

OBERLIN BY THE NUMBERS

2,950

Number of students enrolled at Oberlin College

\$1.15

MILLION

Total amount of scholarships to Oberlin city students

6%

Approximate percentage of students from Ohio

1,000

Number of full-time employees at Oberlin College

82%

Percentage of Oberlin students who receive grant aid directly from the college

115,550

Number of hours Oberlin College students spend annually engaged in community service

\$61

MILLION

Total amount of grants awarded to Oberlin students in 2016

40%

Percentage of Oberlin's student body that participates in community engagement activities each year

\$1.25

MILLION

Total amount of grants awarded to Ohio residents in 2016

161

Number of actively engaged student groups and organizations at Oberlin College

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OBERLIN COLLEGE

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY



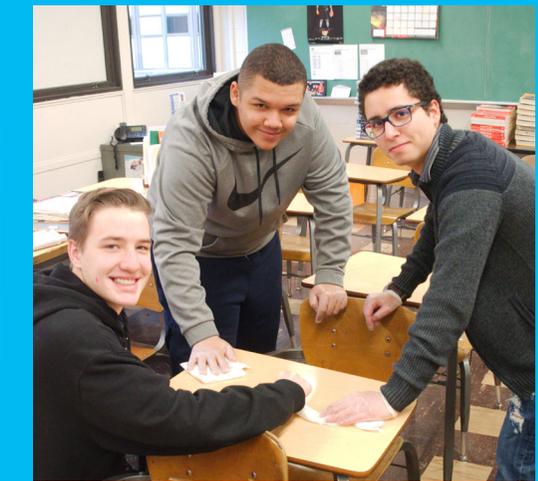
OBERLIN COLLEGE & CONSERVATORY



Day of Service



Community and Culture Festival



MLK Jr. Day Service Project

Oberlin College is a vibrant community of students, faculty, alumni, and staff who believe in giving back. Dedicated to civic leadership, community service, and social justice, Oberlin College works closely with local and regional businesses, nonprofits, and economic development organizations to help stimulate the local economy and create opportunities for continued growth and investment.

OBIE FACTS

Consistently ranked as one of the best colleges in the country, Oberlin is located 35 miles southwest of Cleveland on a 440-acre residential campus. The City of Oberlin has a population of 8,000.

More Oberlin graduates (by percentage) go on to earn PhDs than any other liberal arts college.

Consistently among the top producers of Peace Corps volunteers, the college has been awarded membership on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll and the Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement.

Known for its liberal attitude toward sexuality and gender expression, Oberlin ranked among the 20 friendliest campuses for LGBT students in the Advocate's College Guide for LGBT Students.

## BONNER CENTER FOR SERVICE & LEARNING

Oberlin College's Bonner Center for Service and Learning (BCSL) is an invaluable resource for curricular and co-curricular civic engagement programming. The BCSL offers numerous pathways for meaningful student, faculty, and institutional involvement in the community. Here are some examples:

- The President's Public Service Fellowship provides funding and support for Oberlin College students to work full time each summer with Oberlin community partners on intensive service projects focusing on youth empowerment, leadership, the arts and humanities, and/or ecological and economic sustainability.
- The Bonner Scholars Program provides students who have demonstrated outstanding community service with the financial support needed to attend Oberlin College and continue to be involved in the community.
- The America Reads Program places federal work-study and volunteer college students in Oberlin schools and community centers to support children's endeavors to become independent readers.
- The Ninde Scholars Program provides academic support and college access services to 7-12th graders in the Oberlin schools, many of whom will be the first in their families to attend college.
- The Community Based Work Study Program equips students with valuable pre-professional experiences in the nonprofit sector, while providing local nonprofits with high-quality, low-cost workers.

- The Community-Based Learning & Research Faculty Fellowship Program encourages Oberlin faculty to think creatively and collaboratively with community partners to conduct community-based research or to teach community-engaged courses.

## OBERLIN IN THE COMMUNITY

Oberlin College students, faculty, and staff also serve the community through programs based in other areas around campus, such as academic departments:

- The Spanish in the Elementary Schools (SITES) program provides every classroom in grades K-5 with 30 minutes of Spanish instruction twice a week.
- The Oberlin College Educational Alliance Network (OCEAN) allows students at 13 local high schools to take courses for college credit.
- The Apollo Outreach Initiative (AOI) provides sustainable educational outreach and media literacy opportunities for students of all ages in Lorain County.
- The Cleveland Immersion Program connects Oberlin College students to regional opportunities, organizations, and alumni in greater Cleveland.
- Community Fellowship Meals provides meals at various community locations over fall and spring breaks to students on campus during dining hall shutdowns.
- Get With The Program, a nonprofit organization created and founded by an Oberlin alumnus, promotes and reinforces literacy in the STEM fields, offering camps



The Hotel at Oberlin

throughout the summer to local youth and arts enrichment programs.

