Did you know? 

Juneteenth is a recognized federal holiday since 2017. It is celebrated with cookouts, parades, church services, musical performances, and other public events. The celebration is centered around empowerment and hope.

Faculty and staff are welcomed to join the campus community for Alumni Weekend on June 9-10! We asked Associate Director of Alumni Engagement, Ellie Witter, about her favorite Alumni Weekend activities — “Every year, we are excited to see so many alumni back on campus, they are so eager to be in Oxford and it is so fun hearing the stories, reminiscing, and just enjoying being Miamians. This year we have alumni from the Class of ’58 all the way to ’23, as well as future Miamians since several alumni bring their children too!”

Ellie says, “One of the main points of interest for the alums when they return is to see how campus has changed, so we do a lecture on Friday with Bob Keller, former Miami University architect and university planner, to do a then and now and the alumni love it! We also do tours of campus and buildings (especially the new ones). The highlight of the weekend is Miami Fest which is the final event that we do on Saturday night where everyone comes together.” We are thankful that Miami Dining and Catering help create this experience with food and drinks. We also provide music, games for kids, and it is really a time for all Miamians to come together and enjoy.

Alumni Weekend Highlights

Friday, June 9 - Red Brick Night...Uptown! (Free) 6-10 p.m. in the Uptown Parks

Red Brick Night is a collaboration with the City of Oxford and Enjoy Oxford. From 6 to 10 p.m., there will be a variety of family-friendly activities, as well as live music by Exploit.

Saturday, June 10 - Miami Fest ($20 without alcohol, $30 with alcohol; Kids under 12 Free) 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. on Central Quad

Alumni Weekend culminates in Miami Fest, a huge outdoor party complete with food, music, and fun for Miamians of all ages! Miami Fest will also feature the “Taste of Miami” setup, where you will get to pick and choose your favorite culinary traditions, and a featured DJ. If you’re bringing the kids, KidsZone sponsored by Ohio529 College Advantage will be open from 6:30-9:30 p.m. with plenty of outdoor activities for those under the age of 12.

The full schedule and registration details are available at miamialum.org/alumniweekend.

Speaking of Miami Alumni . . . Meet Susan Keyes, Alumni with 44 years “in the books”!

Susan Keyes not only graduated from Miami University, but has one of the longest tenures in Miami University’s employment history! She began working at King Library as a first-year student while working on degrees in Political Science and Spanish. She was hired on as a staff member on May 9, 1979 after graduating with her bachelor’s degree. She finished her master’s in Spanish Literature in 1981. Her first job in the library was in Acquisitions. She worked with “Standing Orders,” which is similar to subscriptions or books that were continuously published. She worked her way up to where she is now, which is Senior Library Technician.

Her advice for anyone interested in a long-term career is, “The key is loving what you do. It helps to love working with your co-workers, too.” She also advises to take your vacation time and take care of you! Her favorite Oxford activities include going to the Thursday night concerts Uptown. If you get a chance, stop by and meet Susan; she shared with us that she has no interest in retiring any time soon.

You’re Invited!

Join us for these June events

- June 3 - Visit Miami Regionals at the Hamilton Pride Fest, activities from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Marcum Park
- June 7 - Employee Health Center returns to 421 S. Campus Ave. Same phone number, same services.
- June 16 - Mammo Van and Health Fair at the new Clinical Health Sciences and Wellness Building, 421 S. Campus Avenue. Oxford OH from 8 am to 12 pm. BP checks, massage chairs, benefits and more!
- June 19 - Juneteenth - Campus Closed
- June 30 - End of Fiscal Year

For more university events, check Localist.

Upcoming Staff Development Workshops

Oxford Campus
- June 6th - Communicating with Impact
- June 13th - Myers-Briggs Intro to Type
- June 15th - Resolving Workplace Conflict
- June 21st - Driving Change
- June 29th - Performance Management: Setting Goals & Reviewing Results

VOA Learning Center
- June 9 - DISC in the Workplace
- July 13th - Resolving Workplace Conflict

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