



'I'VE GOT AN IDEA...'

That's something you might hear a budding entrepreneur say. In the case of some very creative ORU students, the ideas they had truly paid off. At the 2025 Entrepreneur's Cup, considered Oklahoma's premier collegiate business plan competition, ORU students brought home two first-place awards and one for second place. Freshman Daniel Kringel won the top prize—and \$21,000—in the High Growth Undergraduate division. In the Small Business division, an ORU team led by junior Timothy Blanco finished first and won \$12,000. Another ORU team led by Gabriela Blanco took second place, worth \$8,000. In the 90-second pitch competition, Gabriela also earned a \$1,000 prize. ORU was competing against more than 50 teams from across the state.

WINNERS!

NEWS

PRAYERFALL 2025

"Prayer changes things." "There is no distance in prayer." At ORU, prayer is a way of life. This summer, the faculty and staff are continuing the tradition known as PrayerFall. Gathering in a campus auditorium on specific days, they pray for one another and for new and returning students, parents, alumni and friends, and campus projects (like construction and renovations). Another element is SummerFast. During the week of July 6-13, faculty and staff members can choose to fast a meal while individual departments are encouraged to devote a specific time to prayer. With a new academic year just a few weeks from beginning, the need for prayer is real and the peace it gives is a blessing!



NEW TEXT-TO-GIVE INFO

ORU has a new text-to-give number: **918-302-1008**. You can simply text **Give** and your gift amount to this number. Don't forget to save this number in your phone! As always, you can text EDIT to update your information, set up a recurring gift, and check the status of a gift. If you have made a gift via text in the past, your account is already set up. All sensitive financial information is stored with the highest bank-level security. Your phone number will never be sold, traded, or given to third parties. You will only be texted to confirm your giving.

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FUTURE-FOCUSED COMMUNICATION

"The **Master of Strategic Communication** program has been transformative, inspiring, and empowering," says Andrell, a current ORU student and full-time professional. With a name that reflects its future-focused curriculum, this **newly rebranded program** equips leaders to navigate a digital, AI-driven world with wisdom, clarity, and spiritual strength. "The professors have been so supportive and encouraging," Andrell added. "And it has helped me understand that communication is leadership." More than a credential, this **100% online degree** empowers students to communicate with purpose, lead with vision, and make an impact wherever God has called them.



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ALUMNI



A SYMPHONIC APPOINTMENT

Jeff Lippencott '87 has been named the Composer-in-residence for the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra in Wyoming. During the symphony's upcoming 71st season, Jeff's cello concerto, "Pasturelands," will celebrate its world premiere. Another newly commissioned Lippencott piece will be performed, titled "American Patriot Hymn." The concert season's 2025-26 theme is "Celebrating America."

COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE

LEGACY LUNCHEON

If you're an alum whose son or daughter will be a first-time student at ORU this fall, we want to celebrate with you at our **Alumni Parent & Legacy Student Luncheon on Saturday, August 16, 1:00-2:00 p.m.** in Lippencott Auditorium at the Global Learning Center. Please accept our invitation to this complimentary luncheon—and please bring your new ORU student with you. At the luncheon, you'll meet other alumni families as well as ORU's Parent Engagement director, Sarah Barrett. You'll also enjoy a special greeting from President Wilson. The RSVP deadline is Thursday, August 7. Get more info and sign up now.



RSVP NOW!

EVENTS



QUEST EVENTS

The campus will be busy this summer, with lots of construction going on. ORU will also welcome prospective students and their families during the ever-popular Quest events. These "days" are opportunities to find out what ORU is all about. For 2025, the dates are July 11, 18, and 25. An International Virtual Quest day takes place on July 16. There are other virtual events, too, including a Virtual Financial Aid session, a Virtual Class Connect (for Fall 2025 incoming students), and a Graduate Virtual Quest (to get info on graduate programs).

GET MORE INFO

COMING TO MABEE CENTER

Yes, folks will be fiddling around at ORU when the National Fiddler Hall of Fame concert takes over Mabee Center on July 10. Grand Ole Opry member Rhonda Vincent will take center stage with her band, The RAGE. She, Mike Hartgrove, and Lyman Enloe are the Hall of Fame inductees. VIP table seats are available for the evening.



TICKETS & TABLES

ATHLETICS



FOLMAR TOPS WINS LIST

In a Summit League Baseball Championship game on May 23, Coach Ryan Folmar became the winningest coach in Summit League history, achieving his 379th career league victory. The Golden Eagles defeated the Omaha Mavericks by an 8-1 score in that game to advance to the title game. The team's season ended with a 4-2 loss to North Dakota State on May 24.

SPORTS CAMPS

Basketball, soccer, and baseball sports camps are happening this summer! There's still time to register for the final women's basketball camp. The Skills Camp, designed for girls ages 5-14, is set for June 23-26. Two half-day sessions are available. Contact Assistant Coach Hayden Priddy at hpriddy@oru.edu if you have any questions.

Get more information on boys and girls soccer camps (June & July) and baseball camps (June, July, & August) by clicking on the link below.

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