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DAYSTAR GIFT

ORU has received a \$3,000,000 gift from Daystar Television Network for the new dining hall in Phase II of the Whole Leaders for the Whole World campaign. The dining hall will have inside seating for more than 700, with 150 seats on the veranda and outside courtyard. Chick-fil-A and a coffee/smoothie shop are also in the plans.

The gift

NEWS

SPACE: THE NEXT FRONTIER

At an April 2 luncheon hosted by the Fenimore & Fisher College of Business, President Wilson signed a Memorandum of Understanding with [Redwire Space](#). This will give students internship and learning opportunities related to space programs. The collaboration, said Redwire Space VP Richard Boling, will “help enable space exploration and develop technologies and medical treatments that can improve human health on Earth.”



Into space



Fighting cancer

U.S. PATENT AWARDED

The lowly mushroom is in the spotlight. Thanks to research conducted by Dr. William Ranahan (ORU '05), Chair and Professor of Molecular Biology, ORU has received a U.S. patent to support the work taking place here on campus. The patent is for the use of mushrooms or mushroom mycelia in the treatment of cancer.

THE WILBERFORCE AWARD

ORU benefactors David and Barbara Green have been chosen to receive the 2024 William Wilberforce Award from the Colson Center. The award will be presented at the center's national conference in Arlington, TX, May 30-June 2. The Greens are being recognized as Christian leaders who “have made a lasting difference in their sphere of influence.”

Honoring the Greens





RSVP

WELL DONE, MR. UNRUH!

When you think “ORU Accounting,” you think “Terry Unruh.” This uber-popular professor and ORU grad (1977 & 1980-MBA) has been serving on the Fenimore & Fisher College of Business faculty for 44 years. He has also been an essential member of the ORU Athletics team, filling the role of NCAA Faculty Representative for more than 25 years. (Very fitting, since he was a pitcher on ORU’s baseball team, 1974-77.) Now, Terry is stepping down and entering a well-deserved retirement from teaching. To honor him, his college is holding a special reception on Friday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. in ORU’s Global Learning Center. Please RSVP soon...and plan to bring your favorite memories to share! It’s going to be a great evening with Terry and the alumni and friends who appreciate him so much. Light refreshments will be served. Casual attire is recommended.

Take note: There will also be an ORU family reception on April 23 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Grad Center 3rd floor pit area. You may attend this event if it works better with your schedule.

SCIENCE STUDENTS EXCEL

Academic excellence has been on display more than ever this school year. ORU's Mu Kappa chapter of the TriBeta Biological Honor Society was named **Best Overall Chapter** (District 1) at the South-Central Convention, held April 5-7 in Cedar Hill, TX. In the Posters category, Natalia Ramirez won 1st prize. In Oral Presentations, 1st prize went to Katherine Dempsey, while Christof Rosler (2nd), Jayme James (2nd), and Derick DuFriend (honorable mention) stood out in their sections. Elena Davis also received honorable mention in the Posters category. There were 50 posters and 20 oral presentations, making the ORU results especially impressive.

A week later (April 12-13), eight Biology students (mostly sophomores and juniors)



Kneeling: Diego De La Torre. First row (L to R): Oanh Dang, Katherine Dempsey, Dr. Julianna Goelzer (advisor), Natalia Ramirez. Second row (L to R): Elena Davis, Elaina Montgomery, Anna Wilson, Evonn Annor, Jayme James, Sofia Baez, Derick DuFriend. Back row (L to R) Joshua Pilote, Gerrit Van De Kieft, Dominic Carrano, Christof Rosler.

landed in the **Final Four** at the National Bioethics Bowl, held at Baylor University. This was an intercollegiate bioethics debate competition. ORU's team was unusual because all of its members were science students—and they were considered underdogs, according to Rachel Budavich (ORU '04), Associate Chair of Biology and Chemistry. (She and Dr. Celestine Velásquez [ORU '13] coached the team.) This was **ORU's first year to compete** in the Bowl, and there they were—top four with Stanford University, Georgetown University, and the University of Georgia. Altogether, 19 universities competed in Waco.