- Oberlin Drama at Grafton (ODAG)/Oberlin Music at Grafton (OMAG) are partners in assisting with reintegration of still incarcerated people through performing arts.

## OBERLIN COLLEGE SUPPORTS OBERLIN CITY SCHOOLS

- The William L. Robinson Scholarship awards qualified Oberlin City School students to attend Oberlin College tuition-free. Over \$1 million has been awarded to students achieving this honor.
- The Conservatory of Music offers workshops and institutes open to high school students who want to develop performance skills, build technique, and who generally enjoy music-making.
- Oberlin College, Oberlin High School, and the Nord Foundation continue to fund and support the

opportunity for renowned authors, activists, and educators to engage local youth on relevant issues as part of an Annual Speakers Series.

- Oberlin College and Oberlin High School collaborate to create theater education and engagement opportunities for local youth interested in theater and the performing arts.

▪ Youth Opportunities Unlimited is bringing a Career Preparedness Program to Oberlin High School aimed at developing students' professional skills while creating work development opportunities in the community.

- Oberlin High School athletics teams continue to use the college's athletic facilities for events including tennis, track, baseball, and basketball practices.

▪ During the 2016-2017 years, 26 Oberlin High Schools students enrolled in Oberlin College classes.



The Birenbaum Innovation and Performance Space

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- MLK Service Project & Rededication Ceremony
- Community Giving Campaign
- Juneteenth Community Picnic
- Community and Culture Festival
- Veteran's Day Celebration
- Faith Community Breakfast
- Restored Citizens Summit
- Community Dialogue Series
- Oberlin Community Candidates Night

## OBERLIN COLLEGE IS A POPULAR DESTINATION

- In 2016 *Travel* magazine ranked Oberlin among the "10 most charming towns and small cities in Ohio."
- Oberlin draws visitors from the surrounding region. The college and conservatory sponsor more than 550 concerts and productions each year. The college's Allen Memorial Art Museum, with more than 14,000

artworks and objects in its collection, ranks among the top five college art museums in the nation, offering free admission to all visitors. The museum celebrates its centennial in 2017.

- Oberlin was recognized as one of the "National Main Streets to Visit" by National Life Blog in 2016, highlighting Oberlin as a "welcoming, creative, and proud of its place in American culture and history."
- Oberlin Summer Theater Festival offers free performances to make high-quality theater accessible to local community members throughout Northeast Ohio.

## THE PETER B. LEWIS GATEWAY COMPLEX

The Hotel at Oberlin hosts a variety of conferences and events that aim to stimulate the local economy through travel and tourism. The cornerstone of Oberlin's Green Arts District, the hotel was built by Oberlin College in accordance with Green Building Council LEED Platinum rating.

- The hotel features artwork and landscaping by renowned artists Maya Lin, Tan Lin, and Edwina von Gal as part of an ecological primer made up of a remnant garden, a poem etched into the parking area, and a sculptural mural representative of Ohio's environments and ecology.

- The William and Helen Birenbaum Innovation and Performance Space is a club-like venue in the lower level of the Hotel at Oberlin, serving as a teaching space and an event/performance space.

- Completion of Phase II of the Gateway Project in 2017 created new space for the Office of Admissions and classrooms to sponsor "course clusters" across academic disciplines to include direct work with the local community, guest speakers, and service projects.

- In 2017, *Town and Country* magazine ranked The Hotel at Oberlin among "The 10 Best College Hotels Across the Country."

## OBERLIN CONTRIBUTES TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Oberlin College has made substantial contributions to the Oberlin community, including \$2 million to preserve the local Mercy Allen Community Hospital and \$11 million to obtain and improve upon the historic Apollo Theatre.

- In 2017, the college spent more than \$1.6 million supporting local merchants and vendors.

- The college donated \$500,000 for construction of the Splash Zone community water park and \$405,000 to the Oberlin Fire Department for station improvements and new vehicles.

- In 2014, a partnership with the city and Oberlin College's Green Edge Fund provided support to purchase three new trash and recycling trucks.

- Oberlin College contributes to the Keep Oberlin Beautiful initiative, which furnishes downtown Oberlin with hanging flower baskets and trash/recycling receptacle planters for a more vibrant and ecologically sustainable community.

## THE OBERLIN PROJECT

Founded in 2008, The Oberlin Project is a joint effort to create an integrated response to the many challenges posed by climate change. From its inception, the Oberlin Project was meant to be a temporary organization that would help the city of Oberlin and Oberlin College collaborate to build a resilient and sustainable economy, respond to looming challenges in rapid climate change, and advance the cause of justice for which the community is known. Over the past eight years, it helped start programs and initiatives that have created an environmentally educated public through its many accomplishments.

In 2017 The Oberlin Project will enter its final phase towards eventual dissolution. Much of its work will continue to influence and inform the sustainable and equitable development throughout the region.