



## PLAY BALL!

ORU's baseball stadium has had an extreme makeover, thanks to a transformational gift from the Chapman Foundation. Now known as Chapman Park, the Golden Eagles' home has gained over 2,000 new seats with cupholders, renovated concession areas, a new visiting team bullpen, an updated home bullpen, new team meeting spaces, a new coaches' locker room and lounge, new office spaces, new restrooms, new athletic training facilities, and more. Phase II (Fall 2025) will bring new field turf for the infield and outfield, on-field suites with grills, on-field seating/inside seating, and top-of-the-line amenities. Come to a game and see what's new! You can use [this link](#) to get tickets.

## CHAPMAN PARK

## NEWS



## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Bobby Gruenewald, Pastor and Innovation Leader at Life.Church in Tulsa and founder of the YouVersion Bible App, will be the

keynote speaker for ORU's 2025 Commencement. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 3 at 1:00 p.m. in Mabee Center.

## SPEAKER

## ENROLLMENT UPDATE

It's a new record for ORU! The unduplicated head count of students for the current academic year stands at 7,069. ORU's expansion of online and virtual learning opportunities has helped drive enrollment growth.



## MORE STUDENTS



## JOHN MAXWELL AT ORU

The Fenimore & Fisher College of Business has a one-of-a-kind luncheon coming up on April 1. The **Spring 2025 PECE Special Engagement with John Maxwell** will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the Mabee Center arena floor. John Maxwell is a #1 New York Times bestselling author who is universally recognized as an expert on leadership. Those who would like to attend the luncheon are encouraged to consider sponsoring a table. Ticket sales, table sponsorships, and donations will benefit programs and projects

that serve students in the F&FCOB. Every guest will receive a copy of John's most recent book, *High Road Leadership*. (PECE stands for Partners in Economics, Commerce, and Entrepreneurship.)

## TICKETS, SPONSORSHIPS

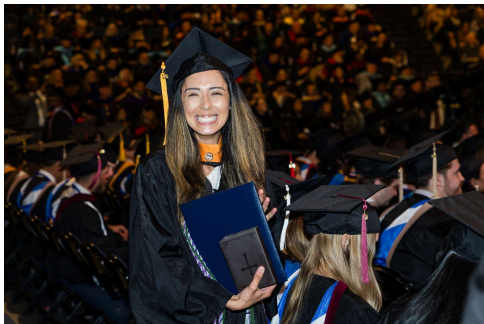
## ABOUT PECE

## COUNTDOWN TO GIVING DAY

April 9 is the day—ORU's third annual **Giving Day**. The project list includes scholarships, student missions trips, classroom and lab equipment for academic departments, micro-grants for student entrepreneurs, and more. This is a good time for alumni and friends to support projects that appeal to you the most. Last year, gifts totaled nearly \$730,000. Together, we can exceed that number in 2025! And you can get a head start right now. Click on the link to get all the details and make your gift.



## LET'S GIVE



## ONLINE M.DIV. PROGRAM

The Master of Divinity program offered by ORU Online is a dynamic and comprehensive theological education tailored for ministers and leaders worldwide. This program is thoughtfully designed to equip students with both the foundational knowledge of Christian theology and the practical skills needed to lead with conviction and compassion. With a strong emphasis on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the curriculum integrates rigorous academic study with a deep commitment to spiritual formation, empowering students to effectively serve in diverse ministry contexts. Whether called to pastor, teach, or lead in various ministry roles, graduates are prepared to influence their communities with faith, wisdom, and a Christ-centered vision.

## GET INFORMATION

## THE PANTRY

Operated by ORU Concierge, The Pantry is focused on helping students with specific needs—such as non-perishable food items during school breaks (when on-campus dining options are limited) and weather-appropriate clothing. You are invited to support this



initiative, which directly benefits current ORU students in need.

## CONTRIBUTION



## PLANNED GIVING

Through the years, ORU has been blessed by friends and alumni who provided a final gift to the university in their estate plans. If you have made a similar provision through your will, a trust, or another planned giving instrument, we would like to thank you now! Please contact ORU Development at 918.495.7220 or [development@oru.edu](mailto:development@oru.edu) to share this news.

