

# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

ORU has had some powerful chapel services here at the start of 2025. From President Wilson and Augustine Mendoza (Director of Spiritual Life) to alumni like Earl McClellan, to guests like Dr. Sarah Taylor and Mo Huggins, Jr., to David Hall and worship leader Dustin Smith who led the way at our spring revival, RenewU...Christ's Chapel has been alive with the prayers and praise of students, faculty, and staff. You can watch the services online at:

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# **NEWS**



# UPCOMING ORU THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

Do the right thing. Go see "The Play That Goes Wrong" in the Bridgman Theatre at ORU's Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center. Shows continue on February 20,

21, and 22 at 7:30 p.m. each day, with an additional 2:00 p.m. show on the 22nd. Tickets can be purchased online now at the link below. Next up: Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," which will be performed in the Lewandowski Black Box Theatre at the MAC. Dates are March 26-29, with shows at 7:30 p.m. all four days and with a 2:00 p.m. show as well on the 29th. Tickets to this show will be available beginning three weeks before the first performance.

## **GET TICKETS**

# NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

ORU Online now offers a Graduate Certificate in Leadership Coaching, designed to strengthen your coaching skills and expand your toolbox to meet the needs of today's diverse professionals. This fully online program equips you with assessment methods. intervention strategies, and outcome-based coaching approaches to empower leaders and drive meaningful change. Taught by expert faculty, this program prepares you to thrive as a leadership coach in public, private, and nonprofit organizations. Whether you're looking to enhance your leadership abilities or



transition into coaching, this certificate will provide you with the knowledge and confidence to make a lasting impact.

#### **DETAILS**



## IT'S ALL GOOD

Before you know it, ORU's third annual **Giving Day** will be here! **April 9** is when it all happens. Alumni and friends will have the opportunity to impact departments and programs across the university: academics, athletics, outreach, scholarship funds, and more. Be sure to **put April 9 on your calendar** and make up your mind to make great things happen here at ORU. The students, faculty, and staff will thank you! Last year, ORU received nearly \$730,000 in gifts. Let's top that in 2025!

## ALUMNI BOARD ELECTION

All ORU graduates have the opportunity to vote for representatives on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. This year, there are seven open seats. You can review the list of candidates by clicking on the link. The election began on February 1 and will end on February 28. If you did not receive the e-mail from ElectionBuddy with your unique link



to the ballot, please contact Alumni Relations at alumni@oru.edu now! Those who are elected will join the board at the May 15-17 meeting.

#### **CANDIDATES**



#### **2025 ALUMNI AWARDS**

Time is running out for those who want to nominate an alumnus or alumna for a 2025 Alumni Award. These are the awards that are presented each year at the annual Homecoming Banquet. Who receives them? Those alumni who stand out with their Distinguished Service to God, the Community, the Alma Mater, and "In Every Person's World." The fifth award, "Rising Servant Leader," goes to a graduate who received an undergraduate degree within the last 10 years and has already begun to make an impact in work/ministry. Read more about the criteria and nominate someone between now and the March 1, 2025 deadline. The Alumni Board will finalize the slate of recipients at their May meeting.

## **CRITERIA**

# **NOMINATION FORM**

# WALL STREET JOURNAL SURVEY

Current students and those who graduated from ORU in the past five years are encouraged to take part in a Wall Street Journal survey. Questions focus on the participants' opinions and views of the university where they received their degree. You will be asked to respond on topics concerning ORU's undergraduate degree program. The 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, the WSJ ranked ORU 8th in the nation for Student Experience, and also for 2025, as one of America's Best Colleges (West Region).



#### **COMPLETE THE SURVEY**

**EVENTS** 



### **QUEST DAYS**

ORU offers a series of in-person and virtual "Quest Days" for prospective students who want to learn more about ORU—about undergraduate/graduate academics, financial aid, the Quest Scholarship, life on campus, career prep, leadership opportunities, and more. The Quest site has all the upcoming dates and details. The first Spring 2025 event is a brandnew offering: Arts Quest on February 21. This is for high school juniors and seniors and transfer students who are interested in pursuing degrees in the arts, including worship, media, performing arts, graphic design, theater, dance, audio and visual engineering, music production, and art.

#### **QUEST DETAILS**

### COMING TO MABEE CENTER

It's going to be a busy spring at the Mabee! Along with ORU men's and women's basketball games (through February), there are concerts and meetings—something for everyone. The list includes Extraordinary Women's "Mercy and Grace Tour" (February 28 & March 1), "Live from Ireland: The Tulsa IrishFest Kickoff" (March 3, 7:30



p.m.), Christ in Youth (March 7-8), Blippi's "Join the Band Tour" (April 4, 6:00 p.m.), and "ARRIVAL from Sweden: The Music of ABBA" (May 31, 8:00 p.m.). Learn more at mabeecenter.com and get your tickets now!

#### **INFO & TICKETS**



## MUSIC AT THE MAC

ORU Music will present a "Tribute to Andrae Crouch" on February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bridgman Theatre at ORU's Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center. Watch ORU's Facebook page for more details.

# **ATHLETICS**

# GOLDEN EAGLES VS. DENVER PIONEERS

Denver-area alumni are encouraged to come to the University of Denver's Hamilton Gymnasium and support the Golden Eagle men's basketball team on Wednesday, February 19. Game time is 7:00 p.m. (MT). Get your discounted tickets now for seats in the section behind the ORU bench!



## **TICKET DEAL**



# WOMEN'S MID-MAJOR TOP 25

The Golden Eagles were ranked 22nd in College Insider's Women's Mid-Major Top 25 for the first week of February. At the time, ORU was 17-5 on the season.

# CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK & FIELD EVENTS

You are invited to attend a home meet on Saturday, March 29, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at ORU's ONEOK Sports Complex. Right after the meet, there will be a complimentary banquet to celebrate "the 2024-25 season, alumni, donors, and the vision for the program's growth." The banquet will take place in Lippencott Auditorium at the Global Learning Center from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. RSVP to head coach Alick Musukuma at almusukuma@oru.edu or at 417.655.6192.





## **PLAYERS TO WATCH**

The ORU men's golf team has been picked to finish second in the Summit League, while sophomore golfer Gustav Lijeberg (Helsingborg, Sweden) is on the "Golfers to Watch" list. The ORU women's golf team has been picked to finish third in league play. Junior golfer Avery Blake (The Woodlands, Texas), meanwhile, is on the Preseason Watch List.

#### **GUSTAV**

#### **AVERY**

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CAMPS

ORU's summer basketball camps are coming soon! Registration is LIVE for the camps that women's basketball head coach Kelsi Musick is leading. Those four camps are: Elite Camp (June 15), Team Camp (June 16-19), Skills Camp #1 (June 23-26), and Skills Camp #2 (July 21-24). E-mail Hayden Priddy at hpriddy@oru.edu to sign up and learn more.



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