

MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

OMAHA SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

OSCA Donates $6,500 to Sacred Heart Technical Institute in Jamestown/Accra, Ghana

We're proud to share that the Omaha Sister Cities Association has invested $6,500 in Sacred Heart Technical Institute in Jamestown, Accra, Ghana to upgrade technology and vocational training equipment for students. Thanks to a $2,000 grant from the Rotary Club of Omaha and $4,500 raised through support from The Simple Foundation and holiday concerts organized by OSCA Vice President Tim Clark, students now have new laptops, sewing machines, wood-working equipment and additional hands-on training equipment.

These tools will help expand access to practical skills that lead directly to employment and long-term economic opportunity. We're grateful to our partners for helping make a lasting impact!





Member Event- Go for the Gold! An Olympic Social

On February 15th, the Community Engagement Committee hosted an Olympic Watch Party for OSCA members. Participants had the opportunity to enjoy a range of Olympic events at DJ's Dugout, while also taking part in various games. The activities were made possible thanks to the support of UNO's Scott Scholars, who helped by creating posters and facilitated the games.



Community Events

Volunteers from the Omaha Sister Cities Association play an essential role in supporting community events throughout the year. The spring season is especially active, with booths at various local gatherings. Below is a list of events in which we have participated.





- Black Elk Elementary-Celebration of Nations Night- February 6, 2026
- UNO Student Government Fair- March 25
- Creighton World Languages Career Fair- March 25
- UNO Amplify Event- March 26
- Brownell Talbot Multicultural Fair- March 26
- Metro Community College International Fair- April 9





Shizuoka, Japan (1965)

SHIZUOKA EXCHANGES

- Ichiritsu High School Visit: OSCA is scheduled for a student visit in August, with an estimated attendance of around 15, though the exact number is yet to be confirmed. Host families are always needed.
- Teacher Exchange: Teachers from the U.S. will be visiting Shizuoka in June.
- Tea Ceremony Presentation: Kanami, a visiting Fulbright Scholar, alongside Ed McNamara, the Chairman of the Shizuoka Committee, conducted a tea ceremony presentation at the 35th International Fair held at Metro Community College.

Braunschweig, Germany (1992)

STUDENT EXCHANGE UPDATE

- In collaboration with the German American Society, OSCA successfully hosted a visit for 12 students and 3 adults from Braunschweig. During their two-week stay, the students enjoyed a variety of activities, including trips to the Henry Doorly Zoo, Luminarium, Arbor Day Farm, and much more. The visit culminated in a potluck gathering with all the students and their host families.
- Makayla Leiting, OSCA Board Member, will be representing and promoting Omaha at the Lower Saxony Festival in Braunschweig this June.

Siauliai, Lithuania (1996)

SIAULIAI VISITS

- OSCA will send a small delegation to Šiauliai in September for the 30th anniversary as sister cities and Šiauliai's 790th birthday, accompanied by ten members of the UNO Jazz Band.
- UNO faculty, Pete Madsen and Zach Bresler, visited Šiauliai in April, engaging with students and leaders, leading sessions at the Gymnasium of Arts, exploring collaboration at Vilnius University Šiauliai Academy, and reinforcing their commitment at City Hall to strengthen the sister city relationship.

Yantai, China (2010)

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- The recently established Yantai Committee received an invitation to participate in a Sister Cities conference in Shandong province at the end of May. Two OSCA members will represent the committee at the conference and engage with officials from Yantai.
- Possible Yantai trip in 2027

Isigny-Omaha Intercom, France (2023)

DELEGATION TRIP

- A delegation of 22 travelers from Omaha, led by Mayor John Ewing, will visit Isigny-Omaha Intercom in May. Their itinerary includes the Normandy region, St. Malo, and Paris. In Isigny, they will explore the WWII Museum, American Cemetery, and Omaha Beach, and participate in a luncheon with gift exchanges and speeches.

Membership Renewal

Keep an eye on your email inbox—new membership letters are headed your way! With new membership activities on the horizon, we're rolling out the red carpet for your continued support of OSCA and our fabulous programming.



Have you ever thought of hosting an international visitor or student? Please email executivedirector@omahasistercities.com for more information. Hosts are needed in August for our Japanese exchange students.

Upcoming Activities

- Monthly Sisters Meet and Eat Group- email omahasistercities19@gmail.com for dates.
- Delegation trip to Isigny-Omaha Intercom, France from May 2-12, 2026.
- Westside Multicultural Fair- May 2
- Omaha students to Braunschweig- June
- Small delegation trip to Siauliai, Lithuania in mid-September.
- Upcoming new fundraiser- late summer/fall...stay tuned!
- Potential delegation trips to Ghana and Ireland in 2027.
- Follow us on FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM for up-to-date information, pictures, and videos of all our activities!

