your class or cluster reunion gift? Whether you donate by 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 28, or you will be charged a $35 late fee.

Camp Oberlin for Children

Make Commencement/Reunion Weekend 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 Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Children will enjoy supervised recreation and off-campus, including touring the Little Red School House, bowling, crafts, 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 if you need to be near the speaker's platform.

Questions About the Weekend?

Oberlin College Office of Alumni Relations
60 E. College Street, Suite 4
Oberlin, OH 44074
Phone: 440.775.8692
Email: alumnirelations@oberlin.edu
Reunion Website: www.oberlin.edu/reunion
Faculty and student presentations; alumni presentations, panels, and activities hosted by reunion classes; tours of campus and new buildings; Allen Memorial Art Museum and Weltzheimer/Johnson Frank Lloyd Wright House exhibits and tours; library tours; departmental and program-open houses; and Oberlin Heritage Center tours.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

8:00 a.m.  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, place your reservation early; as the scramble is limited to 100 players. Please bring your own clubs. Contact Craig Jantz at 440.775.6401 or cjantz@oberlin.edu.

12:30 p.m.  General Campus Tour for Prospective Students

1:00-5:00 p.m.  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 https://connect.oberlin.edu/register/admissions101.

1:30-4:30 p.m.  Individual Admissions Interviews
For high school juniors who are considering applying to Oberlin. Pre-registration required. Please register at https://connect.oberlin.edu/register/admissions101.

4:30 p.m.  Leadership Donor Reception hosted by President Carmen Twillie Ambar
Members of the John Frederick Oberlin Society, the Luminary Society, and the Charles Martin Hall Society are invited to The Peter B. Lewis Gateway Center (The Hotel at Oberlin) for a reception and short program honoring them for their exemplary support of Oberlin during their lifetime or through their long-term philanthropic plans. Sponsored by the Office of Development (by invitation only).

5:30-6:00 p.m.  Oberlin Lambda Alumni & Multicultural Resource Center Colloquium and Lavender Graduation Ceremony
An event for LGBTQ alumni and graduates. All are welcome.

Shabbat Service

TICKET AND/OR RESERVATION NEEDED

Available all weekend:
Schedule subject to change, and much more will be added! Visit www.oberlin.edu/commencement for a more up-to-date listing of events.
FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

Champagne Social for Alumni and Graduating Seniors
Enjoy plenty of food under the Big Top in an interactive and intergenerational setting, toast the Class of 2018 as you welcome them into the Alumni Association, celebrate the alumni community, and join the fun by playing Oberlin Bingo for your chance to win a prize.

Shabbat Dinner
Direct inquiries to Talia Rodwin at trodwin@oberlin.edu. No charge, but reservations requested.

Family Style Shabbos Dinner
Join us for our Family Shabbat Dinner Celebration honoring the Senior Class of 2018. Come and go as you please. All visiting family, friends, and alumni are welcome regardless of background, prior knowledge, or affiliation.

College Admissions 101
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Organ Pump: Late Night Music and Antics

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018

Asian/Pacific Islander Diaspora Graduation Ceremony
Graduating Seniors’ Art Exhibition and Student Art Show
Oberlin Shansi Open House
Oberlin Swimming and Diving Alumni Gathering

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Heisman Club Hall of Honor Ceremony & Reception
Pre-registration required. Please contact Creg Jantz at 440.775.6401 or cjantz@oberlin.edu. Walk-ups welcome.

Latinx Graduation Ceremony
Koreo Hip-Hop Dance Performance Oberlin College Taiko
Conservatory Reception For alumni, graduates, and families.
Friends of the Libraries Reception Hosted by Alexa Hudson-Ward, Director of Libraries.

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DALE PRESTON ’83

8:00 a.m.
Oberlin Shansi Breakfast

8:30 a.m.
5K Fun Run and Walk
A family friendly annual event.
Sponsored by the Heisman Club

10:00 a.m.
Crimson and Gold Convocation and Presidential Address
A special Commencement/Reunion Weekend convocation featuring President Carmen Twillie Amba’s first state-of-the-college address; a celebration of the Class of 2018 and Oberlin alumni; and an organ recital by David Boeckh ’18.

11:30 a.m.
Kendal at Oberlin Sunday Brunch
Please call 440.775.9801 to register for the brunch.
$14.75 + tax per person.

Noon
Class of 2018 Family Social
Enjoy an informal social of celebration and music with your graduate and other families and guests. Light lunch fare and beverages will be served. Tickets are complimentary for members of the Class of 2018.

