Alumni Homecoming Weekend - April 17-20, 2014

The theme for this year's Homecoming Weekend is "Oakwoodites for Life!" The Oakwood story is not just a story of Moran Hall, or other buildings on Oakwood's campus; the oak trees, or curriculum and educational achievements of those who have attended Oakwood. It's a special "village" story.

Our experience is not only religion-based and Christ-centered, but also family-oriented. Remember your campus "father" or "sister?" How about that teacher who believed you could do it, when you doubted yourself? Reflect back on your time at Oakwood and the events that helped shape your life.

Don't be just an alumni weekend observer - be a participant. Join our UNCF Queen, Monica Spencer, at the UNCF Gala on Thursday; and on Friday attend any of the planned educational seminars. Help us sing "Precious Memories" during the Friday night Vespers program. All the beautiful harmony makes me think the angels in heaven are joining with us. I know Dr. Mark McCleary, '74, will have an end time message for a present day people. Two speakers for Sabbath? Come to receive a double blessing from the Graham brothers, Pastors Paul, '94, and Patrick Graham, '95.

Honored Classes of the 4s - celebrate with your friends the milestones you have made in your life since your graduation from Oakwood. Please, don't forget to jump start training now for our Alumni 5K Run/Walk on early Sunday morning. Finally, to our Honorees - thank you for your fundraising efforts! The
monies you have raised will benefit students currently attending our alma mater, Oakwood University.

I pray Homecoming 2014 will be a spirit-filled and enjoyable weekend for everyone. Come early Thursday morning and stay until late Sunday afternoon. Don't forget to register! Your contact information is important to us. We are building our alumni database and we want to be able to reach you.

Even though we don't celebrate Easter as the world celebrates, we cannot forget the Resurrection. I pray God for His son, Jesus, who died on the cross to save us from sin. I pray that one day soon, we will reunite with each other on that great "Homecoming Day" when we will see our Jesus face to face.

Jennifer Mosley Stone, '78, DDS
President, Oakwood University Alumni Association

We are looking forward to welcoming you "home" for Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2014, fellow alumni and friends! The weekend has been designed with your needs for fellowship and connection in mind.

The Office of Alumni Relations is the primary communications link between the University and our alumni. Our purpose is to encourage and foster lifelong alumni participation, involvement, and commitment.

Over the next several months it will be our goal to:

- Strengthen the bond between the University and our alumni;
- Create programs which match the interests and needs of the alumni;
- Maintain and build upon the positive relationships we have with our more seasoned alumni;
- Increase the participation, involvement, and communication with our younger alumni;
- Continue to serve as the primary communications link between the University and its alumni.

Achieving these goals will require a tremendous team effort, and it will be important to enlist the assistance of University administration, friends of the University, and of course...you, our Alumni!

We recognize, acknowledge, and embrace our alumni as vital stakeholders in the advancement of the University. Therefore, we encourage all alumni to participate in and support the programs, services, and numerous campus activities and events. Please stay connected through involvement and participation in the Oakwood University Alumni Association.

We also encourage each of you to be ambassadors for Oakwood in your respective communities, by assisting with the recruitment of students and by supporting programs with your time, talent, and finances.

Help us keep the "Oakwood Experience" alive by making "God
First" in all that we do!

Looking forward to seeing you,

**Edith Pruitt**  
Coordinator, Alumni Relations

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### Wednesday, April 16

The Youth Mentoring Task Force (YMTF) committee has chosen this date specifically for those alumni professionals who will share their career experiences, knowledge, and tips with our students during a one-day YMTF Leadership Conference.

Visit OU's website, click on Career Services at the bottom of the page, then click "Mentor Registration Form." Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve, and Pay It Forward!

Contact Career Services at 256.726.7134 if you have any questions.

