

HOMECOMING & REUNION WEEKEND
Oberlin
20
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**Celebrating our 15th and 35th
Reunion Clusters & OA4**

Welcome home, Obies!

This year, we welcome back members of the classes of 1988, 1989, 1990, 2008, 2009, and 2010 to celebrate their 35th and 15th cluster reunions as well as members of the Oberlin Alumni Association of African Ancestry (OA4).

Navigating your weekend...

Some events are specific to clusters or groups. Use the key to identify which events are for you:



Events that required payment and/or registration ahead of time are indicated with this symbol. If you would like to attend an event, but are not registered, please ask a staff member.



For access to additional resources to help your weekend go smoothly, download the Guidebook app!

The HRW app is live!

This app that can be downloaded to any smart device allowing guests to view the full weekend schedule, see shuttle arrival and departure times, find campus resources, interact with other reunion guests, and much more!



Scan the QR code to download the Guidebook app.

Tap  to open the passphrase tab in the bottom right corner.

Enter the passphrase “hrw2024” to access the guide.



Schedule of Events

Friday, September 27

9:30AM-
5PM



REUNION CHECK IN

Make check-in your first stop on campus! Get connected to our app--your guide for the weekend, pick up your name tag, and get your questions answered.

Outside the entrance to the Science Center, facing W. Lorain St.

10AM-
4PM



BACK TO THE CLASSROOM

Get back in the classroom and attend an Oberlin class! Choose from the varied list of available classes and indulge in Oberlin's renowned curriculum alongside current students.

Multiple Locations

10AM-
4PM



REUNION ARCHIVES ON DISPLAY

Archival displays for the classes of 1988, 1989, 1990, 2008, 2009, 2010, and OA4 members will be on display when you arrive on Friday.

Mudd Library, 4th Floor

11:30AM-
2PM



LUNCH AT STEVIE

Grab a tray! Complimentary lunch is available at Stevenson Dining Hall. Don't forget to pick up your lunch voucher at check in.

Stevenson Hall, 2nd Floor

11AM-
NOON



CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY TOUR

Join staff from the Office of Energy and Sustainability for a 60-minute walking tour to learn more about Oberlin's sustainability projects.

Wilder Hall, steps facing Wilder Bowl

12:15PM-
1:30PM



JAZZ FORUM

Join the forum at The Cat and hear Oberlin's jazz students perform.

Cat in the Cream Coffeehouse, 180 W. Lorain St.

2PM-
3PM



CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY TOUR

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Wilder Hall, steps facing Wilder Bowl

4PM-
4:30PM



SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (SIP) PRESENTATION

Learn more about the SIP project from the Office of Energy and Sustainability team, with time for Q&A.

AJ Lewis Center, Hallock Auditorium

4PM- | SHULE PROGRAM PRESENTATION**5PM**

Dr. Kofi Lomotey '74 will lead a presentation on the history of the Shule Program (Shule means "school" in Swahili) that he developed, dating back to the 70s, for Black children in the Oberlin community.

Afrikan Heritage House, Lord Lounge

5PM-**5:30PM****SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (SIP) PRESENTATION**

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AJ Lewis Center, Hallock Auditorium

5PM-**6PM****WELCOME BACK TO OBERLIN RECEPTION** 

Mix and mingle with all of this year's returning alumni groups.

Science Center, Perlik Commons

6PM-**7:30PM****OA4 WELCOME DINNER** 

Kick off the weekend with a welcome for OA4 members! Featuring opening remarks from Meredith Gadsby, Associate Professor of African Studies and Comparative American Studies.

Carnegie Building, Root Room

6PM-**7:30PM****15TH CLUSTER WELCOME DINNER** 

Join your classmates for a kick off dinner in the lobby of the Wurtzel Theater, followed by tours at the theater complex.

Irene and Alan Wurtzel Theater, Lobby

6PM-**7:30PM****35TH CLUSTER WELCOME DINNER** 

Join your classmates for a kick off dinner at Peters Hall.

Peters Hall, Klutznick Commons

7PM-**9PM****'IF WALLS COULD TALK' GALLERY EXHIBITION**

Professor of Art, Sarah Schuster, has taught painting at Oberlin College since 1988 and in honor of her retirement, we have organized our first alumni and student show. All the 100 people exhibiting their work have taken at least one class with Professor Schuster and have sustained a visual arts practice in any medium. We hope many of you will see the work and join in the celebration.

