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NEWS FOR THE ORU COMMUNITY



ORU Homecoming - November 11-13

Homecoming 2021 is happening in a few short weeks. There are too many events to list here, so please go to the registration page to see what we have planned for you. (Yes, there's basketball, a banquet, chapel, luncheons, tours, prayer, painting, and more.)

RSVP TODAY

LUNCHEON



President Wilson will be the special guest speaker at the **Community & Alumni Luncheon** on Friday, September 24 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. The luncheon will be held in Lippencott Auditorium at the Global Learning Center. Cost is just \$15 per person. Contact Alumni Relations at 918.495.6610 or alumni@oru.edu if you'd like to attend chapel before lunch. Register for the luncheon now!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

NEWS

NEW LAB OPENS

The Computing and Mathematics Department has a fantastic new resource: the Stanley White i4 Digital Enterprise Lab! Representatives from the Stanley White Foundation joined President Wilson, members of the faculty, students, alumni, and friends for the ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 19.



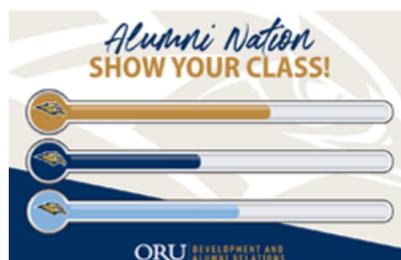
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MORNING PRAYER

Early Morning Prayer is taking place at ORU every Thursday (except during breaks) from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. in Lippencott Auditorium at the Global Learning Center. All alumni are cordially invited to come pray.



'SHOW YOUR CLASS' CONTINUES!



There is still time for alumni to take part in the Show Your Class competition. Many thanks to every alum who has made a gift to the Annual Fund so far! The class with the highest participation percentage, and the class that raises the most, will earn bragging rights at Homecoming and be celebrated on social media. The Annual Fund is the financial foundation of the university. A steady stream of support from alumni and friends helps keep all of ORU's departments and programs going strong. The competition ends on November 5. Follow your class's progress on the [leaderboard](#), share one of your special [ORU memories](#), and be sure to give before the deadline.

MY GIFT

BALANCES ERASED

A number of students received some very good news in August regarding their account balances. Read all about it..

GOOD NEWS



ALUMNI



Dr. Dean Prentice '88

Dr. Dean Prentice '88 has been named Dean of the College of Health Sciences.

NEW DEAN



Cassia Carr '09

Cassia Carr '09 is the new Deputy Mayor of Tulsa.

CASSIA'S STORY





Michael Boyd '06

Through his work as the Director of Product Management, Fleet Solutions at Dover Fueling Solutions, **Michael Boyd '06** is involved in digital content delivery as it pertains to a customer's experience when purchasing fuel at convenience stores. See his interview here.

[MICHAEL'S INTERVIEW](#)



Dr. Benjamin Houlberg '01, '03

Dr. Benjamin Houlberg '01, '03 has been named President and CEO of Search Institute, a nonprofit that conducts and applies research to promote positive youth development.

[BEN'S STORY](#)



Lt. Col. Pinkie Fischer '99, '02, '03, '15

Lt. Col. Pinkie Fischer '99, '02, '03, '15 is a chaplain in the Oklahoma National Guard. Recently, she served in Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne Division and was interviewed for a PBS NewsHour segment. (Her interview begins at the 6:09 mark.)

[PINKIE'S INTERVIEW](#)

ATHLETICS

SPORTS CONNECTION



ORU sports fans, we want you to keep up with our Golden Eagles! Consult ORU Athletics' website for each team's schedule and plan to be on the scene when there's a game, match, or tournament in your area.

[ORU ATHLETICS](#)

EVENTS

Fall Revival is scheduled for Thursday, September 30 (7:00 p.m.) and Friday, October 1 (11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.) in



Christ's Chapel. Thursday night is "ORU Worship with Christine Caine." Friday morning is "Vertical Worship with Christine Caine." Friday evening is "Vertical Worship – Night of Worship." Services will be livestreamed. You can connect via Facebook or ORU's website.



WATCH SERVICES

ETC.

The [Whole Leaders for the Whole World](#) campaign is going strong! With the 3-to-1 match for building projects, now is definitely the time to get on board with a contribution. Please support the campaign by designating your gift to buildings, the Center for Global Leadership, or for scholarships.

CAMPAIGN GIFT

If you are 70½ or older and must make the "required minimum distribution" from a qualifying IRA, you can direct some or all of those funds to ORU through a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD). The QCD allows an individual to exclude the amount of the donation (up to \$100,000) from taxable income if the gift is made on or before December 31. Check with your accountant or tax preparer for details.

You can support ORU whenever you shop on Amazon. Go to [this page](#) to learn how to select ORU as your preferred nonprofit via the **AmazonSmile** program.

ORU is **going paperless**. That means when you make a gift to ORU, your receipt will come via e-mail. You can still choose a paper receipt, though, by filling out [this form](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

We are always working to make the student experience better. This month, the university is introducing **ORU Concierge**, a one-stop shop designed to "enhance the customer experience by alleviating customer stress and unnecessary steps." Students and their parents can stop by the designated desks in the Hammer Center and on LRC 3 to get accurate, time-saving information.

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