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WILDER BOWL



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Welcome to Wilder Bowl, a monthly glimpse of campus life for families of Oberlin students. Wilder Bowl is produced by the Office of Communications.

Welcome, New Obies!

In August, Oberlin welcomed more than 850 new first-year and transfer students to campus! They were acclimated to life at Oberlin through a series of introductory programs and welcome events that continued into the first weeks of the semster, helping everyone get off to a strong start.

We're thrilled to welcome all of our new and returning students to campus! View photos from move-in weekend and more on Oberlin's Flickr.



Oberlin Podcast Launches Season 3

In the Season 3 kickoff of the ***Running to the Noise*** podcast, **President Carmen Twillie Ambar** talks to celebrated radio journalist **Joe Richman '87**, creator of *Radio Diaries*, the Peabody Award-winning series that famously invited people to be the narrators of their own stories, long before TikTok and Instagram ran with the idea. Hear why radio is "an empathy machine" and how journalism skills are life skills—the subject of the class Richman taught at Oberlin last spring.

Listen beginning September 30 on the *Running to the Noise* website or wherever you get your podcasts.

Wanna Get Away? Don't Forget to Apply!

Students interested in **studying away** during the spring semester must complete the study-away application by October 15. The application can be found at studyaway.oberlin.edu. For assistance, students can email saway@oberlin.edu or set up an advising appointment through Handshake.



Plan Now for Parents Weekend!

We look forward to welcoming families and friends to campus for **Family Weekend**, happening November 7 through 9. It's three days full of concerts, lectures, tours, and more. A complete schedule will be available in October. Deadline for registering is Wednesday, October 29. Register early using this link.

Never Too Soon to Think Winter Term

Application period for Winter Term—our annual opportunity for immersive study over the month of January—opens September 17 and runs through November 14. Students can learn more about upcoming group projects by browsing the Winter Term catalog. Applications can be found on the Study Away website. For more assistance, students can email wterm@oberlin.edu or set up an advising appointment through Handshake.



Show Them You Scare

Halloween is creeping up fast—and there's no better way to send a little love (and a few boos!) than with a **Halloween Care Package** for your student.

Each package is loaded with delicious snacks and goodies—perfect for a quick study break or sharing with a friendly ghoul or two down the hall. Order by October 8 to ensure your Obie gets their treats in time!

Career Exploration & Development Updates

Career Exploration & Development kicked off fall semester with opportunities to support your student's career journey. September featured our Week of Curriculum to Career, highlighting paths in economics, business, and more. Applications are open for CED-sponsored Winter Term projects, including our Micro-Internship program, EMT Certification, and LSAT Prep course.

CED is teaming up with Residence Life to connect with students in their halls this semester. Encourage your student to take part and explore the support available to them!

Be Alert: Download the ObieAlert App Today

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New to campus? Download **ObieAlert**, a customized emergency messaging system and mobile safety app available to all members of the campus community. ObieAlert offers free, one-touch access to Campus Safety and vital campus services including Virtual Walk Home, as well as timely alerts and other safety resources.

Learn more about ObieAlert on the Campus Safety website, and download it today for Apple and Android devices.

Get on Track for Success

As we approach the midpoint of the semester, the **Center for Student Success** is excited to share that our Success Coaching hours have expanded! Students can now schedule individualized coaching appointments between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., giving them more flexibility to access the support they need to thrive—especially with midterms just around the corner.

Help Illuminate the Lives of Obies

The **Illumination Society** recognizes Oberlin's most loyal donors, whose generosity empowers our students, inspires our faculty, and supports the programs and activities that prepare our graduates to be global forces for good.

Oberlin parents become members of the Illumination Society after two consecutive years of giving. Each year, we send a magnet featuring an element of Oberlin's historic campus to all Illumination Society members as a token of our appreciation. This year's magnet features the Allen Memorial Art Museum!

Thank you to all those who have made gifts over the past two years! Be on the lookout for your magnet, dropping in mailboxes soon.

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