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### Thursday, April 17  
*(information gathered from Alumni website)*

8:00 a.m. - **Lynn Ross Golf Tournament**  
Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Hampton Cove  
Contact: Adam Maycock - 407.358.4542

12:00-6:00 p.m. - **Alumni Registration**  
Blake Center Mall (OU Campus)  
Contact: Violet Thompson - 347.247.9307

12:00 p.m. - **Basketball Tournament**  
Ashby Auditorium/Gym (OU Campus)  
Contact: Simon Jacob - 256.726.7312  
simonjacob@bellsouth.net

2:00-4:00 p.m. - Religion/Theology Lecture  
"The Black SDA Church in America at the Crossroads in the 21st Century"  
C.T. Richards Chapel, Moseley Complex (OU Campus)  
Dr. Calvin B. Rock, Guest Lecturer, Dr. Alfonzo Greene and Dr. Finbar Benjamin, Respondents  
Contact: Dr. Russell Seay - 615.417.7168  
rseay@oakwood.edu

6:30 p.m. - **UNCF Gala** - Von Braun Center, North Hall  
Tickets can be purchased online at [www.oakwood.edu/uncf](http://www.oakwood.edu/uncf)
**Friday, April 18**

*(information gathered from Alumni website)*

8:00 a.m.  Lynn Ross Golf Tournament  
Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Hampton Cove

8:00 a.m. - Basketball Tournament - Ashby Auditorium (Gym)

8:00 am - 3:00 p.m. - Clara Peterson-Rock Museum Open House Historic Tour. Eva B. Dykes Library Entrance (OU Campus)  
Contact: Heather James - 256.726.7259  
hjames@oakwood.edu

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Social Work Department Interactive Workshop, "Bachelor's & Beyond: Exploring Professional Development Beyond the Undergraduate Degree" 
Cunningham Hall, OU Faculty Development Center (OU Campus)  
Guest Speakers: Drs. Kesslyn Brade-Stennis and Kathy G. Purnell  
Contact: Dr. Kesslyn Brade-Stennis - 301.541.8402  
DrKesslyn@ThePhDConsultants.com

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. - Alumni Registration  
Blake Center Mall, (OU Campus)

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Nursing Advisory Counsel  
Cooper Science Complex, Building #3 (OU Campus)  
Contact: Udell Darville - 770.897.6159  
udelldarville@att.net  
OU Nursing Dept. - 256.726.7287  
Nursing@oakwood.edu

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - OUMDA Presents Annual Rhyne-Duncan Medical Symposium -Cooper Science Complex (OU Campus)  
Contact: Muriel Rhyne - 256.701.6350

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Religion/Theology Lecture  
"The Black SDA Church in America at the Crossroads in the 21st Century"  
C.T. Richards Chapel, Moseley Complex (OU Campus)  
Dr. Calvin B. Rock, Guest Lecturer, Dr. Alfonzo Greene and Dr. Finbar Benjamin, Respondents  
Contact: Dr. Russell Seay - 615.417.7168  
rseay@oakwood.edu

11:30 a.m. - C-100 Annual Constituency Luncheon  
Wade Hall (OU Campus)  
Contact: Elinor Eakins - 256.426.5513  
emomael@apt.net

12:00 p.m. - ABAN Meeting (Association of Black SDA Nurses)  
Cooper Science Complex  
Mentoring Presentation: OU Department of Nursing  
Contact: Charlie Jo Morgan - 909-754-1792  
Cmorgan538@aol.com
1:00-2:30 p.m. - Living Legends Luncheon
Sponsored by the Department of Allied Health. Honorees include Dr. Maxine Taylor, Dr. Barbara J. Warren, Ms. Ava Rovers, Dr. Karen Benn Marshall, and Dr. Susan Baker.
Cooper Complex Building 1, Room 515

2:00 p.m. - Chemistry Department Luncheon - Free Admission
Cooper Science Complex, Building #2, Room 233 (OU Campus) Contact: Dr. Kenneth LaiHing - 256.726.8463
laihing@oakwood.edu

7:00 p.m. - Vespers
Speaker: Dr. Mark McCleary
Von Braun Center Arena
Contact: Desmond Pierre-Louis - 301.980.7540
DKPL58@aol.com

8:30 p.m. - Concert - "A Walk Down Memory Lane"
Dr. Carlton P. Byrd/Linda Anderson, MCs
Featuring music throughout the decades - Dynamic Five reunion, Duawne Starling, the Aeolians and other groups and musicians from the past to the present.
Von Braun Center Arena
Contact: Desmond Pierre-Louis - 301.980.7540
DKPL58@aol.com

Saturday, April 19
(information gathered from Alumni website)

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School
Facilitators: Pastor Henry M. Wright and William R. Wright, Jr.
Von Braun Center Arena
Contact: Pastor Darryl Howard - 404.454.0292
dhyouth@yahoo.com

10:45 a.m. - Divine Worship
Speakers: Pastors Paul Graham and Patrick Graham
Von Braun Center Arena
Contact: Dr. Jennifer Stone 678.464.4692
jstone9202@aol.com

