

25th Reunion

May 24-27, 2024 | Schedule of Events

As of May 16, 2024:

The below list includes 25th Reunion specific events taking place during the weekend. A dollar sign (\$) represents an event that has a cost to attend and that requires registration.

Friday, May 24, 2024

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Archives Display for Milestone Reunion Classes of 1974 and 1999	Mudd Center, Goodrich Room (Room 410)
Noon-4:00 p.m.	Oberlin Libraries Letterpress Tour and Demonstration Ed Vermue, Special Collections & Preservation Librarian, will lead a tour and conversation about the Oberlin Library's letterpress. A demonstration will follow with a chance to print your own Mudd 50 memento!	Terrell Main Library, Letterpress Studio, 2 nd Floor, 148 W. College St.
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Visit Afrikan Heritage House (Lord-Saunders) Alumni are welcome to visit during this time for a tour from a current student, or to pop in for a quick visit.	126 Forest St. Oberlin
3:00-6:00 p.m.	Reunion Check-in opens Make this your first stop on campus to check-in and pick up your nametag.	Wilder Hall, Courtyard
3:00-11:00 p.m.	1999 Class HQs open hours A private space for informal gatherings and refreshments throughout the weekend.	Wilder Hall, Room 215, 135 W. Lorain St.
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Private Tour of the Allen Memorial Art Museum <i>No fee, but advance registration was required.</i>	Tour begins in the AMAM atrium
5:00-5:30 p.m.	Welcome Back to Oberlin Reception Join your classmates for a kickoff reception to start the weekend.	Heisman Field House, 200 Woodland St.
5:30-7:00 p.m.	Welcome Back to Oberlin! Dinner Share a casual buffet-style meal with other alumni. WOBC will be in-house spinning tunes from 1974 and 1999! <i>No fee, but advance registration was required.</i>	Heisman Field House, 200 Woodland St.
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Heisman Club Senior Parent & Alumni Happy Hour An open house and happy hour event hosted by the Department of Athletics and Physical Education.	Knowlton Athletics Complex 210 Woodland St.



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7:30-9:00 p.m.	<p>Oberlin's Acapella Groups Performance Join Oberlin's acapella groups: The Obertones, Pitch Please, 'Round Midnight, The Acapelicans, and Nothing but Treble for an evening of fun music, filled with pop, classics, and even a medley or two. Come celebrate the graduating seniors' final acapella concert, and enjoy some fun tunes!</p>	Finney Chapel, 90 N. Professor St.
8:00-9:30 p.m.	<p>\$ Grand Piano Extravaganza (\$25 pp) 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. Proceeds benefit piano department projects.</p>	Warner Concert Hall, 77 W. College St.

Saturday, May 25, 2024

8:00-10:00 a.m.	<p>A Hearty Breakfast for Reunion Alumni Alumni and guests are invited to enjoy a full breakfast at the Hotel at Oberlin. Vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options will be available. <i>No fee, but advance registration was required.</i></p>	Hotel at Oberlin 2 nd Floor Ballroom
9:00 a.m.-Noon	<p>Reunion Check-in opens If you were unable to check in on Friday, please visit us Saturday morning to check in for reunion and pick up your nametag. The table will be right outside the Hotel at Oberlin ballroom on the second floor.</p>	Hotel at Oberlin 2 nd Floor Ballroom
9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.	<p>1999 Class HQs open hours A private space for informal gatherings and refreshments throughout the weekend.</p>	Wilder Hall, Room 215, 135 W. Lorain St.
10:30-11:30 a.m.	<p>Private Tour of the Allen Memorial Art Museum <i>No fee, but advance registration was required.</i></p>	Tour begins in the AMAM atrium
11:40 a.m.-Noon	<p>Class of 1999 Group Photo</p>	Steps of Finney Chapel, 90 N. Professor St.
Noon-1:30 p.m.	<p>\$ 25th Reunion Wood-Fired Pizza Lunch (\$15 pp) Enjoy wood-fired pizzas prepared by the Beautiful Flame of Lorenzo's Pizza. Salad, non-alcoholic drinks, and dessert are also included.</p>	Asia House, Courtyard 40 W. Lorain St.



