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Oberlin Heritage Center Places Student Interns in Spotlight

Student interns contribute a great deal to the success of the Oberlin Heritage Center and in turn these young people receive plenty of hands-on practical experience and responsibility that they wouldn't ordinarily receive in an academic setting. Interns give tours, conserve artifacts, design publicity materials, develop website exhibits, write blog posts, do research and much more. Learn about the integral role that students have in this nonprofit organization when the Heritage Center presents a **Student Intern and Volunteer Showcase** on Wednesday, February 16 at 7:15 p.m. at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium. As the students reflect on the significance of their work, it will be clear that the Oberlin College motto of "Learning and Labor" is still very much alive in this community! The illustrated presentation is free and open to the public.

The program includes several Oberlin College students, a University of Akron student, and another from Oberlin High School who will briefly recount their various projects and activities at the Heritage Center. Topics range from dollhouse restoration to website exhibits to what it is like to be a junior docent. Some students get involved with local history as a great way to learn about their community while others make the experience a stepping stone to a career in the museum field or in history education.

Students participating in the showcase include Rachel Luczkowski, an Oberlin College junior who developed the Heritage Center's online history pictorial "Oberlin Then and Now;" Eli Goldberg, also an Oberlin College junior who spent last year's winter term practicum as part of a team that restored a 1930s doll house; Preston Sundin, an Oberlin College senior and East Asian Studies major, who is translating the historic sites tour into Chinese; Ondrea Keith, an Oberlin College graduate in 2010 who worked four years as a Public Relations Intern at the Heritage Center and continues utilizing much of what she learned in her new role at Oberlin College as Americorps* VISTA Data Collection Coordinator, and Victoria Hardnett, an Oberlin High School senior who is a junior docent and summer camp volunteer at the Heritage Center.

For more information, or to learn about other community programs sponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center in coming months, visit www.oberlinheritage.org, or you may request a copy of an events calendar by calling (440) 774-1700 or sending e-mail to members@oberlinheritage.org.

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