

COMMENCEMENT/ REUNION WEEKEND

2019 INFORMATION & HIGHLIGHTS FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES



OBERLIN COMMENCEMENT/REUNION

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You are Invited!

You and your family are invited to the 183rd Commencement in the proud history of Oberlin College. Commencement, which is celebrated in conjunction with alumni reunions, has always been a distinctive occasion at Oberlin, featuring big tents, Japanese lanterns, and events open to all members of the community. We hope that when you read the schedule of activities, you will be as full of anticipation as we are. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2019, and we look forward to celebrating with you in May.

For Parents of Graduating Students

Parents should use the online reservation form found on the Commencement website (www.oberlin.edu/commencement) to arrange housing and dining for themselves and other family members. Graduates have also received this same information so that you may discuss your family's plans before completing your online reservation forms. You do not have to make housing arrangements for your graduate unless they are a mid-year graduate not currently living on campus.

Regarding housing and meal accommodations, you and members of your family may stay in a college residence hall, make your own arrangements in an area hotel, or opt to stay in an Oberlin home with a host family. The Hotel at Oberlin, which has a limited number of rooms, is reserved for the 60th reunion, honorary recipients, and speakers. On-campus RV sites are also available. Meals are available in the Stevenson food court or in local restaurants. Graduating students receive meal tickets for the entire week beginning with dinner on Monday, May 20. Tickets to the Champagne Social, Shansi Breakfast (if applicable), and the Class of 2019 Family Social are free to graduating students; however, registration is

required by either the parents or graduate. Commencement will be the morning of Monday, May 27, on Tappan Square, rain or shine. Tickets are not necessary; seats are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please visit www.oberlin.edu/commencement to order graduation announcements or official photographs, for information on flowers, and for cap and gown contact information. Oberlin does not require graduating students to wear academic regalia. Graduates who are interested in wearing regalia in the Commencement exercises can purchase or rent items from the Ben Franklin Store, 13 W. College Street, 440.774.5711, or the Oberlin Bookstore, 37 W. College Street, 440.774.7722.

As we move closer to Commencement, graduates will receive further information about the weekend's details, and you should keep in touch with them about the schedule. We hope Commencement will be a joyous time for you, and we look forward to having you with us.

Please note that receipt of this mailing does not indicate or confirm that a student is eligible to graduate. That information is only available to students from the Office of the Registrar. Please ask your student if you have any questions.

Directions and Transportation

DIRECTIONS: Campus maps and detailed directions to Oberlin, including train and bus information, appear at www.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.

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 (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.

At the airport, customers should proceed to the baggage claim level, then find the USTG/US event service representative at the Welcome Information Booth in the middle of baggage claim concourse at least 10 minutes prior to pick-up time.

In Oberlin, the shuttle arrives and departs from the shuttle stop in front of the Slow Train Café, located at 55 E. College Street. This stop is close to both The Hotel at Oberlin and the Commencement/Reunion Welcome Center in the Ward Alumni Center (65 E. College Street, Suite 4). The trip to and from Oberlin is approximately 45 minutes. Please arrive at the shuttle stop 10 minutes before departure.

With advance reservations, the fare is \$32 one-way, per person or \$58 round-trip, per person (via Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express only). Walk-up passengers will pay a one-way fare of \$35 per person using cash or credit card. **The last day to make a reservation is Wednesday, May 22, 2019 by midnight EDT.**

Cancellation policy: Regardless of reason and/or cause, any service that is canceled prior to the scheduled service date is subject to a minimum cancellation charge of \$5 per airport transfer service. In addition, airport shuttle service that is canceled after midnight on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, is subject to a minimum cancellation charge of 100 percent of the total service cost.

RIDESHARE PROGRAM: Find other Oberlin parents, 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 email 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 24 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 25 | 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 26 | 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 27 | 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

NOTE: If you arrive on campus after the Welcome Center closes and are staying in a residence hall, please go directly to the Office of Campus Safety at 159 W. Lorain Street. If you have pre-registered for a room, a security officer will take you to your room and let you in; however, they will not be able to give you a key to your room. Please come to the Commencement/Reunion Welcome Center the following morning to pick up your registration packet and room key.

If you arrive on campus after the Welcome Center closes and you are *not* staying in a residence hall, please pick up your tickets the following morning or arrange for your student to pick them up before closing time.

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 27, 2019.**

Residence halls are not air conditioned (except for Kahn Hall and some rooms in Asia House, where the Half-Century Club alumni 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, a lightweight 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 www.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 family members and alumni are registered for Commencement/Reunion Weekend. Register before May 1 for the best chance to be housed with family/friends. Housing is served on a first-come, first-served basis.