Baron Art Gallery, 65 E. College St., Suite 5

7:30PM-**9PM****OBERLIN ORCHESTRA CONCERT**

The Chamber Orchestra, led by James Feddeck '05, MM '06, features Oberlin Conservatory musicians playing concert works. This program features Assistant Professor of Trombone John Gruber. Open to all and free to attend.

Finney Chapel

8PM-10PM | 15TH CLUSTER CATCH UP WITH CLASSMATES

8PM-10PM



Head over after dinner for conversations, coffee, tea, pastries, craft cocktails, and wine in a can!

Slow Train Cafe, 55 E. College St.

8PM-10PM | 35TH CLUSTER WINE NIGHT AT BLACK RIVER

8PM-10PM



Spend the first night on campus at a casual reception with your classmates at Black River, owned by Joe Waltzer '98. Apps and drinks will be provided, please present your nametag at the bar!

Black River Wine Shop and Bar, 15 S. Main St.

10PM-MIDNIGHT | OA4 NIGHT AT THE 'SCO

10PM-MIDNIGHT



Nostalgic dance party with music from all eras! Beer will be available from the 'Sco bar, and it is cash only.

Wilder Hall, The 'Sco

Saturday, September 28**8:30AM-NOON | REUNION CHECK IN**

8:30AM-NOON



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Hotel at Oberlin, 2nd Floor Lobby

8:30AM-10AM | STATE OF THE COLLEGE ALUMNI BREAKFAST 

8:30AM-10AM



President Ambar will share the State of the College at a special breakfast for alumni followed by time for Q&A.

Hotel at Oberlin, 2nd Floor Ballroom

9AM | ALUMNI SOFTBALL GAME

9AM



Come join your fellow sport alumni, current student-athletes and coaching staff for some competition or food and conversation.

Dolcemaschio Stadium at Culhane Field

9:30AM-11AM | FGIE (FIRST-GENERATION & INCOME ELIGIBLE) ALUMNI AND COMMUNITY MEET AND GREET

9:30AM-11AM



Are you a first-generation or income-eligible alumni interested in mentorship opportunities? The Center for Student Success invites you to stop by our newly renovated office in Stevenson Hall to meet current first-generation and income-eligible (FGIE) students for community and conversation. A light continental breakfast will be served.

Stevenson Hall, Longman Commons, Room 106

10AM-11AM | SUSTAINABILITY INTERPRETIVE TRAIL

10AM-11AM



Interactive educational dashboard--stop by to see a beta test presentation led by Environmental Studies students, with a focus on the Sustainable Infrastructure Program (SIP) related component of the Interpretive Trail project.

Hotel at Oberlin, 1st Floor

10AM-
11AM



**SOUNDPAINING HOSTED BY DREW PATTISON '10,
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BASSOON**

Join us for a fun intro to Soundpainting, a 50 year-old artistic sign language for interdisciplinary collaboration and creative exploration. Arts lovers, artists, and former artists from all backgrounds (music, dance, theater, literature, visual arts) are welcome, as we explore the signs and create together in real time. The soundpainter gives physical hand signs to the group to lead the composition. It's a wonderful way for people of all experience levels and backgrounds to authentically collaborate. No need to be in shape with your discipline, soundpainting is completely open and not demanding. There are no mistakes and the focus is on expression, observation, and creativity. Bring your own instruments/materials. Email drew.pattison@oberlin.edu for questions.

Warner Center, Gymnasium, 30 N. Professor St.

10AM-
NOON



WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY VS EARLHAM COLLEGE

Oberlin College Women's Field Hockey takes on Earlham College!

Bailey Field

10:15AM-
11AM



THEN & NOW CAMPUS TOUR

What's new at OC? This walk leads attendees on a nostalgic tour of campus, highlighting the current locations and past sites of Oberlin's most prolific landmarks. This tour also highlights new additions to our campus.

Departs from the Admissions Office, 38 E. College St.

10:30AM-
11:30AM



**ALUMNI SWIMMING & DIVING BRUNCH AND
COACH MICHAELS CELEBRATION**

Philips Gym, Carr Pool Wet Classroom

11AM-
12:30PM



**HEISMAN CLUB 25TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION OF SOFTBALL LUNCHEON**

Softball remains Oberlin College's youngest varsity sport and is celebrating its 25th anniversary since first taking to the diamond in 2000. We invite you to take part and celebrate all that is Oberlin softball this past quarter century!

