

Class of 2020 Graduation Celebration

Complimentary shuttle bus service will be offered on Saturday, October 16, 2021 for members of the Class of 2020 and their guests staying at the Sheraton Cleveland Airport Hotel.

- 8:30 AM **First shuttle departs Sheraton Cleveland Airport Hotel, headed toward Oberlin.**
The first wave of shuttle buses will depart from the main entrance of the Sheraton Cleveland Airport Hotel.
[>> View the full shuttle bus schedule](#)
- 10:00 – 11:00 AM **Class of 2020 Welcome Breakfast**
Members of the Class of 2020 members and their loved ones are encouraged to enjoy an upscale continental breakfast to begin the day. Location: *Carnegie Building*
- 11:00 – 11:30 AM **Pre-Ceremony Check in**
Graduates will check in at the Academic Advising Resource Center (AARC) Office (*Carnegie Building; 101 N. Professor St.*) and receive instructions about where to line up for the commencement processional. Location: *Carnegie Building*
- Noon **Special Class of 2020 Commencement Ceremony**
Graduates will take part in a special ceremony to celebrate their graduation from Oberlin College. The ceremony will include a processional, commencement address by President Carmen Twillie Ambar, remarks from Class of 2020 speaker Naeisha McClain, the reading of graduate names and a ceremonial photo opportunity. Graduates **MUST CHECK IN ON SATURDAY MORNING (10/16)** in order to participate in the special commencement ceremony. Location: *Tappan Square*
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM **Unity Celebration**
Alumni, faculty, and staff are welcomed to join the Multicultural Resource Center (MRC), enjoy light refreshments, and celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2020. The reception will begin with a few words from featured speakers, followed by a toast to the Class. Location: *Wilder Bowl*
Questions? Please contact the MRC at mrc@oberlin.edu.
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM **Black Family Appreciation Ceremony and Luncheon**
An Africana Studies Department commencement tradition, the ceremony and luncheon will feature speakers, performances, and lunch for Black identifying 2020 alumni, their loved ones, as well as faculty, staff, and students who worked closely with them. Location: *South Bowl*
Questions? Please contact Director and Faculty in Residence, Candice Raynor at craynor@oberlin.edu.

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Homecoming Tailgate sponsored by the Heisman Club

Fill up before the football game and enjoy tailgate treats from a trio of local food trucks. Location: *Austin E. Knowlton Athletic Complex*

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Social Hour and Toast to the Class of 2020 hosted by President Ambar

Graduates and their families are invited to the President's House to share time with President Ambar, Dean Bill Quillen, Dean David Kamitsuka, and other members of Oberlin's senior staff. In addition to enjoying hors d'oeuvres, guests will be invited to participate in a special toast to the Class of 2020 given by President Ambar. **President Ambar's toast to the Class of 2020 will take place at approximately 6:45 PM.** Location: *President's House, 154 Forest Street*

7:00 – 10:00 PM

Class of 2020 Wilder Bowl Party

The Class of 2020 celebration concludes with music, food, dancing, and drinks on the north end of Wilder Bowl as Oberlin College celebrates and congratulates the Class of 2020. Class members and their families/guests are welcome!

NOTE: Class of 2020 alumni and their guest(s) will need to check in for the Wilder Bowl Party to obtain wristbands for food and beverages.

8:30 PM

Homecoming Fireworks Show

Sponsored by the Program Board and the Office of Student Involvement.
Location: *Austin E. Knowlton Athletic Complex*

11:30 PM

Last Shuttle to Sheraton Cleveland Airport Hotel

*The last shuttle will depart from the north side of Wilder Hall on West Lorain Street. **If you miss the last shuttle or intend to stay in Oberlin past 11:30 PM on Saturday, you are responsible for arranging your own transportation.***

[Visit the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport transportation website](#) for additional information on available shuttle, limo, and ride share services.

* *The complete shuttle bus service schedule can be found at oberlin.edu/commencement.*

