Black Alumni Reunion 2019 • Sept. 12-15
Frequently Asked Questions

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS
o Who can I contact for information on the BAR?
Call your OHIO Alumni Association (OAA) at 740-593-4300 or alumni@ohio.edu.

o When will the list of BAR events be made available?
A basic weekend schedule is available NOW at https://www.ohio.edu/alumni/involve/Black-Alumni-Reunion-2019.cfm. We’ll keep updating and adding to the schedule in the months ahead. Check back often!

o Will I have to register to attend BAR events?
Maybe. You don’t have to register to enjoy BAR weekend in Athens and to stop by a few come-as-you-are, free events. But, if you do register, for FREE https://www.ohio.edu/alumni/involve/Black-Alumni-Reunion-2019.cfm, we’ll set you up with cool OHIO SWAG, and you’ll be welcome to join in those come-as-you-are events, too (and we’ll have a nametag for you!). Some events and activities WILL require registration and payment.

o What is the registration deadline?
We’ll want you to let us know you’re coming by Sept. 6.

o What are the costs to attend BAR events?
Some events will be free. Some will cost you, and we expect the cost per activity to range from $10-$75. We’ll get those specifics up on the registration page for you early this summer...

o Will any of my registration fee be applied to a scholarship fund?
No. There’s NO registration fee. When you register, you’ll have the chance to choose to make a gift to a scholarship fund.

o Can I pay at the door for BAR events?
For all but one event, yes. You’ll have to preregister to come to the BAR Gala.

o What if my plans change and I need to cancel my registration?
No problem. Give us a call, and we’ll take care of you (740-593-4300).

EVENT and ACTIVITY QUESTIONS
o What is the process for planning a non-sponsored OAA event in conjunction with BAR?
Just contact Erica Lipsomb at lipscome@ohio.edu or at 740-593-4300, and she’ll take care of you and your organization. Because staff, space and time are limited
resources, make sure to be in touch soon. Non-sponsored events will be supported on a first-come, first-served basis.

**o How come BAR events posted on social media do not appear on the BAR registration web site?**
Because lots of entrepreneurial OHIO alumni and students plan their own special activities to take place during the weekend, without coordinating with the OAA.

**o Will there be any BAR events for alumni to network and interact with the students?**
Yes. The planning committee is looking for lots of ways to include students in the weekend.

**o Will Black Alumni and staff/faculty (deceased or alive) be honored and recognized during the BAR?**
Yes. The planning committee is determining how to honor Black Alumni who have passed and how to recognize Black Alumni accomplishments as part of the reunion.

**o Will I be permitted to sell my products or services during the BAR?**
Selling goods and services on campus is subject to lots of rules and policies – think risk management, sales tax, procurement, licensing and contracts, etc. Alumni interested in selling goods on campus can reserve tables outside of Baker Center as external partners (cost is $100/day). Visit [https://www.ohio.edu/eventservices/reservations/](https://www.ohio.edu/eventservices/reservations/) for more information or to reserve table space.

**o I heard that I might see some enhanced security measures at events on campus. Is that true? Why?**
Yes. OHIO is a public university with public spaces and large venues that host events with lots of guests. The Ohio University Police Department (OUPD) does its best to ensure those events are safe by implementing measures that are consistent with best practices and Homeland Security guidance. That means you can expect things like a more visible police presence, controlled entrances, and bag checks.

As the OAA plans BAR, we'll work with OUPD to make sure that it's a safe and enjoyable weekend. At this point in our nation's history we are seeing increased concern about acts of terrorism at public events, while also seeing increasingly strained relations between the police service and their communities. OUPD is aware of these contradictory considerations and is sensitive to the need to make sure people feel safe, while not causing undue concern. Maintaining as safe an environment as possible, while also being sensitive to the anxiety that an increased police presence might create, will be our primary goal.
LOGISTICS QUESTIONS
o Will special parking be available on campus for BAR events?
No; but, limited metered parking is available on campus.

o Why are hotel rooms booked and not available during the BAR?
The OAA is not holding any hotel blocks or coordinating room reservations. Once BAR dates were announced in March, guests began making reservations directly with local hotels. Please visit the Athens County Visitor’s Bureau’s website for information about lodging in and near Athens: http://athensohio.com.

o Will the OAA provide discount codes for hotels?
No.

OTHER QUESTIONS
o Why isn’t the BAR being held in the Spring?
Because OHIO’s on semesters, and the spring season – with students in town – is too short to accommodate the reunion. Weekends in March and April are heavily programmed with OHIO Up Close admissions events, Mom’s Weekend, the International Street Fair, and more. And, commencement is May 4 this year!

Hosting BAR during an academic semester requires collaboration with campus partners through the University’s event space scheduling process, which begins in January and is finalized in March. This process, and all access to event space, is managed by University Event Services, an office within the Division of Student Affairs. During this process student organizations, academic units, and non-academic units (including the OAA) request space. Competition is tremendous, and Event Services places priority on student and academic events (NOTE: Student fees fund Baker Center and its operations; therefore, student events get priority access to that space).

o I heard that there is a long-term strategy to eliminate BAR. Is this true?
No. BAR is an OHIO tradition and there are no plans to discontinue the reunion. In the future, as long-term strategies are discussed, all OHIO reunion and alumni programming will continue to develop and evolve. While we don’t have a crystal ball, we’re confident that celebrating OHIO’s Black Alumni – and other diverse populations – will continue to be priority for OHIO and the OAA.