Knowlton Athletics Complex, Social Space

11AM-
12:30PM



**35TH CLUSTER OBERLIN AUTHORS READING AND
DISCUSSION**

Oberlin authors from the 35th Cluster will read from their work, discuss their creative process, and open the floor for questions.

Science Center, Dye Lecture Hall

11AM-
1PM



**OA4 NETWORKING AND CAREER EXPLORATION
BUFFET BRUNCH** ☆

Network with other OA4 members and Oberlin students over brunch.

Carnegie Building, Root Room

NOON-**1:30PM****REUNION GROUP PHOTOS**

15th Cluster: 12:00-12:30 p.m. (12:10pm-2008, 12:20pm-2009, 12:30pm-2010)
 35th Cluster: 12:30-1 p.m. (12:40pm-1988, 12:50pm-1989, 1:00pm-1990)
 OA4: 1-1:30 p.m. (1:15pm-OA4 members group photo)

*Finney Chapel Steps***NOON-****1:30PM****ALUMNI CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK & FIELD LUNCH***Kahn Track Concession Stand***NOON-****2PM****ALUMNI MEN'S LACROSSE GAME**

Come join your fellow sport alumni, current student-athletes and coaching staff for some competition or food and conversation.

*Bailey Field***1PM-2PM****WELTZHEIMER/JOHNSON FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOUSE PRIVATE TOUR** ★

Join Ellis Lane '22, curatorial assistant in the Education Department at the Allen Memorial Art Museum, for a private tour of the Weltzheimer/Johnson Frank Lloyd Wright House. Space is limited to 30 participants per tour. More information will be sent to those who add this event to their agenda and campus shuttles will be available.

*The Weltzheimer/Johnson House, 534 Morgan St.***1PM-****3:30PM****HEISMAN CLUB HOMECOMING TAILGATE** ★

Food, drinks, live music, games, and fun! Come celebrate Oberlin with the entire campus community. Food will be provided by local food trucks: Steel Magnolia, New Orleans Creole Connection, Lorenzo's, and Barrio.

*Knowlton Athletic Complex***2PM-3PM****WELTZHEIMER/JOHNSON FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOUSE PRIVATE TOUR** ★

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*The Weltzheimer/Johnson House, 534 Morgan St.***2:00PM-****3:30PM****FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION**

'Six Winters Gone Still' follows a young Black man trying to prepare himself for incarceration as he says good-bye to his family. 'BIOLOGICAL' illuminates the humanity of Hip-hop within a unique cultural landscape of Seattle during the 'golden era' of the 90s. Join Justin Emeka '95, the films' producer, for viewing of these two award-winning short films, followed by a discussion.

The Apollo Theatre, 19 E. College St.

2:30PM-
4:30PM



OSCA ICE CREAM SOCIAL

OSCA & OSCALums are excited to cooperatively host the OSCA Ice Cream Social! Join us for a fun afternoon with students and alumni!

Tank Hall, 110 E. College St.

4PM-
5:30PM



OA4 TOWN AND GOWN PANEL

A discussion on the Black experience at Oberlin.

Science Center, Dye Lecture Hall

4PM-
6PM



35TH CLUSTER VARIETY SHOW AT THE CAT

Join MC Paul Heiner '90 for a variety show featuring your talented classmates!

Cat in the Cream Coffeehouse, 180 W. Lorain St.

4PM-
6PM



WOMEN'S SOCCER VS MARIETTA COLLEGE

Oberlin College Women's Soccer takes on Marietta College!

Bailey Field

4:30PM-
6PM



ARTIST RECITAL SERIES: TAKÁCS QUARTET WITH JULIEN LABRO

The first performance of the 2024-25 Artist Recital Series will take place over Homecoming and Reunion Weekend! This is a ticketed event, you can purchase tickets until they're sold out by scanning the QR code or stopping by the box office before the show.

Finney Chapel

4:30PM-
6PM



TACKLING THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS, ONE ECONOMIST AT A TIME

In honor of the inaugural Morgenstern-Sloan Economics Professorship, join this roundtable discussion moderated by Associate Professor and Chair of Economics, Paul Brehm. All alumni are welcome to attend!

