



## WHAT A GOOD GIVING DAY!

Wow—our alumni and friends did it again! On ORU's third annual **Giving Day**, they contributed a grand total of **\$272,843**. That exceeds our \$250,000 goal!

Thanks to everyone who participated. Because of your support, academic departments, Athletics, Development, The Pantry, and ORU Missions all received some deeply appreciated gifts. Our students are blessed by the love and concern expressed through the wonderful gifts that came in. Keep giving, keep praying for ORU, and keep sharing good news about ORU with your family, friends, and colleagues. You are making a difference!

## NEWS



## WATCH AND LISTEN

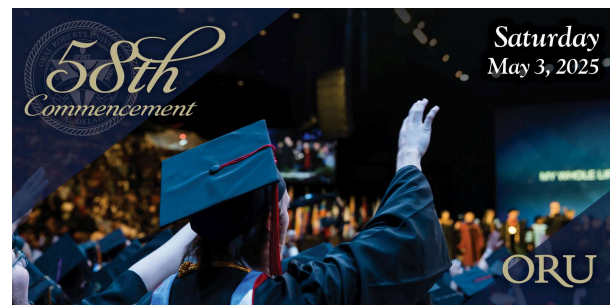
ORU Worship is now available on Pray.com, the world's #1 app for daily prayer and faith-based audio content. Visit the app for the faith-building worship music that ORU Worship shares in chapel. You are also invited to watch the latest GEB America podcast and hear author/speaker/ORU alumna April Osteen-Simons talk about "Finding Hope in Every Season."

## STREAM ORU WORSHIP

## APRIL'S PODCAST

## COMMENCEMENT DETAILS

ORU's 58th Commencement ceremony will take place in Mabee Center on Saturday, May 3, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Bobby Gruenewald, Pastor and Innovation Leader at Life.Church (based in Oklahoma) and founder of the YouVersion Bible App, will be the keynote speaker. Hundreds of students will cross the stage on this day of celebration! You can watch the event via a link on ORU's website, so check that out on the 3rd.



## GRAD DAY INFO



## MAXWELL AT ORU

Renowned leadership expert Dr. John Maxwell was the featured speaker at the Fenimore & Fisher College of Business's Spring 2025 PECE\* forum, held on April 1 in the Global Learning Center. The topic of his talk was *How to Receive A Return on Failure*. "Failure gives you humility; success gives you resilience," he said. "When

you separate them, you lose the value of both.” Read more about the “core competencies” that have been front of mind for him throughout his life.  
*(\*PECE stands for Partners in Economics, Commerce, and Entrepreneurship.)*

## MAXWELL TALK

### 100% ONLINE MBA

The Fenimore & Fisher College of Business offers a 100-percent-online Master of Business Administration with three concentrations. The online MBA in Leadership degree offers students the opportunity to specialize in Marketing, Accounting, or Leadership. It’s an MBA program designed to transform students into more than just business managers; it will elevate you into a versatile leader proficient in navigating the realms of finance, strategic advertising, or effective organizational leadership.



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## ALUMNI



### WALL STREET JOURNAL SURVEY

Current students and those who graduated from ORU in the past five years still have time to take the Wall Street Journal survey that asks for opinions and views of the university where they received their degree. Focus is on ORU’s undergraduate degree program. Survey results will form the core component of the Journal’s new college rankings—to be published in September 2025—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 2025. Last fall, ORU ranked 8th in the nation for Student Experience as a result of this survey.

