



STAYING WARM THIS WINTER



The weather might be up and down—one day mild, the next bringing snow/ice/sleet—but on the ORU campus, there is light and warmth. Our community came together this month for RenewU, the annual spring revival. We were blessed by the Brazilian worship band Dunamis, and especially by the man who brought the Word of God: Teo Hayashi, founder and leader of the [Dunamis Movement](#). “ORU is a place where revivalists and reformers are being formed,” he said. Amen!

NEWS



EARLY MORNING PRAYER

It’s been happening at ORU since 1985—a gathering of faculty members, alumni, and others who meet every Thursday during the academic year to pray early in the morning. You are invited to come and pray with them. The session begins with songs of praise and worship, followed by prayer. The group of administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and visitors meets in the Global Learning Center’s Lippencott Auditorium, or in a nearby classroom when the auditorium is reserved for another event. Come and pray on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

ALUMNI BOARD ELECTION

If you’re an ORU graduate and you didn’t receive the e-mail with the link to the ballot, contact alumni@oru.edu and provide your preferred e-mail address. The election ends at midnight on February 28. If you received your e-mail from us and haven’t yet voted, please do so! You can go to the alumni webpage to see who is running for office.



CANDIDATES



2023 ALUMNI AWARDS

Just a reminder... Nominations for the 2023 Alumni Awards must be submitted by the **March 1 deadline**. The categories are Distinguished Service to God, Distinguished Service to the Community, Distinguished Service to the Alma Mater, Distinguished Service “In Every Person’s World,” and “Rising Servant Leader.” The Alumni Board will make the final selections at their May 4-5 meeting.

ALUMNI AWARDS

ALUMNI

Phil Cooke ’76 is one of the “Top 30 Pastors and Christian Leaders You Should Follow on Twitter in 2023.” This is a list compiled by leadership author Brian Dodd.

PHIL



Allen Harrison ’86 is the new president and CEO at Medical City Healthcare in Austin, TX. This division of HCA Healthcare is one of HCA’s largest, with 16 hospitals, 12 ambulatory surgery centers, and thousands of physicians, nurses, and other employees.

ALLEN

Robert Owens ’81 and 11 crewmates recently rowed 3,500 miles across the Atlantic—from the Canary Islands to Antigua! They began their journey on December 5 and completed it on January 17. Robert is an Air Force veteran. He took on this rowing challenge to raise funds for the [Courage Foundation](#), a Veterans Suicide Prevention Program.

ROBERT



Rachel Wagner, owner of Rachel Wagner Etiquette and Protocol, received the “Woman-Owned Business of the Year” Award from the Bixby Metro Chamber of Commerce on January 28 at their Annual Awards Gala. There were 16 nominees in this category. As a business etiquette consultant and trainer with more than two decades of experience as a teacher and workshop speaker, Rachel prepares today’s business professionals to address etiquette and protocol issues and communicate more effectively.

RACHEL

EVENTS

COMING SOON: CAREER FAIR

Employers seeking employees should participate in ORU’s Spring Career Fair. It’s on March 1 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Mabee Center. Students and alumni from all majors will be represented.

EMPLOYER REGISTRATION



QUEST DAYS

The Admissions office has scheduled some Quest events on March 2-3 and 30-31 for prospective students. These future ORU students can participate in class visits, a scholarship competition, and academic department tours; have meals in the cafeteria and overnights in the residence halls; and enjoy student activities like athletic events and theatre performances. Do you know a potential student? Send that student to [this page](#). Click on the button below for more information.

DETAILS

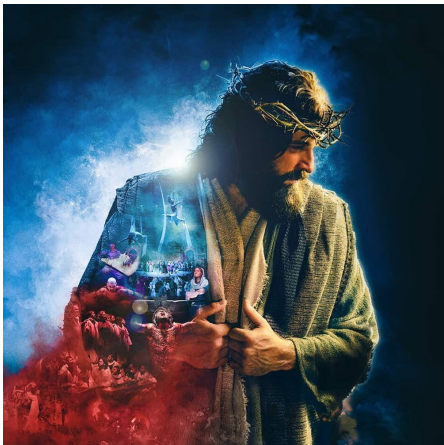
'INTO THE WOODS'

A story of dreams, deception, and ultimately redemption, ORU Theatre brings Stephen Sondheim’s timeless musical “Into the Woods” to the stage. The musical intertwines fairy tale characters, including Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel, Cinderella, and others with two new characters: a childless couple —the Baker and his wife. Each character has a dream and journeys into the woods to fulfill that dream ... but how does the fulfillment affect those around them? With songs such as “Children Will Listen” and “No One is Alone,” this extraordinary musical reveals the importance of maintaining community in the face of adversity.

