



## UO Alumni Newsletter

May 2024

### Join us at the DAC!

It's your last chance to register for our alumni cocktail reception at the Detroit Athletic Club! Join fellow alumni for an evening of food and fun at a destination you don't want to miss! Hear from President Steven M. Corey about exciting university updates. The cost is \$20/person and includes appetizers and drinks. As an added bonus, the Detroit Tigers will play at home that evening. Listen to the sounds of the game from the 7th-floor balcony! We hope to see you on **Friday, May 10, from 6:00-8:00 pm ET** at the DAC.



[Register Here](#)

### Alumni Weekend Getaway in Petoskey, MI!

Join event champions **Pamela Heos '77** and **Sue Levitte '83** for our alumni weekend getaway in Petoskey! Activities include a cocktail reception on Friday, June 21, at the Palette Bistro, an alumni dinner on Saturday, June 22, at Mackinaw Trail Winery & Brewery, and a sunset cruise on Saturday evening on the Harbor Princess.

Our first room block is at The Bay View Inn, 2011 Woodland Ave, Petoskey. Rooms must be reserved by **May 2, 2024**. Call The Bay View Inn to reserve directly at (231) 347-2771 and mention The University of Olivet room group.

We have a second room block at Hampton Inn & Suites, 920 Spring Street, Petoskey. Rooms must be reserved by **May 21, 2024**. Call the Hampton Inn & Suites to reserve directly at (231) 348-9555 and mention The University of Olivet room group.

Register for one event or register for all! Invite a friend and we will see you when we cruise the coast of Northern MI in June!



[Register Here](#)

## Sign Up to See the Sunset in Santorini!

Enroll **today** to claim your \$150 off per person discount to GREECE Sep 11-19, 2024, before TOMORROW, April 30! A \$99 deposit with autopay will secure your spot.

### Ways to Enroll

1. Online through the [tour/enrollment site](#), with or without airfare, if you prefer to book your own. See a full-day breakdown of the trip, with descriptions of everything included on the tour.
2. Over the phone. Call (617) 202-2420 to talk to an enrollment specialist about the Olivet Greece Trip.
3. Request a call from an enrollment specialist that fits your schedule:  
<https://calendly.com/groupsreservations>

Visit [UO Explore & Connect](#) or email Robin Hinman, [rhinman@uolivet.edu](mailto:rhinman@uolivet.edu), for more information.



## Commencement, Saturday, May 18, 2024, 1:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate our graduates on Saturday, May 18, at 1:00 pm at the Cutler Event Center. Help us congratulate them on their accomplishments and welcome them to the Alumni Association! Don't forget you can connect with current students on our networking platform [Comet2Comet](#). Provide guidance and advice as they navigate the workforce, enroll in continuing education programs, and pursue life after Olivet.



## Calling All Alumni from 2021, 2022, & 2023!

The University of Olivet is proud of your achievements and the people you have become! We hope you have fond memories of your time on campus and continue to dream of exciting visions for your future. We can't wait to see what's next in your journey! We are required to collect post-graduate information from our recent graduates as part of our accreditation process. This information can be collected anonymously. Please consider completing this brief survey to help us stay in compliance. Your participation is appreciated!



[Take the Survey](#)

## Council Comments

*From Alumni Council Chair Barron Evans '77*

Greetings, Alumni!

Welcome to May, the month that marks Olivet saying "adieu" to students and the Alumni Association saying "welcome!" to new members. I'm happy to share the Council update kindly published by the Alumni Office.

I had the chance to participate in Olivet's recent Career Fair, held in the Cutler Center on April 16, proudly representing our nearly 13K alums. I was joined by two other Council members, Nicole Durga '09 and Brad Thomas '19, along with our Director of Alumni Engagement, Lori Otto. It was a day of inspiration on several levels: being in the new student center (the 'jewel' of the campus crown), applauding the number of companies and organizations that were present, and certainly witnessing the many students – ranging from freshmen to seniors – exploring potential relationships after graduation.

What struck me about the student experience was how alive the room was with their combination of *eagerness* (to learn), *anticipation* (of what the future holds), and *anxiety* (about the unknown). I'm sure we all remember those feelings – and more – from when we were Olivet students. While some things don't change over time, some things obviously will; like the professional paths we pursue, the evolving nature of past and new friendships, and where we call home.

**The one constant throughout time, however, is the human need for *engagement*.** And as your Alumni Council strives to facilitate engagement in their role, we'll close out this academic year with the same call-to-action as where we started: make a commitment to *active* engagement -- with other alumni – with students returning to campus next semester -- and with the place where it started for all of us – Olivet, the learning institution.

Please consider where your heart and mind lead you; as always, we invite you to join our exclusive alumni portal [Comet2Comet](#). If you're not familiar with this great engagement resource, take a moment and listen to Council member Mike Ryan's ('07) overview. <https://1drv.ms/v/s!AISVP0vV0ghsiLhdptxrxSiw-uWQqA?e=IRWkbr>

As always, connect with the Director of Alumni Engagement, Lori Otto, [lotto@uolivet.edu](mailto:lotto@uolivet.edu), to explore what's possible as an Olivet alum.

Your support – your *engagement* – makes a difference! Enjoy the summer season ahead; we'll see you next Fall!



## **Alumni Events 2024**

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](mailto:alumnirelations@uolivet.edu) or (269) 749-6628