## ALUMNI

### ALUMNI BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Thanks to everyone who voted in the Alumni Association Board of Directors election last month. These are the directors who were elected. Segment 2: Ken Osiwala. Segment 4: Jimmy Shaw\*. Segment 5: Moses Ehambe. Segment 6: Amber Roy. At Large: Dr. Anthony Herron, Jr., Alyssa LaCourse, and Kit Marshall\*. The





board's spring meeting is May 15-17. (\* re-elected)

## ON BOARD



## WALL STREET JOURNAL SURVEY

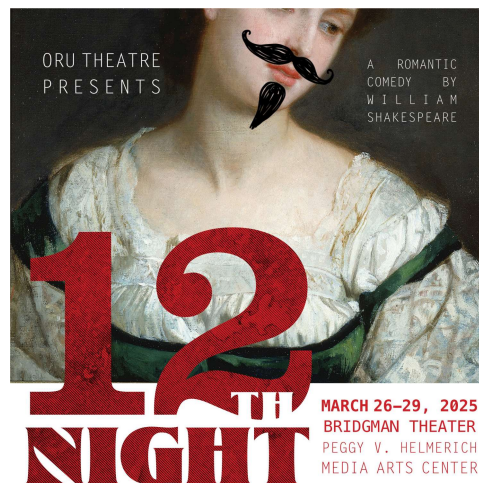
There's still time for current students and those who graduated from ORU in the past five years to take part in a Wall Street Journal survey. It asks for the participants' opinions and views of the university where they received their degree. Topics asked about will concern ORU's undergraduate degree 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.

## TAKE THE SURVEY

## Events

## BACK TO THE BARD

ORU Theatre will stage Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," March 26-29 in the Lewandowski Black Box Theatre at the Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. all four days, with an additional show at 2:00 p.m. on the 29th. Tickets to this show will be available **beginning three weeks before the first performance.** Coming up in April: "Godspell"!



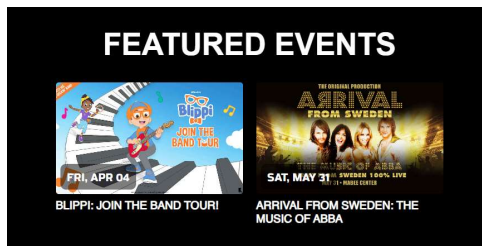
## QUEST DAYS

When prospective students want an inside scoop on ORU—academics, financial aid, the Quest Scholarship, life on campus, career prep, leadership opportunities—in-person and virtual Quest Days are the way to go. The Quest site has the upcoming dates and details. March 27-28 is the next in-person event.

## QUEST DETAILS

## MUSIC & DANCE AT THE MAC

Be sure to come to the Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center this spring to hear some wonderful music. **Coming up:** Jazz Combo (March 27), Guitar Ensemble (April 1), Choir Concert with Heather Sorenson (April 9), and Orchestra Concert (April 11). Music events are free, but it's recommended that you obtain tickets in order to secure the seat(s) you prefer. ORU Dance will perform April 10-12 in the Lewandowski Black Box Theatre at the MAC. Dance tickets are \$5 for children and seniors, \$10 for adults. Watch ORU social media for the ticket link.



## COMING TO MABEE CENTER

The Mabee Center has more shows for audience enjoyment this spring: 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](http://mabeecenter.com) and get your tickets now!

## INFO & TICKETS

## ATHLETICS



## FOLMAR'S BIG WIN

Head Coach Ryan Folmar marked his 400th career win at ORU on February 14. It happened when the Golden Eagles won the second game of a doubleheader against Arkansas-Pine Bluff. He is the second ORU coach (after Larry Cochell, with 428 wins) to achieve this milestone. He became ORU's head coach in 2013.



**#400!**



## BACK-TO-BACK

This year, the women's basketball team achieved back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time since 2010-11/2011-12. At the end of the regular season, their record stood at 22-7. They earned the #2 seed in the Summit League tournament and made it to the championship game, ultimately losing to South Dakota State. However, there's more! The team received a bid to the Women's Basketball Invitational Tournament (WBIT) and will take on Missouri State in a March 20 match-up.

## REACHING MILESTONES

In ORU's February 19 game against the Denver Pioneers, guard Issac McBride surpassed 2,000 points for his overall college basketball career. (He played one season at Vanderbilt before coming to ORU.) By season's end, he had moved into 10th place on ORU's most-points-scored list with a grand total of 1,966 points.



## NEW ADDITION IN ATHLETICS

Dr. Renae Myles Payne has joined ORU Athletics as the new Senior Woman Administrator and Senior Associate Athletic Director of Administration. She has more than 25 years of experience in collegiate athletics at both NCAA Division I and II institutions.

### DR. PAYNE

## 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](mailto:hpriddy@oru.edu) to sign up and learn more.

### ETC.

Please fill out [this form](#) if you'd prefer to receive a paper receipt when you make a gift to ORU rather than a receipt via e-mail.



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