The show will come to life on the Howard Auditorium stage, March 9-11 (7:30 p.m. nightly) and March 12 (2:00 p.m.). Click on the button below to get tickets. You can also buy tickets on show days at the box office.



TICKETS



'THE THORN'

Come one, come all to the Mabee Center to see “The Thorn” on March 25 at 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. ORU alumni John '92 and Sarah (Roehl-'90) Bolin created the Thorn in 1996. It tells the epic story of God’s love for the world and the spiritual battle for all humanity. This is a show that combines dance, martial arts, aerial acrobatics, and emotionally powerful performances. **ORU alumni** can receive a **\$10 discount** at any price level **only by purchasing tickets in person** at the Mabee Center ticket office (Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; 12:00-2:00 and 5:00-7:00 on the 25th). Anyone can buy regular-price tickets online or at the ticket office.

TICKETS

FIRST MILE 5K RUN

April 1 is the day for the Alumni Association’s First Mile 5K Run. Be sure to sign up soon. Proceeds from the event will benefit the [Whole Leaders for the Whole World campaign](#) and the Quest First Scholarship, which goes to students who will be the first in their family to attend college. ORU alumni, faculty, staff, and students get a discount: use the promo code **FM5K63** to pay just \$25. High school students get a discount

when they use the promo code **FM5K22**. You can also be a 5K Run sponsor, sponsor a runner, or donate to the cause.

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ATHLETICS



BASKETBALL: WHAT A YEAR!

The men’s and women’s basketball teams are really on a roll. The men have already clinched at least a share of the Summit League regular-season title, and the women are also coming on strong in conference play. Max Abmas is having another breakout year, assisted by outstanding play from Connor Vanover, Issac McBride, and too many terrific teammates to list here. Hannah Cooper, Tirzah Moore, Delaney Nix, and Ruthie Udoumoh are overachievers who are relentless in defense and in their drive to the basket. There are still a few home games and road games left before the conference tournament begins in Sioux Falls, SD, on March 3. Don’t miss a chance to watch our Golden Eagles in action! Come to the Mabee Center if/when you’re in town. You can also watch home games on the [ORU Sports Network](#). Check the websites of the opposing teams to find out how to watch away games—or be there in person!

[MBB GAMES](#)

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ALL-ACADEMIC HONORS

For the 2022 season, the men's and women's cross country teams were named All-Academic Team award winners by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The women's team achieved a cumulative 3.51 GPA while recording their highest finish at the Summit League Championships since 2017. The men's team had a cumulative 3.38 GPA and recorded their highest finish at the Summit League Championships since 2019.



[HONORS](#)



BASEBALL OPENING DAY: FEB. 17

It might be winter, but that doesn’t faze our baseball team! They’re more than ready to pursue another Summit League championship. In fact, the team has already [received votes](#) in the Collegiate Baseball and National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) preseason polls. And [Cade Denton](#) has been named a Preseason First Team All-American by the NCBWA. Your Golden Eagles have another challenging schedule this year. Be sure to catch one or more of their games at J. L. Johnson Stadium or on the road.

[SCHEDULE](#)

[TICKETS](#)

NEW HALL OF FAMER

Jaci (Bigham) Inman ’13, ’16-LMBA, a three-time All Conference member when she played for the Golden Eagles (2009-13), was inducted into the McAlester Athletics Hall of Fame on February 3. She became an ORU Athletics Hall of Famer in 2022.



ORU SPORTS SWAG

Right now, you can support ORU Athletics by sporting the gear of your favorite players! Click the buttons below to check out our officially licensed, custom-printed men's and women's basketball gear.

MBB GEAR

WBB GEAR

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For a limited time, you can still support ORU when you shop on Amazon. Go to [this page](#) to learn how to select ORU as your preferred nonprofit via the AmazonSmile program. Please note: AmazonSmile is scheduled to officially close by February 20, 2023.

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?



Between May 14 and June 25, 30 teams of ORU students will be involved in missions trips to 24 nations and three U.S. cities. They will minister in churches, schools, hospitals, orphanages, prisons, and even at a city dump—preaching, praying, singing, playing sports, performing skits, doing construction, helping with medical services, tutoring, and more. One team will go to [Amsterdam](#) to serve at Empowered21’s conference and stadium experience. It’s an event that will launch a new era of evangelism!



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