

Alumni Weekend **2022**

september 23-24

Friday, September 23

Beginning at 6:30 pm Alumni Weekend Headquarters / Registration – Academy Hall

When you arrive on campus make your first stop Alumni Weekend Headquarters and Registration. Pick up your weekend registration packet which will include your name badge, an updated weekend schedule and more.

6:30 pm Vikings Football Watch Party

Before the varsity football game, stop by to relax, catch up with old friends and make new connections with fellow alumni. Stay to watch the game live-streamed in real time. Free food and beverages will be available courtesy of the Office of Alumni Relations. Dress is casual & CA spirit wear is encouraged!

7:00 pm Columbus Academy Vikings vs. Buckeye Valley High School

Take in the sights and sounds of classic high school football complete with pep band, concession stand and Academy community spirit. The members of the Class of 1972 will serve as the honorary captains at the Columbus Academy vs. Buckeye Valley football game and will be invited to the 50-yard line with the Academy captains for the coin flip and special recognition.

During halftime we will have a special presentation honoring the 1995 State Championship Soccer Team to commemorate the COVID-delayed 25th anniversary of their historic accomplishment.

Saturday, September 24

Beginning at 9:30 am Alumni Weekend Headquarters / Registration – Academy Hall

When you arrive on campus make your first stop Alumni Weekend Headquarters and Registration. Pick up your weekend registration packet which will include your name badge, an updated weekend schedule and more.

10:00 am Coffee with Columbus Academy Legends

Enjoy coffee provided by Cappuccino Crew - Mobile Espresso Bar & Coffee Catering Company while connecting with the exceptional teachers, advisors and mentors who impacted your experience at Columbus Academy. Whether reminiscing over your Latin room mural with Ms. Bening, reviewing the latest economic trends with Mr. Exline, discussing your senior art show with Mr. Block, or remembering your baby duckling from Mr. Davis' biology class you're sure to enjoy catching up with faculty, coaches, friends and more.

11:00 am State of Academy with Head of School, Melissa Soderberg

Head of School Melissa Soderberg will give an engaging update on Academy today including details on recent student successes, faculty accomplishments, and the school's Strategic Vision. Followed by a Q & A period. You won't want to miss this cornerstone Alumni Weekend event.

11:30 am Inaugural MOSAIC & Black Alumni Luncheon

Black Alumni and MOSAIC Upper School families are invited to a special luncheon, hosted by parents Patricia Abbey-Mensah P'29, Theresa Ankamah P'26'31, Natasha Davis P'25 and Alicia Donaldson P'24, and alumni Vanessa Butler '07, Kevin Dubenion '78, Khloe Dubenion '18, Alicia Henson '02, Vic Thorne '92, Katie Walker '02 and Lindsey Williams '01. We hope you will join us for great food and fellowship! [Click here to register.](#)

12:00 pm All Alumni Picnic – Alumni Weekend event tent

All alumni, faculty, staff, family and friends are invited to enjoy conversation and a free lunch courtesy of the Office of Alumni Relations.

1:00 pm Young Alumni Award Presentation

Join us in honoring and celebrating two incredible young alumni -- Michael Corey '01, Executive Director at the Human Service Chamber of Franklin County, will be honored with the 2020 Young Alumni Award and Ryan Williams '08, CEO and Co-Founder at Jopwell, will receive the 2022 Young Alumni Award. Immediately following the ceremony, Patti Zettler '98, associate professor at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law will facilitate a conversation between Michael and Ryan as they discuss the future of work and community building in a post-COVID world.

2:15 pm Academy Afternoon Adventures

Choose your own adventure to create your personalized Academy experience in the afternoon. **Select one of the following options:**

1. Campus Tour

(Departing from Alumni Weekend Headquarters)

This is your opportunity to reacquaint yourself with the sentimental places you loved while learning about the new academic, art, athletic and leisure spaces at Academy that are spectacular. Tour will include the chance to immerse yourself in the recently renovated Schoedinger Theater, the new Field House, the art gallery in Morris Hall, the Upper School world language wing, and so much more!

2. Student Flourishing at Columbus Academy

Join Dr. Pascal Losambe, a member of the Diversity and Community Life Office, as he shares insights about the key experiences created by our faculty, staff and coaches to help students grow and thrive both inside and outside of the classroom. Filled with videos featuring student voices and their first-hand perspectives, this interactive presentation is sure to fill you with pride for your alma mater.