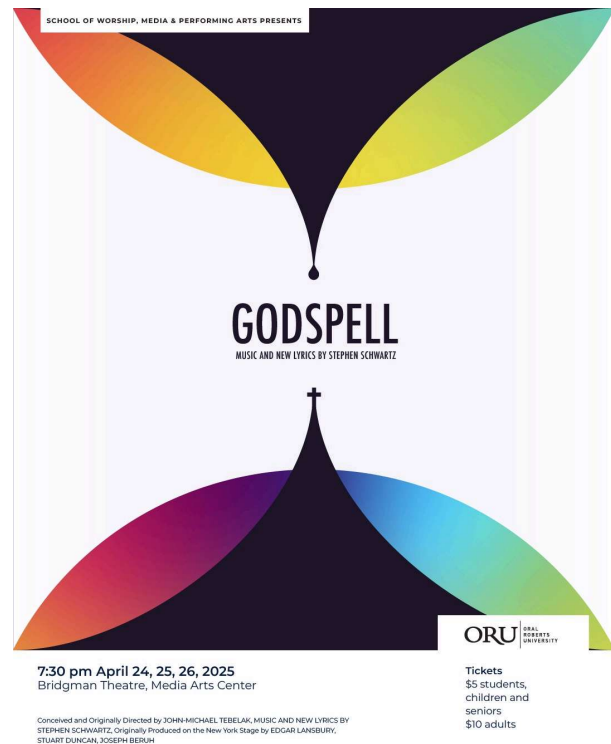
## WSJ SURVEY

## EVENTS

### GODSPELL!

It's almost here—the rock opera that dramatizes the Gospel of St. Matthew with uniquely presented parables and unforgettable songs. This is a don't-miss show. Come to the Bridgman Theatre in the **Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center** on **April 24, 25, or 26 (7:30 p.m. all three days)**. **Get your tickets now.**

### TICKETS



### LEGACY BREAKFAST

Alumni whose sons and daughters are graduating from ORU this spring are invited to the annual Alumni Parent & Legacy Student Breakfast. This complimentary meal (**Saturday, May 3, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Skyline 60 at CityPlex Towers**) will be hosted by President William M. Wilson and First Lady Lisa Wilson. The president will share some brief remarks and there will be prayer for the Legacy families. Space is limited, so alumni parents are strongly encouraged to **RSVP as soon as possible**. Each family may register

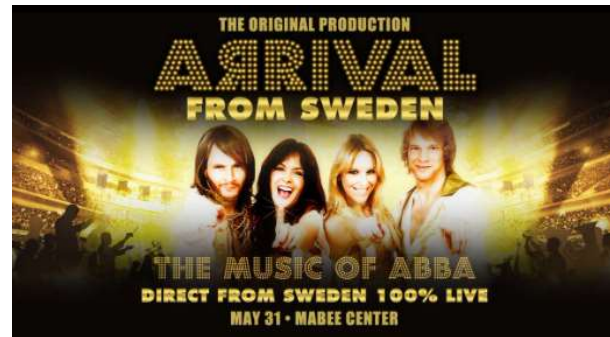


up to five guests (including the graduate).

## BREAKFAST RSVP

## COMING TO MABEE CENTER

“ARRIVAL from Sweden: The Music of ABBA” will be at Mabee Center on May 31. Showtime is 8:00 p.m. Don’t miss your chance to hear this remarkable group sing and play some of ABBA’s most popular songs. Learn more at [mabeecenter.com](http://mabeecenter.com) and get your tickets now.



## INFO & TICKETS

## ATHLETICS



## NEW COACHES

The men’s and women’s basketball teams have both welcomed new head coaches for the upcoming season. Kory Barnett will be coaching the men and Cophie Anderson will be the head coach for the women. In addition, Coach Barnett has welcomed a new associate head coach: Kory Alford.

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## KORY BARNETT

## KORY ALFORD

## NEW SOCCER COACHES

In women's soccer, Dria Hampton is the new assistant coach. She had been serving in the same role at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma since 2015, where the team won multiple tournament championships and made national tournament appearances. ORU's men's soccer team has a new associate head coach: Saif Alsafeer. He comes to ORU after serving as head coach at Dalton State College, where his team won the 2024 NAIA National Championship. He was named 2024 NAIA Coach of the Year and Staff of the Year from USC National and USC South.



### COACH HAMPTON

### COACH ALSAFEER



## BACK ON THE DIAMOND

If it's springtime, that must mean it's time to go to ORU's Chapman Park for some Golden Eagle baseball! Watch this year's team take on Summit League and non-conference foes in their drive to return to the College World Series. Chapman Park is beautifully renovated, with all new seats and so many more upgrades. Take yourself (and family and friends) out to a ballgame!

### BB TICKETS

### SCHEDULE

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