The team (L to R): Josh Pilote, Rosie Alshujari (non-competitor/photographer), Ruby Mutisya, Marie Stepp, Anna Wilson, Samantha Griffin, Caleb Tham, Kara Steward, and Dominic Carrano.

Final Four



NCLEX

THE SCORES ARE IN

Class of 2023 Anna Vaughn School of Nursing graduates who took the National Council Licensure Examination achieved a 95% pass rate. That exceeded the Oklahoma pass rate of 87.48%, and the national pass rate of 88.56%.

GIVING DAY RESULTS

Many thanks to everyone who contributed on ORU's second annual Giving Day! We exceeded the goal, **raising \$745,092.97** for a variety of projects that will enhance the value of an ORU education. The Whole Leaders campaign, College of Theology and Ministry's "Computers for Bible Foundations Lab," Business Student Scholarships, Quest First Generation Scholarship, and ORU Missions exceeded their individual goals!



See the results



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WALL STREET JOURNAL SURVEY

Current students and alumni who graduated from ORU in the past five years are encouraged to take part in a Wall Street Journal survey. Questions concern the participants' opinions and views of the university where they received their degree. The survey results will form the core component of the Journal's new college rankings to be published in September 2024, which can give prospective students helpful information as they are choosing a college. The survey takes about 10 minutes and will be available through May 2024.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MORE

Does God care about technology? That's one point of discussion on a recent edition of the GEB America podcast. Speaking with GEB's GM, David Groves, is Ryan Collins, the author of "The God of Tech" and CEO of Bethel Technology.



[Talking tech](#)



A PERFECT MATCH

Many employers offer a matching gift program as an added benefit to their employees. Does your company do so? You can find out by clicking on the link and entering the name of the company where you work. Matching gifts can double the value of your gifts to ORU...and sometimes, the match is even more than double!

NEED A GOOD READ?

Check out three books that were written by the president of ORU, including **Fasting Forward: Advancing Your Spiritual Life Through Fasting**. This revised edition talks about the importance of fasting and how Christ-followers can advance their spiritual lives through practicing this ancient discipline. **The Power of One: Reaching Every Person on Earth** is about mobilizing today's church, and how one person can make a difference. Dr. Wilson presents a plan that calls for re-personalizing the Great Commission and focusing anew on the potential of everyONE. **Generation Z: Born for the Storm** zeroes in on a group that's coming of age at one of the most unique times in human history. Dr. Wilson explores their potential to make a significant impact on the world.



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ALUMNI



CITY LEADER

Janine Heft (ORU '89) is the mayor of Laguna Hills, CA. Uncompromising in her convictions and guided by her faith, she puts God first as she serves the people of her community.

Janine

EVENTS



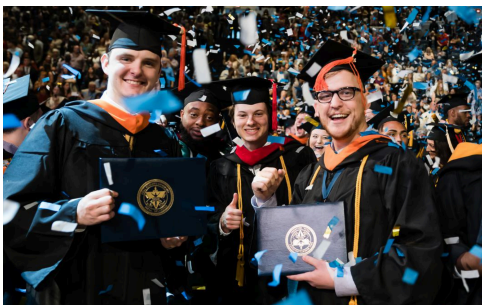
AT THE MABEE CENTER

Events at Mabee Center just keep getting better. See what is coming to Mabee Center by clicking on the button below.

[Mabee events](#)

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 2 is the 2024 National Day of Prayer. We are praying for you—always! Please pray for ORU: our students, faculty, staff, administration, and everything we're doing to prepare a new generation of Holy Spirit-empowered, whole-person leaders who can change the world!



