

UO Alumni Newsletter

March 2024

ICYMI: One of a Kind Sock Giveaway Happening Now!

Have you joined our networking platform, [Comet2Comet?](#) Would you like a pair of these awesome athletic socks? Well, now's the time! Complete your profile on the site AND reach out and connect with someone in the community, and we will send you a pair of socks. Already a Comet2Comet member? Update your profile AND connect with a community member, and you will receive a pair of socks, too! These socks are one-of-a-kind and not available anywhere but here. The offer is valid between now and March 31 or while supplies last. Don't delay! Sign up and start connecting today!



[Join Comet2Comet](#)

Join Us in Chicago!

Registration for our alumni cocktail reception is now open! Join event champion Mo Palli '07 for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship at The Dearborn in Chicago on Friday, April 12, 2024, 6:00-8:00 pm CST. Hear university updates from President Steven M. Corey and Dr. Linda Logan. Registration is \$20 per person and includes appetizers and complimentary beer and wine. Everyone is welcome. Invite a friend and register today!

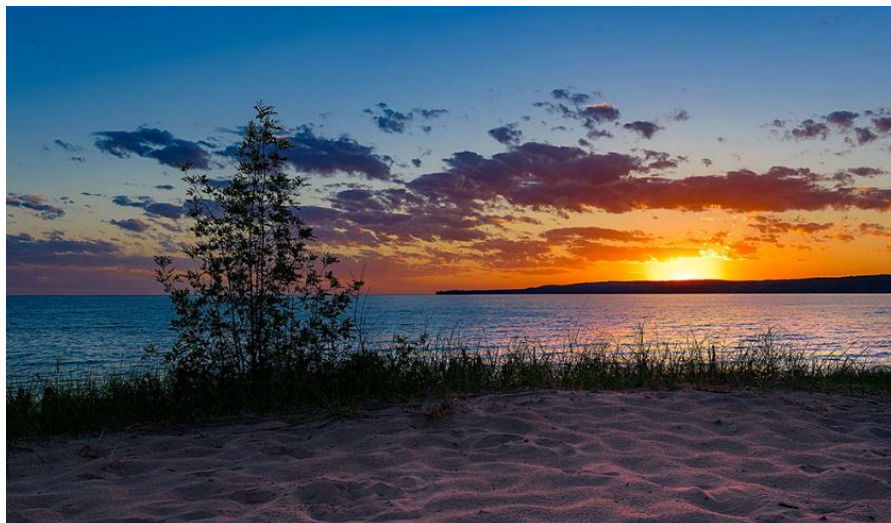
[Register Here](#)



Alumni Weekend Getaway in Petoskey!

We are planning a weekend getaway in northern MI, and we want your input! Please complete a brief survey about an alumni weekend in Petoskey from June 21 to June 23, 2024. Event details include a cocktail reception on Friday evening, dinner on Saturday evening, a cruise on Saturday at sunset, and a farewell breakfast on Sunday. We appreciate your feedback!

[Take the Survey](#)



Spring Cleaning!

Help the Comets do a clean sweep of their alumni database! The only way to receive information about alumni events and news from The University is to ensure your contact information is current. This includes seasonal addresses! Do we already have your updated information on file? Then, send us a Class Note with a life update to be included in the next issue of Shipherd's Record. As a bonus, we are giving away a mystery swag item to everyone who participates!

[Submit an Update or Class Note](#)



All About Our Women's Board

Have you heard about our Women's Board? It was originally established as The Ladies Board of Olivet College in 1859. The name later changed to the Women's Board Auxiliary and is now the Women's Board. Over the years, the women (who were wives of staff and board members, students, graduates, supporters, and community members) supported not only the students but the entire campus community. They have hosted all types of fundraisers, from teas to auctions to a popular thrift store in Olivet, The Oak Chest.

Today, fundraisers continue, which is the Board's main source of income in addition to donations and membership dues. Fundraisers include Bunco game nights, a rose sale at Commencement, a designer purse raffle at Homecoming, and, recently, participation in the annual Alumni Golf Outing. The Board welcomes and encourages any women affiliated with or enthusiastic about The University to join. Each year, we hand out multiple scholarships to deserving students to show our pride and commitment to The University of Olivet.

We invite you to join us in our work - you know what they say about many hands! Contact membership chair Joanne Williams at jwilliams@uolivet.edu for more information.



THE UNIVERSITY OF OLIVET WOMEN'S BOARD



Council Comments

from Alumni Council Chair [Barron Evans '77](#)

Greetings Alumni!

Welcome to March, the month students begin their Spring break on March 11, and we end with an unusually early Easter on the 31st. I'm happy to share our Council update published by the Alumni Office.

Your Council has had an active early 2024, expanding ideas around our priorities *Engagement*, *Mentorship*, and *Enrollment*. Over the last couple of months, we've shared *Engagement* insights on how alumni can reconnect with Olivet and each other. This month, we're going deeper into *Mentorship* and *Enrollment*, inspired by Dr. Kordilia Noble (Dir. of Career Development) and Dr. Cornelius 'Kip' Darcy (VP of Enrollment Management). These two leaders have welcomed the opportunity to partner with us and are encouraging all alumni to help make an impact in their work. Together, we've identified specific areas where we can assist them.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

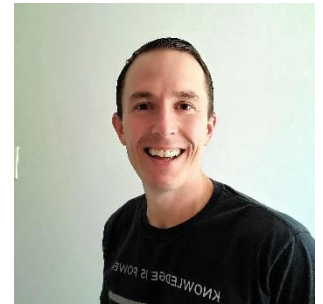
- Spring Career Fair - encourage your employer to participate/have a table. Speak with employers about the value of hiring Olivet grads. Assist the Alumni Office with the Comet2Comet table. Encourage students to connect via the platform for advice, project help, etc.
- Participate in Career Prep Seminars - resume + cover letter writing, mock interviews, classroom presentations, and mentorship to current students/alumni.
- Donate to the Comet Clothes Closet

ENROLLMENT/ADMISSIONS

- Nominate students for admission to the university.
- Represent Olivet at a high school college fair day (note, requires training and coordination with Alumni & Admissions Depts)
- Participate in a digital panel for virtual presentations.
- Participate in summer student mixers.
- Participate in welcome events - cards for incoming students, acceptance receptions, and move-in day.

Please consider where your heart and mind lead you. Connect with Director of Alumni Engagement [Lori Otto](#) for more information. Your support is appreciated!

In closing, I want to share how one of our Council Members, Frank Baretta '05, demonstrates his commitment to student career development. With the goal of broadening students' understanding of being a professional scientist, Frank co-created a curriculum around good laboratory practices. He began delivering the "Creating Defensible Lab Data" course this Spring semester and is already witnessing student connections. He hopes the classroom engagement will translate into their future professional success!



Alumni Events 2023/2024

March 9, 2024 - Meijer Gardens Butterfly Exhibit, Grand Rapids, MI

April 12, 2024 - Cocktail Reception, The Dearborn, Chicago, IL

May 10, 2024 - Cocktail Reception, Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit, MI

June 22, 2024 – Cruising the Coast Sunset Cruise, Petoskey, MI

July 19, 2024 - Lansing Lugnuts Baseball Game, Lansing, MI

Questions, comments, or concerns?

Contact the alumni office at alumnirelations@uolivet.edu or (269) 749-6628