Every year since our founding in 1833, we replenish the world's supply of compassionate, rigorous, pragmatic visionaries—people who make an exceptional impact. In every field, in communities across the street and around the globe, our graduates help people find a way forward.

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1. Julie Taymor '74, director and filmmaker **2.** William Goldman '52, novelist and screenwriter **3.** Charles Martin Hall, 1847, chemist **4.** Liz Phair '90, groundbreaking rock musician **5.** D.A. Henderson '50, physician and director of international effort to eradicate the disease **6.** Stuart Card '66, pioneer in human-computer interaction **7.** Ben Sinclair '06, actor and writer **8.** Ralf Hotchkiss '69, inventor **9.** Ed Helms '96, actor **10.** James McBride '79, author **11.** Alison Bechdel '81, graphic memoirist, author of *Fun Home* **12.** Jerry Greenfield '73, company cofounder and philanthropist **13.** Claire Chase '01, founder **14.** James Burrows '62, Emmy-winning TV show creator and director **15.** Bill Irwin '73, actor and clown **16.** Jad Abumrad '05 and Robert Krulwich '69, founders of the NPR show **17.** Samuel Charache '51, hematologist **18.** Kim France '87, founding editor **19.** Moses Fleetwood Walker, 1881, baseball player **20.** Roman Mars '94, show host and producer; founder of Radiotopia **21.** Tracy Chevalier '84, novelist **22.** Donald Sobol '48, series author **23.** Francois Clemmons '67, actor and singer **24.** Antoinette Brown, 1847, American minister and reformer **25.** John Kander '51, composer who wrote scores for 15 musicals **26.** Billy Cohn '82, surgeon and medical device inventor **27.** Maxwell Ryan '89, company founder **28.** Ian Siegel '95, cofounder and CEO **29.** John L. Dube, 1890, founding president; South African writer and educator **30.** Chris Eldridge '04, singer, guitarist, and founder of the bluegrass band **31.** Lloyd Morrisett '51, founder of Sesame Workshop

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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: 1. Sylvia Hood Washington '80 founder, president, and chief scientist at Environmental Health Research Associates; expert in environmental justice **2. Jad Abumrad '95 & Robert Krulwich '69** podcast pioneers and founding cohosts of *Radiolab* **3. Rhiannon Giddens '00** Grammy Award-winning musician and MacArthur "Genius Grant" recipient **4. Billy Cohn '82** heart surgeon, inventor of artificial "beatless heart" and other medical innovations, musician **5. Alison Bechdel '81** graphic memoirist and author of *Fun Home*

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Aren't our Oberlin alumni incredible? And to think, this is only a sampling, yet there are many more Oberlin graduates who continue to use their intellect and artistry to disrupt the status quo—determined to solve some of the world's most complex problems.

While reading the Fall 2023 edition of the *Oberlin Alumni Magazine*, I felt such deep admiration for Noa Fleishacker '15 and Sarah Minion '17, and their work surrounding women's health. As a mom to two girls, it's inspiring to see these conversations brought to light, and I'm proud to serve Oberlin College as it aims to prepare graduates with the knowledge, skills, and perspectives essential to create change and add value in the world.

Noa and Sarah's achievements, along with countless others, underscore the profound impact Oberlin graduates have across a diverse set of fields; from the arts to scientific breakthroughs and social justice initiatives, Oberlin boasts a highly accomplished alumni network. It's clear that the culture of our College and Conservatory serves as an incubator for young minds—nurturing their passions and empowering them to make a more beautiful and equitable world for all.

Support from alumni and donors like you has always been instrumental in ensuring that Oberlin students have the resources they need to explore their academic passions and to pursue creative endeavors. **By making a gift to the Annual Fund today, you can directly empower the next generation of Obies to become compassionate, rigorous, and visionary leaders who will continue to shape a brighter tomorrow.**

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With gratitude,

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