3. Take a Walk through the Woods

Join Explorers teachers Lindy Newman and Grace Gordon—daughter of Ken Gordon '68 and great-great-granddaughter of Foster Copeland, one of Academy's founders and first Board President—as she takes you through an outdoor learning experience similar to the Lower School's Forest Fridays program where once a week, rain or shine, little ones venture out on wooded paths and trails. Take advantage of our multisensory "classroom" where you can soak up the smells, sounds, colors and textures of Academy's wooded campus. Grace will also highlight the ways our school's 231 acres benefit each student's experience. Whether you are splashing in puddles, smelling the earthworms, or feeling the squishy mud under your toes at the end of your time with Grace you may never want to go back inside. Please wear shoes that are comfortable to walk in and can get muddy and wet.

Details regarding individual class gatherings coordinated by class agents are on the following page.

Individual class gatherings (planned by class agents)

Class of 1967

Gathering at the home of Bob Kirk. For details, please contact Bob directly at kirkb@columbusacademy.org.

Class of 1977

Friday, September 23, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Rocky Fork Hunt and Country Club

189 Clark State Road

Gahanna, OH 43230

Email Fred Hadley for more information:

fghadley@gmail.com

Class of 1982

Friday, September 23, 12:00 p.m.

Hudson 29

260 Market Street D

New Albany, OH 43054

Email Scott Gurwin for more information and to confirm reservation: drgurwin@gmail.com

Class of 1987

Friday, September 23, 8:30 p.m.

101 Beer Kitchen

397 Stoneridge Ln.

Gahanna, OH 43230

Contact Buck for more information:

thomas.mallory@mallorylawoffice.com

Class of 1992

Friday, September 23, 4:00 p.m.

101 Beer Kitchen

397 Stoneridge Ln.

Gahanna, OH 43230

Contact Jon for more information:

jonlucas131@gmail.com

Class of 1997

Saturday, September 24, 6:00 p.m.

Seventh Son Brewery

1101 N. 4th St.

Columbus, OH 43201

Class of 2002

Saturday, September 24, 7:00 p.m.

Edison Brewing Company

785 Science Blvd

Gahanna, OH 43230

Class of 2007

Saturday, September 24, 7:00 p.m.

High Bank Distillery

1379 E. Johnstown Rd.

Gahanna, OH 43230

Class of 2012

Saturday, September 24, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Zeno's

384 W. 3rd Ave.

Columbus, OH 43201

Class of 2017

Saturday, September 24, Two hours before kickoff

Tailgate before the OSU vs. Wisconsin Game

The tailgate will take place in the Military Lot to the north of the stadium by St. John Arena and the ice rink.

Saturday, September 24: Other Campus Activities For All

- 10:00 am **Junior Varsity Volleyball vs Centerburg and Tree of Life**
(Jones Gym, Athletic Complex)
- 10:00 am **Varsity Volleyball vs Centerburg and Tree of Life**
(Mack Gym, Athletic Complex)
- 11:00 am **Varsity Field Hockey vs Hudson**
(Carlin Fields - Turf)
- 11:00 am **Girls Varsity Soccer vs Pleasant High School and ¡HOLA! Tailgate**
(Hondros Field)
- 12:00 pm **Junior Varsity Field Hockey vs Hudson**
(Carlin Fields - Turf)
- 1:00 pm **Girls Middle School Soccer vs Amanda Clearcreek**
(Hondros Field)
- 2:30 pm **Boys Middle School Soccer vs Amanda Clearcreek**
(Hondros Field)

Sunday, September 25: Off-campus Activity For All

- 10:00 am - **Apple Picking Service Event**
2:00 p.m. (Lynd Fruit Farm, Pataskala)

Join the Columbus Academy Student Service Board for the very popular Apple Picking Service Event at Lynd Fruit Farm in Pataskala on Sunday, September 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pick a bag for your family and one (or more) to donate to local food pantries. Prices are \$25 for small bags and \$35 for large bags. Look for the maroon Columbus Academy "Service Event" signs and Lynd greeters who will direct you to our white tent within the orchard.

After you purchase the apples at the farm exit, Upper School students will be waiting to collect any apples you would like to donate. In 2019, 1,445 pounds of apples were collected by Academy alumni, families and friends and donated to local food pantries. Thank you for your time and energy to help those in need!