Saturday, May 25, 2024 (continued)

<p>12:30-2:30 p.m. <i>(Announcements and Welcome: 1:45 p.m.)</i></p>	<p>OSCA Alumni Picnic OSCA & OSCALums are excited to cooperatively host the 2024 OSCA Picnic!</p> <p>Join us to collectively honor graduating students & their families, current OSCA members who recreated OSCA after the pandemic & all OSCALums who have been part of OSCA's 75-year history. Please let us know you are coming with your RSVP. All are welcome!</p>	<p>Harkness Bowl, 113 W. College St.</p>
<p>2:00-3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>50th Reunion Program: Free Speech on Campus Panel <i>(25th Reunion are invited and encouraged to attend.)</i></p> <p>Free speech on campus, a fraught and politicized issue in which colleges and universities have been wrestling for years, has become a particular flashpoint since the October 2023 onset of the Israel-Hamas War.</p> <p>The balancing of the values/principles of free expression and academic freedom with the mandate to foster and maintain a safe, respectful, and inclusive campus environment is ever more challenging.</p> <p>This forum is designed to fully explore the complexities of the hot-button topic from sundry perspectives.</p> <p>Coordinated by Steve Watter '74, Cindy Brown '74, Gwendolyn Morris '74.</p>	<p>Science Center, Nancy Dye Lecture Hall, 119 Woodland St.</p>
<p>2:00-4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Open Bowling at College Lanes Grab a ball and a lane because this year, we're going bowling! This event is open to all alumni.</p>	<p>College Lanes, 180 W. Lorain St.</p>
<p>3:00-4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Heisman Club Hall of Honor Ceremony The Oberlin College John W. Heisman Club will officially enshrine four new members into its Hall of Honor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Lee Drickamer '67, Author, Philanthropist, & Longtime OC Athletics Advocate • Dr. Billie Streets '86, Student-Athlete, Sports & Entertainment Executive & Heisman Club Board Member • Jeff Weltman '87, Student-Athlete & NBA Executive • Mirna Valerio '97, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Advocate, Author & Motivational Speaker 	<p>Jesse Philips Physical Education Center, Lobby 200 Woodland St.</p>
<p>3:30-4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Private Tour of the Allen Memorial Art Museum <i>No fee, but advance registration was required.</i></p>	<p>Tour begins in the AMAM atrium</p>



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4:00-5:00 p.m.	<p>\$ Oberlin Baroque Performance (\$20 pp) 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. Funds raised support the Historical Performances program.</p>	Bosworth Hall, Fairchild Chapel, 50 W. Lorain St.
6:00-7:30 p.m.	<p>\$ Class of 1999 Reception and Dinner (\$25 pp) 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 us for an evening filled with delicious 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.</p>	Peters Hall, Klutznick Commons, 50 N. Professor St.
8:00-9:30 p.m.	<p>Conservatory Recital I A performance featuring Conservatory of Music students from the graduating Class of 2024.</p>	Finney Chapel, 90 N. Professor St.
10:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.	<p>25th Reunion Night at the 'Sco</p>	Wilder Hall, Dionysus Disco, 135 W. Lorain St.
10:30-11:30 p.m.	<p>Organ Pump: Late Night Music and Antics Enjoy a fun-filled musical spectacle! Hilarity guaranteed.</p>	Finney Chapel, 90 N. Professor St.

Sunday, May 26, 2024

8:00-10:00 a.m.	<p>State of the College Alumni Breakfast President Carmen Twillie Ambar will share the State of the College at a special breakfast for alumni with time afterwards for Q&A. This event will take place in the 2nd floor ballroom with the program starting at 8:30 a.m. A hearty breakfast buffet will be offered as you arrive. Vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available. <i>No fee, but advance registration was requested.</i></p>	Hotel at Oberlin, 2 nd Floor Ballroom
9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.	<p>1999 Class HQs open hours A private space for informal gatherings and refreshments throughout the weekend.</p>	Wilder Hall, Room 215, 135 W. Lorain St.



