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CONGRATULATIONS!



WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI FAMILY, CLASS OF 2026!

The Racer Alumni family just got a whole lot bigger! UNOH celebrated its 106th commencement with two ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial Civic and Convention Center. **745 graduates** from all five colleges crossed the stage and **earned 917 diplomas and degrees** – and an impressive 125 of them picked up two or more credentials. Talk about driven!

The Class of 2026 came from all over the map – **40 states and 17 countries**, from Ohio to Hawaii and Brazil to Zimbabwe. International grads sported stoles representing their home countries, and military service members and veterans were honored with red, white, and blue cords – a proud UNOH tradition.

This year's commencement speaker hit close to home: **2017 MBA grad Brad Jordan**, now Director of Talent Acquisition at Crown Equipment Corporation. Brad shared how UNOH's online MBA program kept him on track no matter where work took him – even out of the country – and why he'd recommend it to anyone thinking about taking that next step.

To our newest grads: congratulations! Once a Racer, always a Racer – we can't wait to see where the road takes you.

We would love if you took this opportunity to celebrate the newest members of our alumni community with a gift in their honor!

MAKE YOUR FIRST GIFT



2026 WALK OF HONOR CEREMONY

Memories were set in stone on Saturday, June 13, when we celebrated the addition of **29 new bricks** to the Walk of Honor on campus. Families gathered to honor their graduates and the unforgettable years they spent at UNOH, while alumni and retirees were also recognized for their lasting contributions.

Two members of the Class of 2026, **Paden Hines** and **Sierra Hart-Fabbri**, shared heartfelt reflections on how their UNOH experiences shaped them – both personally and professionally – reminding everyone in attendance just how much this campus means to those who call it home.

Want to leave your own mark on campus? Brick orders are accepted year-round, with new bricks installed each year during graduation weekend. It's a meaningful way to celebrate a graduate, honor a loved one, or cement your own Racer legacy.

ORDER AN HONOR BRICK



REV YOUR ENGINES FOR ALUMNI NIGHT AT LIMALAND!

Get ready for an evening of racing, reconnecting, and full-throttle Racer pride! **Join us for Alumni Night at Limaland Motorsports Park on Friday, July 17, 2026!**

The fun kicks off at **4:30 p.m. with a FREE Alumni Tailgate Party in the Pavilion.** Bring your family and friends. Enjoy food and beverages, games and activities for all ages, plus plenty of time to catch up with old classmates and make some new friends along the way. **Plus, take home an exclusive crossbody bag, courtesy of Allstar Performance!**

Feel free to bring your own cooler with adult beverages (just remember – no glass containers permitted).

The tailgate rolls right up until the green flag drops at 7:30 p.m., when the real action begins on Meet the Drivers Night!

Space is limited to the first 100 registrants – we are getting close to that number, so don't wait, register today!

Please note: race tickets and pit passes must be purchased separately.

For full race details and track information, visit www.limaland.com.

REGISTER FOR ALUMNI NIGHT

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

WANT TO PUT YOUR BUSINESS IN FRONT OF THE UNOH ALUMNI COMMUNITY?

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT, OFFERING GREAT VISIBILITY AND A CHANCE TO CONNECT WITH RACERS ALL EVENING LONG.

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS



NOMINATE FOR ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME!

Student-Athletes – Graduates who competed at least 2 seasons and are 5+ years removed, with standout achievements

Non-Athletes – Individuals who made a significant impact on UNOH Athletics and exemplify Champions of Character values

Teams – Programs that achieved conference championships, national tournament appearances, or regional/national titles

[NOMINATION FORM](#)



ALUMNA MAKING HISTORY

When Felix Rosenqvist crossed the finish line to win the 2026 Indianapolis 500, four UNOH alumni were right there with the Meyer Shank Racing Team.

This includes alumna **Kylee Jarman '21**, who made history as the first female tire specialist on an Indy 500-winning team.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



WELCOME HOME!

The UNOH Motorsports Team is excited to announce the addition of **Chance Holley '20** as our new Assistant Coach.

A third-generation racer, UNOH graduate, and former Motorsports Team member, Chance brings a wealth of racing experience and industry knowledge to the program.

His resume includes work across multiple racing disciplines, including the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series, USAC Silver Crown Series, Sprint Cars, and UMP Modifieds, along with success as a chassis builder, crew chief, and car owner.

[READ MORE ABOUT CHANCE](#)



ALUMNA APPOINTED TO LEADERSHIP ROLE

UNOH graduate **Mary Beth Hammond '79** has been selected as chair-elect of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges.

The organization advocates for access, affordability, and workforce alignment across Ohio's 22 community colleges, along with success as a chassis builder, crew chief, and car owner.

[READ HER STORY](#)



ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT: BEN NILE CLASS OF 2019

From overcoming a life-changing eye injury to standing in victory lane, Ben Nile's journey is one of true grit.

He's built a career in heavy equipment repair, launched his own businesses, and captured his first Late Model racing victory – and now, his story is coming full circle.

Ben returns to UNOH as an Admissions Representative ready to help the next generation of Racers find their path.

[READ ABOUT BEN](#)



ALUMNUS BACK TO RALLY

UNOH hosted "Rally Day" on campus last week ahead of the Southern Ohio Forest Rally, connecting students with industry pros from the American Rally Association.

This partnership was sparked by **2025 grad Caleb Simon**, who founded UNOH's Rally Club and now works with the ARA.

[WATCH THE STORY](#)



Hey Golfers! Grab your clubs, tees and your crew!

Join us **Saturday, September 26th** for the 8th Annual UNOH Sport Marketing & Management Golf Outing at Springbrook Golf Club in Lima, OH!

- Registration: 8–9 AM
- Shotgun Start: 9 AM
- \$75 per golfer

Spots are limited, so sign up today!

Can't golf but still want to support the program? Questions? Contact Phil Gunder at pgunder@unoh.edu

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