PRIMARY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE WEEKEND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Parents/Families: Language Houses and Lord/Saunders

1958, 1959, 1960: The Hotel at Oberlin (overflow in Asia House)

1969: Kahn Hall (overflow in Barnard and Bailey)

1973, 1974, 1975: Langston Hall

1988, 1989, 1990: South Hall

1994: Talcott Hall (overflow in Baldwin and Fairchild)

2008, 2009, 2010: Burton Hall

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; 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 Philips 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

General meal dining (credit only, pay at the door) will be available in the Stevenson food court during the weekend. Hours of operation are 7:30-9:00 a.m. Friday-Monday for breakfast (\$7.25), 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Friday-Monday for lunch (\$8.75), and 5:00-7:00 p.m. Friday-Sunday for dinner (\$12.50). Children ages 4-12 are

half price; children 3 and under are free.

Wheelchair Rental

Wheelchairs and a limited number of electric scooters will be available from the Commencement/Reunion Welcome Center for a flat weekend fee of \$30 (wheelchair) or \$50 (scooter). Quantities are limited, so please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 440.775.8692 to make a reservation. A Visa or MasterCard is required when you call, but you will not be charged until the device is picked up. Wheelchairs must be returned by 1:45 p.m. on Monday, May 27, or you will be charged a \$35 late fee.

Important Information for Guests with Special Needs

Guests with special needs, including but not limited to accessibility, housing requirements, and food allergies, should indicate their needs on the registration form. We will do our best to provide a maximum level of comfort to all guests. Please inform us of special needs as far in advance as possible, as such arrangements may require time to coordinate. Every reasonable attempt will be made to meet the requests. We will inform you of any requests that we are unable to accommodate. If you require special personal assistance, please make plans to bring a care provider with you to campus.

NOTE: While we will try to accommodate guests with mobility issues, some buildings on campus are not accessible to everyone. Guests in wheelchairs and those who use electric scooters, crutches, walkers, etc. may not be able to comfortably stay in or visit all

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For up-to-date Commencement/Reunion information, visit www.oberlin.edu/commencement.

buildings on campus. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Get Active!

Philips Physical Education Center, as well as the new Shanks Health and Wellness Center and renovated Carr Pool, will be open Friday through Sunday. 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.

Sign Language Interpretation

The 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.

Make a Gift in Honor of Your Graduate

A commencement gift is a wonderful way to celebrate your student's achievement and support the college for the benefit of all students. And we want to help you show your pride through some special recognition:

- Gifts of any amount will be recognized on an alphabetical listing on the Parents CRW page through June.
- Gifts made by May 15 of \$100 or more will qualify for a sweet treat for your student.
- Gifts made by May 15 of \$2,500 or more will receive an invitation to a special celebration with other leadership-level parent donors over Commencement/Reunion Weekend and Oberlin Family Fellows recognition throughout the coming year.

MAKING A GIFT IS EASY. YOU CAN:

- Make a gift through your weekend registration form.
- Give directly through our secure site: oberlin.edu/donate.
- Write a check at the Commencement/Reunion Welcome Center.

QUESTIONS? Contact Parent & Family Giving at 440.775.5473 or email pgiving@oberlin.edu.

Cancellation Policy

Full refunds (minus registration processing fees) will be issued if we receive notice of cancellation before 11:59 p.m. EDT, Friday, May 17. No refunds will be made after that time unless an event is sold out or canceled.

Camp Oberlin for Children

Make Commencement/Reunion Weekend a family vacation! This is a great opportunity to introduce younger children to Oberlin College. We offer 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 various activities on and off campus, including touring the Little Red Schoolhouse, 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 and include your child's name and age and any special needs such as food allergies or if they require individualized attention.

On Saturday and Sunday, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., children's pizza dinners will be available in Wilder Hall for children ages 4 to 12. Cost for the pizza dinners is \$10 per child. Please sign up on the online registration form. If your child is attending

the children's activities, arrangements can be made with the coordinators to have children go directly to the pizza dinners.

Toddlers and Infants—Wee Obies

If you have children who are too young for Camp Oberlin, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@oberlin.edu for a list of on-call babysitters. This list will also be available at the Welcome Center. It is your responsibility and discretion to interview or complete a background check on the potential babysitters. Oberlin College has not done any background checks or interviews with these individuals. There are a limited number of highchairs available in the dining halls. Due to liability issues, we are unable to provide portable cribs. A changing station is available in the Welcome Center.