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<p>10:30 a.m.-Noon</p>	<p>Reunion Program: Creativity and the Arts This forum is designed to explore the inspiration(s) behind creativity. Renowned artists and scholars will discuss the catalysts setting them on their respective career paths with special shoutouts to Oberlin influences & influencers! Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vijay Seshadri '74, Pulitzer Prize Winning Poet, Essayist & Critic • Allyssa McCabe '74, UMass/Lowell Professor Emerita of Psychology, Cross-Cultural Child Storytelling Expert • Aimee Lee '99, Visual/Textual Artist Specializing in Korean Papermaking <p>Coordinated by Casey Cook '74 and Gwendolyn Morris '74.</p>	<p>Hallock Auditorium, Adam Joseph Lewis Center for Environmental Studies, 122 Elm St.</p>
<p>Noon-1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>All Alumni Lunch Celebrating Alumni Awardees and Reunion Attendees Join your fellow alumni for a casual and fun lunch to celebrate the weekend and say thank you to those who made it possible. We will also honor the 2023 Alumni Awardees, with a special nod to the 2024 Alumni Medal winner. The Alumni Medal will be presented on stage during commencement on Monday, 5/27. <i>No fee, but advance registration was required.</i></p>	<p>Heisman Field House, 200 Woodland St.</p>
<p>1:00-2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Papermaking Studio Open House hosted by Aimee Lee '99 Visit the papermaking studio that Aimee built, a Library classroom that supports the Book Studies Program and hosts her Papermaking & Book Art Winter Term class. You can make paper in East Asian and European styles and learn about the plants, tools, and labor that make paper possible. All are welcome! <i>The Papermaking Studio is in the basement of Hales with robust signage. There are several Studio entranceways, but none are completely accessible as there is a half flight of stairs from any door.</i></p>	<p>Hales Art Studio, basement, 180 W. Lorain St.</p>
<p>1:00-2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Conservatory Recital II A performance featuring Conservatory of Music students from the graduating Class of 2024.</p>	<p>Finney Chapel, 90 N. Professor St.</p>



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3:00-5:00 p.m.	<p>Black Family Appreciation Ceremony and Dinner A pre-commencement ceremony to celebrate the graduation and accomplishments of students of the African diaspora. Immediately following the ceremony will be the Black Family Appreciation Dinner at the Afrikan Heritage House. No RSVP is required; bring yourself, friends, family, and loved ones.</p>	<p>Warner Concert Hall, 77 W. College St. African Heritage House, 126 Forest St.</p>
4:00-6:00 p.m.	<p>OCircus! Commencement Show OCircus! is back with their commencement show—the largest circus show of the year! Join our talented aerialists, acrobats, stilters, and jugglers as they perform an amazing show for you! This event is free, family-friendly, and open to all. <i>The show is outdoors and will take place on the North Quad with a backup rain location in Hales gymnasium.</i></p>	<p>Hales Gym, 180 W. Lorain St.</p>
4:00-6:00 p.m.	<p>Contact Jam This annual event celebrates the legacy of Oberlin College's seminal involvement with the history of contact improvisation and brings the many generations of Oberlin Contact dancers together in one awesome jam. Coordinated by Professor of Dance Ann Cooper Albright. All are welcome.</p>	<p>Warner Center, Main Space, 30 N. Professor St.</p>
6:00-7:30 p.m.	<p>\$ 25th Reunion Farewell Reception (\$15 pp) Spend the last night on campus at a casual reception with your classmates at Black River, owned by Joe Waltzer '98. Heavy apps and drinks will be provided. 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.</p>	<p>Black River Wine Bar 15 S. Main St. Oberlin</p>
7:00-10:00 p.m.	<p>Campus Illumination and Social on the Square See Tappan Square at its most beautiful, with hundreds of colorful Japanese lanterns strung across the green. Music from an Oberlin jazz ensemble, OSteel, OC Taiko, and food and desserts from local food trucks will be featured.</p>	<p>Tappan Square</p>



Monday, May 27, 2024

<p>8:00-9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>A Hearty Breakfast for Reunion Alumni Stop by before attending the commencement ceremony for a full breakfast at the Hotel at Oberlin.</p> <p>This event will take place in the 2nd floor ballroom. Vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available.</p> <p><i>No fee, but advance registration was requested.</i></p>	<p>Hotel at Oberlin, 2nd Floor Ballroom</p>
<p>9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Academic Procession and Commencement Exercises Join the ceremony honoring the Class of 2024.</p> <p>Rhiannon Giddens, a 2000 graduate of Oberlin Conservatory who has forged a genre-defying career as a singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist, will deliver the keynote address for Oberlin’s Commencement ceremony.</p> <p>Julia Maskin '24 will represent the Class of 2024 as the student commencement speaker.</p> <p><i>A live AV feed of the commencement ceremony will take place in Warner Concert Hall, beginning at 9:15 a.m. Doors open at 8:15 a.m.</i></p>	<p>Tappan Square</p>