1:00-5:00 p.m.
Graduating Seniors’ Art Exhibition and Student Art Show

1:30 p.m.
Koreo Hip-Hop Dance Performance
Oberlin College Taiko

1:30 p.m.
Cabinet: The Seven Deadly Sins

3:00-5:00 p.m.
Africana Graduation Ceremony
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3:00-5:00 p.m.
Oberlin Improv Extravaganza

5:00 p.m.
Oberlin Baroque Ensemble

5:30-8:30 p.m.
Children’s Pizza Dinner & Movies
Reunion Receptions and Dinners
Social on the Square

7:00-10:00 p.m.
Commencement Recital Part II
Posse Scholars Commencement Reception

8:00-9:00 p.m.
Bonner Scholars Graduation Celebration
A ceremony celebrating graduating Bonner Scholars and their accomplishments.

9:30 p.m.
Campus Illumination and Commencement Concert
At the conclusion of Illumination and the concert, Oberlin Steel will perform.

4:30-6:00 p.m.
Class of 1968 Farewell Brunch

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Academic Procession Forms

12:30 p.m.
Academic Procession & Commencement
Family Style Shabbos Dinner with Chabad
Join us in celebration of graduation. Following commencement, bring your friends and family for cold drinks and a delicious lunch. Hosted by Rabbi Shlomo and Devorah Elkan. All Chabad events are open to everyone, regardless of background, prior knowledge, or affiliation.

12:30 p.m.
Class of 1968 Farewell Brunch

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, AND MUCH MORE WILL BE ADDED! VISIT WWW.OBERLIN.EDU/COMMENCEMENT FOR A MORE UP-TO-DATE LISTING OF EVENTS.
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, 8:30 p.m., Warner Concert Hall, Tickets $25

CABARET: THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS
The Seven Deadly Sins is an intimate cabaret experience and the culminating project of StudiOC students who explored the study of Broadway via Berlin: The Political Musical Theater of Kurt Weill. The work critiques capitalism and, through song and dance, will envelop you into a story of sin and revelation. The production centers on the duality of the production’s personae, Anna I and Anna II, who embark on a seven-city pursuit of the American dream and uncover each of the seven deadly sins: pride, greed, lust, wrath, gluttony, envy, and sloth. Due to space limitations, tickets are limited and performances will sell out quickly.

Friday, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 p.m. and Midnight; Sunday, 3:00 p.m., The Birenbaum at The Hotel at Oberlin, Tickets $20

CINEMA STUDIES SCREENING: THE BEST STUDENT FILMS OF THE YEAR
This special program features the best Oberlin student narrative, documentary, and experimental films of 2017-18. All are welcome.

Friday and Saturday, 9:30 p.m., Apollo Theatre, free admission

ORGAN PUMP: LATE NIGHT MUSIC AND ANTICS
Enjoy a fun-filled musical spectacle! Hilarity guaranteed. Sponsored by the Organ Pump Committee of Oberlin (OPCO).

Friday, 11:00 p.m., Finney Chapel, free admission

OBERLIN CONTRA
What’s a great way to celebrate the Class of 2018? Dance with them! No experience necessary, no partner needed. Come contra dancing to live music provided by a student band with instructions from student callers. There will be a half-hour lesson from 8:00-9:00 p.m. and dancing from 9:00-11:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Saturday, 8:00 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

OBERLIN COLLEGE TAIKO
“Taiko” means wide drum in Japanese; Oberlin Taiko means a great show, lots of energy, and plenty of drums.

Saturday and Sunday, 3:00 p.m., Tappan Square, 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

OBERLIN SWING SOCIETY DANCE
Try your hand (and feet) at swinging the night away! Beginner swing lesson taught from 8:00-9:00 p.m. Dance to recorded music from 9:00 p.m.-midnight. Come to learn, dance, or just watch—you’ll be glad you did. See you on the dance floor!

Saturday, 8:00 p.m., Hales Gym, free admission
$ ACAPELLICANS, 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 IMPROV EXTRAVAGANZA
Sunshine Scouts, Primitive Streak, Kid Business and Neurotic Fiction perform back to back for your viewing pleasure. All are welcome, but most appropriate for ages 13 and up.
Sunday, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Hales Annex, Cat in the Cream Coffeehouse

$ OBERLIN BAROQUE ENSEMBLE
The Oberlin Conservatory of Music, a pioneer and leader in historically informed performance, presents a program of baroque chamber music featuring conservatory students from the Historical Performance program and coached by HP faculty members.
Sunday, 5:00 p.m., Fairchild Chapel, Tickets $20

CAMPUS ILLUMINATION
Tappan Square at its most beautiful, with hundreds of colorful Japanese lanterns strung across the green. Families may enjoy sweet treats, music and more.
Sunday, 7:00 p.m., Tappan Square, free admission

OBERLIN STEEL PERFORMANCE
Oberlin College’s steel drum band 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