Just for Teens

Oberlin will offer supervised activities for teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17 throughout the weekend. There are a number of admissions tours, seminars, and financial aid information sessions available during the day on Friday and Saturday by advance reservation. See the daily listing on the following pages for information on how to register directly with the admissions office. Afternoon and evening activities include glow bowling, billiards, and tater tots in Wilder Hall; a movie night; their own night at the 'Sco; meals on Saturday and Sunday evenings; and more. Cost is \$75 for the weekend. Advance registration is required; please use the online registration form.

Registration Materials

Due to the large number of people expected to attend the weekend events (more than 3,000 in 2018), submitting your reservation requests early is recommended. We are asking everyone to register online. Alumni can register by visiting www.oberlin.edu/reunion and parents by visiting www.oberlin.edu/commencement. We do not accept registrations over the phone.

Please keep in mind that tickets to some of the more popular events sell out before the weekend. We cannot guarantee tickets or housing accommodations for alumni and parents who arrive on campus without reservations. Please note that The Hotel at Oberlin is reserved for the 60th Reunion (Classes of 1958, 1959, and 1960), honorary degree recipients, and speakers.

Alumni, parents, and family members of graduating students are charged a \$5 processing fee per registration if attending ticketed events or requesting housing.

Please make reservations for residence hall rooms, meals, and special events on the online form before 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 1 to receive early bird pricing. Reservations are not accepted without payment in full. You will receive an acknowledgement by email when you submit your reservations.

The Office of Alumni Relations will not be able to accept reservations after 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 17, 2019. Limited tickets for meals and special events that are not sold out will be available at the Commencement/Reunion Welcome Center during registration hours. Limited dormitory housing may also be available.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WEEKEND?

Office of Alumni Relations | 65 E. College Street, Suite 4, Oberlin, OH 44074
P: 440.775.8692 | **E:** alumni@oberlin.edu
Parents' Website: oberlin.edu/commencement

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE



Available all Weekend:

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.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2019

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 Creg Jantz at 440.775.6401 or cjantz@oberlin.edu.

12:30 p.m.

General Campus Tour for Prospective Students

Pre-registration required. Please register at <https://connect.oberlin.edu/register/admissions101>.

1:00-5:00 p.m.

Graduating Seniors' Art Exhibition

1:30-2:30 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>.

4:00 p.m.

International Students, Families, and Friends Reception

Ⓢ TICKET AND/OR RESERVATION NEEDED

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 24, 2019 CONTINUED

- 4:30 p.m.** **Leadership Donor Reception hosted by President 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).
- 4:30-6:00 p.m.** **Oberlin Lambda Alumni & Multicultural Resource Center Colloquium and Lavender Graduation Ceremony**
An event for LGBTQ alumni and graduates. All are welcome.
- 5:30 p.m.** **Shabbat Service**
- 6:30 p.m.** **🍷 Champagne Social for Alumni and Graduating Seniors**
Graduates will enjoy plenty of food under the Big Top in an interactive and intergenerational setting as they are welcomed into the Oberlin Alumni Association.
- Shabbat Dinner**
Direct inquiries to Talia Rodwin at trodwin@oberlin.edu. No charge, but reservations requested.
- 7:30 p.m.** **Family Style Shabbos Dinner**
Join us for our Family Shabbat Dinner Celebration honoring the Class of 2019. Come and go as you please. All are welcome regardless of background, prior knowledge, or affiliation.
- 8:30 p.m.** **🎹 The Grand Piano Extravaganza**
- 9:30 p.m.** **Cinema Studies Screening: The Best Student Films of the Year (Program A)**
- 11:00 p.m.** **Organ Pump: Late Night Music and Antics**

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019

- 9:00-11:00 a.m.** **College Admissions 101**
A half-day seminar for the high school age children of alumni and siblings of current students. Learn about the college admissions process, preparing for interviews, and writing college application essays. Pre-registration is required. Please register at <https://connect.oberlin.edu/register/admissions101>.
- 10:00 a.m.** **Torah Study and Discussion with Rabbi Megan Doherty**
- 11:00 a.m.-noon** **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>.
- Noon** **General Campus Tour for Prospective Students**
Pre-registration required. Please register at <https://connect.oberlin.edu/register/admissions101>.
- Oberlin Student Cooperative Association (OSCA) Alumni Picnic**
- 1:00 p.m.** **Tour of the Robert S. Lemle '75 and Roni Kohen-Lemle '76 Academic Commons and Mary Church Terrell Main Library**
Hosted by Alexia Hudson-Ward, Director of Libraries.
- 1:30-3:00 p.m.** **Asian/Pacific Islander Diaspora Graduation Ceremony**
- 1:00-5:00 p.m.** **Graduating Seniors' Art Exhibition**
- 1:30-3:30 p.m.** **Oberlin Shansi Open House**
- 2:00-5:00 p.m.** **Oberlin Swimming and Diving Alumni Gathering**
Co-hosted by Emeritus Professor Dick Michaels and Alex de la Peña, head coach of swimming and diving.
- Oberlin Contra Dance**
- 2:30-3:30 p.m.** **Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony & Reception**