2:00 p.m. - Alumni Awards Dinner & Program
Von Braun Center, East Banquet Hall
Contact: Dawn Allston-Hovis - 205.919.1394
allstonm@bellsouth.net

By Appointment Only - Clara Peterson-Rock Museum Open House Historic Tour. Eva B. Dykes Library Entrance (OU Campus)
Identify photos from the past: Who? What? When? and Where?
Contact: Heather James - 256.726.7259
hjames@oakwood.edu

5:00 p.m. - 70s & 80s Class Reunion
Moran Hall (OU Campus)
Contact: Vera Lopez - 256.489.3377

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. - JOY: Jesus On the Yard: "A Walk Through the Bible Pilgrimage." Begins at the Library lawn and
ends at Moran Hall Bell Tower (Oakwood University Campus). Small groups preferred. Refreshments provided, Agape Feast. Contact Barbara Newton - 256.323.7771 or 256.890.5188

6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - JOY: Jesus On the Yard: "A Walk Through the Bible Pilgrimage." Begins at the Library lawn and ends at Moran Hall Bell Tower (Oakwood University Campus). Small groups preferred. Refreshments provided, Agape Feast. Contact Barbara Newton - 256.323.7771 or 256.890.5188

8:00 p.m. - Aeolians Concert with special guests: Angela Brown and Richard Smallwood
Von Braun Center, Concert Hall
Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com or the Von Braun Center ticket office
Contact: Jason Max Ferdinand - 256.726.7277
Vilroy McBean - mcbeanvr@gmail.com

8:00 p.m. - Basketball Tournament
Ashby Auditorium/Gym

8:00 p.m. - 70s Themed Skating Party
The MAC (skating rink, OU Campus)
Contact: OU Alumni Relations Office - 256.726.7201

8:00 p.m. - Dynamic Praise 25th Year Celebration Concert. featuring Anita Wilson
Madison Mission SDA Church Family Life Center
83 Shelton Road, Madison, AL 35758
Contact: www.dynamicpraise.ticketleap.com

9:00 p.m. - 11th Annual Edward Woods, Jr. Rook Tournament
Embassy Suites-Madison Room, 800 Monroe St. NW, Huntsville, AL 35801
Contact: Kim Britton 404.983.3679
LawrenceBritton@hotmail.com

Sunday, April 20
(information gathered from Alumni website)

7:15 a.m. - 5K Run/Walk and Kid Fun 1K Run/Walk KICK-OFF
Bookstore (OU Campus)
Contact: Daniel Smith - 407.687.7400

8:00-11:00 a.m. - 5K Run/Walk and Kid Fun 1K Run/Walk Begins
Bookstore (OU Campus)
Contact: Daniel Smith - 407.687.7400

8:00 a.m. - Alumni Village (Vendors Mall)
Behind Peterson Hall (OU Campus)
Contact: OU Alumni Relations Office - 256.726.7039

9:00 a.m. - Basketball Tournament
Ashby Auditorium (Gym)
Contact Simon Jacob - 256.726.7312
simonjacob@bellsouth.net

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Social Work Alumni Meet and Greet
Green Hall (OU Campus)
Contact: Lorraine Frye - 256.726.7443 - lfrye@oakwood.edu

10:00 a.m.-12:00 Midnight - Clara Peterson-Rock Museum Open House Historic Tour
Eva B. Dykes Library Entrance (OU Campus)

10:00 a.m. - OU Alumni Association Annual Meeting
Cooper Science Complex
Contact: Dr. Jennifer Stone - 678.464.4692

10:00 am - Business Information Systems Brunch
"Reconnecting with our Alumni".
McKee Business & Technology Building, lower level
(OU Campus)
Contact: Business & Information Systems Department
256.726.7076, 256.726.7070, mlucombe@oakwood.edu

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - OU Expo - Ashby Auditorium (Gym)
(OU Campus)
Contact: Raymond King - 256.726.7387 - rsking@oakwood.edu

6:00 p.m. - Department of Communications' James E. Dykes Communicator Awards
HCM Event Center, 1313 Pulaski Pike, Huntsville, AL 35816
Contact: Dept. of Communication - 256.726.7533

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Oakwood University, a historically black, Seventh-day Adventist institution in Huntsville, Alabama, has as its mission to transform students through biblically-based education for service to God and humanity.

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