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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.

Fall Orientation is Here!

Welcome to all new students, families, and friends! Orientation information can be found on the Orientation website and by downloading the Guidebook app, which offers the most up-to-date schedule, alerts, and helpful info. Follow these simple steps:

- Scan the QR code at right.
- Tap “Download the app” to access the guide on your iOS or Android device.
- Open Guidebook and search for “Oberlin College Orientation 2025.”
- Be sure to allow push notifications!



Start the Year Healthy!

Student Health and Well-Being looks forward to welcoming students and familes to campus and supporting students’ safety and well-being throughout the year ahead. To ensure your adjustment goes smoothly, we’d like to share a few tips to keep in mind as you settle into your new routine. [Read on for our recommendations.]



Wilder Hall Renovation Resumes

Construction at Wilder Hall, Oberlin’s historic student union building, resumed in July and will continue through summer 2026. The project, which is the second phase of a comprehensive multi-year renovation, will focus on upgrades to the third floor. Highlights include new spaces for various Student Affairs offices and student organizations, as well as the creation of an esports arena. While access to the third floor will be limited to offices on the west end of the building through 2025-26, most of Wilder will remain in use during this period. [Learn more about the project on Oberlin.edu.]

Give Your Obie a Sweet Start

Our Welcome to Campus Care Package is the perfect way to show your support and brighten your Obie's day during those busy first weeks. Packed with classic snacks and thoughtful touches, the package arrives 10 to 14 days after classes

begin—just when your student could use a boost the most.

Want to keep the love coming all year long? We've got you covered with seasonal care packages for fall and spring finals, Halloween, Valentine's Day, and more—and each box includes a personalized card from you. Use this link to order your fall package by August 22.

Get to Know Career Exploration!

Career Exploration & Development (CED) warmly welcomes our new Class of 2029 families and happily greets those returning! At Oberlin, CED is both a shared resource and a shared journey. Through Internship+, the Summer Experience Internship Program, Micro Internships, and alumni mentoring on OberLink, we help students explore passions and build skills. Together, we can open doors, spark curiosity, and prepare them for a purposeful, fulfilling future. We're so glad you're part of our community!



Be Alert: Download the ObieAlert App Today

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.

Welcome from Athletics!

It's been a busy summer for Oberlin Athletics:

- Oberlin welcomes John Harshbarger as sports psychologist
- Obies earned 104 individual and team academic honors, 177 student-athletes made the Dr. Gordon Collins Honor Roll

- Oberlin announced eight new coaches, administrators, and athletic trainers
- Watch every home game on the Oberlin College Sports Network, available online and on Roku, Apple TV, and Amazon Fire TV.

See you in the stands this season!

Get to Know Student Success!

As your child embarks on their Oberlin journey, the Center for Student Success is excited to welcome you into a lively community of connection, opportunity, and support. We invite families to join us for two meaningful upcoming events specifically designed to celebrate and assist students on their academic journey: the First-Generation & Income Eligible (FGIE) Reception (Friday, August 22) and CSS Success Fest (Saturday, August 23). Visit the CSS website for complete details. We hope to see you there!

Oberlin Earns First-Gen Forward Honors

Oberlin has been selected as a member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators' First-Gen Forward Network Class of 2025. The network is a national initiative that supports colleges and universities committed to improving the experiences and outcomes of first-generation students. As a member, Oberlin's Center for Student Success will have access to transformative data, a network of committed institutions and professionals, and a library of best practices that drive first-generation student success.

What's New in Campus Dining?

Numerous updates to campus dining will be implemented this fall, in response to input from students and Residence Life's Dining Committee. Visit the Residence Life bulletins page for complete information about new hours, new locations, new options—and new ways to ensure your meal swipes last all semester!

Save the Date: Family & Friends Weekend

Family & Friends Weekend happens November 7 through 9. We hope to see you here!

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