



Alumni Weekend 2023 Schedule of Events

Ⓢ Indicates that there is a cost for this event.

Registration opens online in February. Early Bird Registrants (before March 17) will receive a swag bag when checking in.

Friday, April 21

Registration/Check-in Desk

10:00 a.m. – Noon | Hearst Hall Lobby

Pre-registered alumni may pick up registration packets, program of events and ask questions.

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8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Class Schedule TBD

Alumni Luncheon with Retired and Current Faculty and Staff.

Honoring retiring professor: Dr. Michael Rulison, Professor of Physics Ⓢ

Noon – 1:30 p.m. | Lupton Auditorium

Join the Alumni Association in reconnecting with past and present faculty and staff! A special program is planned in honor of Dr. Michael Rulison upon his retirement after 42 years of service to Oglethorpe. All retired and current faculty and staff are our invited guests. This is your chance to thank your favorite professor or staff member for their time, commitment, and dedication to Oglethorpe. Cohosted with the Office of the Provost.

50th Reunion of the Class of 1973 Campus Tour, including archives and '73 memorabilia

2:00 p.m. | Meet in Lobby of Hearst Hall

Tour Guide: Eli Arnold '06, Director of Weltner Library and University Archivist

Alumni Awards, Athletics Hall of Fame and Golden Petrel Induction, Reception and Ceremony Ⓢ

6:00 p.m. Reception, 7:00 p.m. | Lupton Auditorium

A dessert reception follows the ceremony.

Join fellow Petrels as we honor our 2023 Alumni Award winners, Hall of Fame inductees and Golden Petrel Society inductees. Alumni Award winners and Hall of Fame inductees will be announced on the alumni website closer to Alumni Weekend.

Saturday, April 22

Registration and Hospitality

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Hearst Hall Lobby

Stop by and pick up pre-registration packets, ask questions, visit with fellow classmates and enjoy old pictures and yearbooks. Complimentary cold beverages and snacks will be available throughout the day.

Petrels with the President Alumni Forum

10:00 a.m. | Lupton Auditorium

Coffee with President Ladany and the State of the University update will be followed by an open Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association where a new slate of Alumni Board members will be presented for a vote. Coffee and pastries will be served.

Core Conversations

11:00 a.m. | Lupton Auditorium

Hear an update about the modernization of the Core and return to the classroom with a Socratic discussion led by Dr. Stephen Herschler Mattern with current students.

Quadfest Family Picnic 💰

Noon – 2:30 p.m. | Academic Quadrangle

Petrels of a feather will reconnect back on the quad with families and friends for a fun-filled picnic! We will have your favorite picnic food as well as cold beer, lawn games, bounce house, music, and photos with Petey! Lunch will be served until 2:30 p.m.

Oglethorpe University Museum of Art

Noon– 5:00 p.m. | Third Floor of Lowry Hall

Museum Director Elizabeth Peterson welcomes alumni to visit the OUMA at any time during Saturday afternoon's festivities.

Carillon Ceremony for Reunion Classes

1:00 p.m. | Front of Lupton Hall

Facilitated by the Alumni Association, the Carillon Ceremony honors members of reunion classes with an opportunity to enter a secret door in Lupton Hall and climb a narrow, Spiral Staircase to the top of the bell tower. Alumni sign an historical registry and have their photos taken ringing the carillon bells. No skirts, please wear non-slip, low-heeled shoes.

Dedication of new trophy cases

1:30 p.m. | Dorough Fieldhouse, Mezzanine

Join us for a brief dedication and recognition of the donors who gave the trophy cases now standing in Dorough Fieldhouse.

Speed Networking for Alumni and Current Students

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Lupton Auditorium

Hosted by OBAN, the Oglethorpe Black Alumni Network, In partnership with OU Career Development, this event will formally connect currently enrolled Black students with the alumni network.

18th Annual John P. Salamone '86 Alumni Soccer Tournament, Men's & Women's

2:00 p.m. | Salamone Field

Calling OU soccer players of all ages! It's time to put on your cleats or just cheer on players and visit with friends on the sidelines. Fee for players includes a t-shirt. Spectators are free.

Alumni Basketball Game, Men's and Women's

2:00 p.m. | Dorrough Field House

Join your teammates for some hoops on Pinholster Court! All are welcome to cheer on alumni basketball players as they relive their glory days.

OBAN Family Reunion

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Cousins Center for Science and Innovation

Building on the success of OBAN's inaugural event at Alumni Weekend last year, this event will continue the conversation and engagement this year and set the foundation for the year to come.

Class and Affinity Group Reunion Celebrations

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. | Academic Quad tent and surrounding areas

ALL Alumni are invited to "Come Back Home" to the Quad for a celebration bringing everyone together for connection, reminiscing, food, live music and fun. Affinity Groups and Reunion Classes include: Oglethorpe Black Alumni Network (OBAN), LGBTQA+ Alumni, Stormy Petrel Bar Association (SPBA) and International Alumni as well as the following Class Reunions:

60th Reunion – Class of 1963

55th Reunion – Class of 1968

50th Reunion – Class of 1973

45th Reunion – Class of 1978

40th Reunion – Class of 1983

35th Reunion – Class of 1988

30th Reunion – Class of 1993

25th Reunion – Class of 1998

20th Reunion – Class of 2003

15th Reunion – Class of 2008

10th Reunion – Class of 2013

5th Reunion – Class of 2018

50th Reunion Dinner of the Class of 1973

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Library Atrium

If you would like to serve as a reunion host, please contact Mary Rinaldi Winn at mrinaldiwinn@oglethorpe.edu.