COMMENCEMENT

Where has the 2023-24 school year gone? Believe it or not, Commencement is almost here. The date is May 4. For those who are attending in person, the Mabee Center doors will open at 11:30 a.m. The ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m. To watch the ceremony, you can do so on ORU's international television network GEB, Direct TV (channel 363), and locally on KGEB-TV 53/Cox HD and all affiliates. GEB is also on Amazon Fire, ROKU, Apple TV, and GEB.TV, or the GEB app. Livestreaming will be on [ORU's website](#), [Facebook page](#), and [YouTube channel](#).

MAY 4 LEGACY BREAKFAST

It's a longstanding tradition. Early on Commencement Day, the Alumni Relations office welcomes alumni and their graduating offspring to the 60th floor of CityPlex Towers for a complimentary meal known as the Alumni Parent & Legacy Student Breakfast. This year, the date is May 4 and the meal is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The hosts are President Wilson and First Lady Lisa Wilson. Space is limited, so parents are asked to register by April 25.



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SUMMER ACADEMY

Tulsa-area alumni with children who are entering 8th or 9th grade this fall—check this out. Once again, ORU is hosting a Math, Science, and Engineering Summer Academy. The dates are June 3-7, and it's free. The application deadline is April 26. Use the links to learn more and to apply. You can also contact Kerri Ophus at kophus@oru.edu for further information.

ATHLETICS



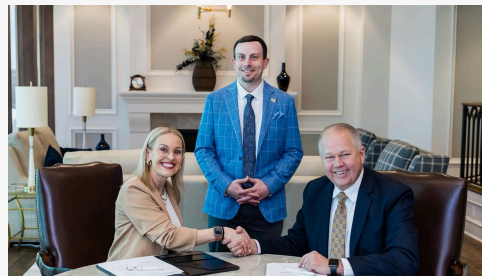
‘ATHLETE OF THE YEAR’

Abraham Chelangam is a real record-breaker. His reward? The title of Summit League Men’s Indoor Track Athlete of the Year! He is the first Golden Eagle since Omeiza Akerele (2017-18) to earn this award.

Abraham!

COACH MUSICK’S CONTRACT EXTENSION

The women’s basketball team has made some amazing strides since Coach Kelsi Musick arrived. She took the team from a 12-19 record in 2022-23 to a 21-11 finish this year, and the opportunity to host a first-round WNIT game. In recognition of how she has led the team to greater success, Coach Musick has received a contract extension.



Musick’s contract



HONORING OUR BASKETBALL PLAYERS

The women’s basketball team collected plenty of post-season awards from the Summit League. Freshman forward Emily Robinson became the third ORU player to win Freshman of the Year. Sophomore Taleyah Jones became the seventh Golden Eagle to win Newcomer of the Year. Jalei Oglesby won the Sixth Woman of the Year award and was also named to the All-Newcomer Team and the All-Summit League Honorable Mention Team. Hannah Cooper wrapped up her Golden Eagle career with All-Summit League First Team

and Defensive Team honors. Senior forward Ruthie Udoumoh had a career year and earned All-Summit League Second Team and Defensive Team honors.

MCBRIDE HONORED

Senior guard [Issac McBride](#) was a two-time award winner for this past season. He was named to the [All-Summit League Second Team](#), and he earned [All-District 12 Second Team honors](#) from the National Association of Basketball Coaches. He finished the regular season averaging the second most points in the Summit League at 19.7, averaged the most minutes per game (39.8) in the country, and shot a league-best 88.8% from the foul line.



TALKING BASEBALL

The Golden Eagles' 2024 season continues! Have you been to a game yet? If not, check the schedule. Come out to J. L. Johnson Stadium, or catch a road game if you're in a city where the team is playing.

[Schedule](#)

ETC.

ORU's Development and Alumni Relations office has gone 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?



ORU Theatre has plenty of shows planned for the upcoming school year, including “The 24-Hour Play Festival,” “The Play That Goes Wrong,” “Waiting for Godot,” and more. These performances will take place in the all-new Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center, which opens this fall!



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