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019 CONTINUED

- 3:00-4:30 p.m.** **Heisman Club Hall of Honor Ceremony**
The Hall of Honor recognizes individuals who have helped advance the areas of varsity and recreational sports and health and wellness. Check-in will begin at 2:45 p.m. Pre-registration required. Please contact Greg Jantz at 440.775.6401 or cjantz@oberlin.edu. Walk-ups welcome.
- 3:30-5 p.m.** **Latinx Graduation Ceremony**
- 3:00 p.m.** **🎵 Koreo Hip-Hop Dance Performance**
Oberlin College Taiko
- 4:00 p.m.** **Conservatory Reception**
For alumni, graduates, and families.
- 4:00-5:30 p.m.** **Friends of the Libraries Reception**
Hosted by Alexia Hudson-Ward, Director of Libraries.
- 5:00 p.m.** **Newman Catholic Community Mass**
- 5:30-8:30 p.m.** **🎵 Children's Pizza Dinner & Movies**
- 6:00 p.m.** **🎵 Reunion Receptions & Dinners**
Featuring programs and special guests.
- 8:00 p.m.** **Commencement Recital Part I**
Oberlin Swing Society Dance
- 9:30 p.m.** **Cinema Studies Screening: The Best Student Films of the Year (Program B)**
- 10:15 p.m.** **🎵 Acapelicans, 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.

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019

- 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.
- 10:30 a.m.** **Crimson and Gold Convocation and Presidential Address**
A special Commencement/Reunion Weekend convocation featuring President Carmen Twillie Ambar's state-of-the-college address; presentation of Oberlin Alumni Association awards; and a student organ recital.
- 11:30 a.m.** **🎵 Kendal at Oberlin Sunday Brunch**
Please call 440.775.9801 to register for the brunch.
\$15.25 + tax per person.
- Noon** **🎵 Class of 2019 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 2019, but must be reserved in advance.
- 1:00-5:00 p.m.** **Graduating Seniors' Art Exhibition**
- 1:30 p.m.** **Multifaith Baccalaureate Celebration**
A celebration with blessings and reflections in honor of the Class of 2019, alumni, families, and friends. Pre-service music, featuring members of the Class of 2019 graduating from the Conservatory of Music, will begin at 1 p.m.
- 3:00 p.m.** **🎵 Koreo Hip-Hop Dance Performance**
Oberlin College Taiko
- 3:00-5:00 p.m.** **Africana Graduation Ceremony**
- 4:00 p.m.** **OCircus!**
- 4:30-6:00 p.m.** **Oberlin Improv Extravaganza**
- 5:00 p.m.** **🎵 Oberlin Baroque Ensemble**

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019 CONTINUED

- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Oberlin Family Fellows Reception**
Parent donors recognized at the Oberlin Family Fellows level are invited to bring their graduating student and family members to a special reception in honor of their student and the impact their family has made through their philanthropic investment at Oberlin. Sponsored by the Office of Parent and Family Giving (by invitation only).
- 5:30-8:30 p.m. 🍕 Children's Pizza Dinner & Movies**
- 6:00 p.m. 🍷 Reunion Receptions and Dinners**
- 7:00-10:00 p.m. Social on the Square**
- 8:00 p.m. Commencement Recital Part II**
- 8:00-9:00 p.m. Posse Scholars Commencement Reception**
Bonner Scholar Graduation Celebration
A ceremony celebrating graduating Bonner Scholars and their accomplishments.
- 9:45 p.m. Campus Illumination and Commencement Concert**
At the conclusion of Illumination and the concert, Oberlin Steel will perform.

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019

- 9:00 a.m. Academic Procession Forms**
- 9:30 a.m. Academic Procession & Commencement**
- 12:15 p.m. Chabad Graduation Celebration Open House Lunch**
Join us in celebration of graduation. Immediately following commencement exercises, 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 1969 Farewell Brunch**



ENTERTAINMENT AND PERFORMANCES

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

Cinema Studies Screening: The Best Student Films of the Year

This special program features the best Oberlin student narrative, documentary, animated, and experimental films of 2018-19. 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 2019? 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 2:00-2:30 p.m. and dancing from 2:30-5:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Saturday, 2:00 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

\$ Acapelicans, 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 Coffeeshouse, free admission

\$ 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 ice cream, 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

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