AJ Lewis Center, Hallock Auditorium

5PM-
7PM



FOR EWE SIP AND SHOP

OA4 and 35th reunion cluster member Lisa Whitfield '90 hosts alumni in her local yarn shop, For Ewe, for a sip & shop-style reception. Stock up on yarn, find a new passion, mingle with friends, and hear from Lisa about local businesses in Oberlin.

For Ewe, 29 W. College St.

5:30PM-
7PM



GATHER OR GO BUFFET DINNER

Join a fun and casual dinner buffet to hang out with your classmates, or grab your food to-go and find your perfect spot on campus!

Peters Hall, Klutznick Commons

5:30PM-

7:30PM

**CONSERVATORY STREET PERFORMANCE**

Student jazz group performance outside of Ben Franklin to enjoy while on your way to various reunion events.

W. College St., outside of Ben Franklin (rain location: Peters Hall, Klutznick Commons)

6PM-

7:30PM

**ATHLETES & ACTIVISM PANEL**

Athletes in collegiate and professional sports have been using their respective platforms to advocate for social and political issues in the United States and across the world for decades. This panel will focus on enabling athletes to use their power to positively engage in activism and how administrators and coaches can support them in this process.

Science Center, Dye Lecture Hall

6PM-

7:30PM

**35TH CLUSTER DINNER** 

Have dinner with other alumni from your reunion group!

Hotel at Oberlin, 2nd Floor Ballroom

6PM-

8PM

**HEISMAN CLUB 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF 2015 NCAC & NCAA BASEBALL TEAM SOCIAL**

It's been nearly 10 years since the Oberlin College baseball team made its magical run through the North Coast Athletic Conference Tournament and into the Regional Championship. Join us back on campus to relive the memories, celebrate the past, and connect with current Obies.

Dill Field, (rain location Knowlton Social Space)

7PM-

10PM

**FALL ILLUMINATION**

Tappan Square is at its most beautiful, with hundreds of colorful Japanese lanterns strung across the green. This event is open to the entire campus community.

Tappan Square

7:30PM-

9PM

**OA4 BLACK ALUMNI CONCERT**

A concert-style performance by members of OA4 ranging from jazz, to gospel, to classical. Free to attend. All are welcome!

Warner Concert Hall

9PM-

MIDNIGHT

**REUNION NIGHT AT THE 'SCO**

Nostalgic dance party for reunion alumni! Reunion Clusters will party the night away starting at 9 p.m., with beer available at the 'Sco bar - cash only.

Wilder Hall, The 'Sco

10PM

**OA4 SOUL SESSION**

Express yourself in this alumni-led soul session!

Afrikan Heritage House

Sunday, September 29

- 8:30AM-10AM** ● **OA4 COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH CARMEN** ☆
A time for OA4 alumni to gather with President Ambar over coffee, and learn more about issues important to members of OA4.
Hotel at Oberlin, 2nd Floor Ballroom
- 10AM-11:30AM** ● **OA4 FAREWELL BRUNCH FEATURING DR. JEFFRIANNE WILDER**
Celebrate OA4's enduring legacy and say farewell to friends old and new! Dr. JeffriAnne Wilder, Inaugural Executive Director of Center for Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, will share her goals and ideas for future collaborations with OA4.
Hotel at Oberlin, 2nd Floor Ballroom
- 10AM-11:30AM** ●● **A REUNION FAREWELL BRUNCH**
Sunday brunch for our 15th and 35th cluster classes!
Peters Hall, Klutznick Commons
- NOON-12:30PM** ●●● **GEORGE BOYER VASHON TREE DEDICATION**
The year 2024 marks the 200th birthday of Oberlin's first African American graduate, George Boyer Vashon. To honor Vashon's historic ties to Oberlin, a plaque will be dedicated in Tappan Square. Join us for this special ceremony.
Tappan Square Memorial Arch
- NOON** ●●● **ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME**
Come join your fellow sport alumni, current student-athletes and coaching staff for some competition or food and conversation.
Dill Field
- NOON** ●●● **WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY VS DEPAUW UNIVERSITY**
Oberlin College Women's Field Hockey takes on DePauw University!
Bailey Field
- 12:30PM-1:30PM** ●●● **OBERLIN'S HOMECOMING HARVEST GATHERING**
Join us as we wrap up the weekend with food, games and music!
Tappan Square

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Please direct all schedule-related questions to staff members.





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