

GIVING DAY GENEROSITY



THANK YOU. Two simple words that can't begin to express how grateful we are for the way that so many alumni and friends – and students, faculty, and staff – stepped up on ORU's fourth annual Giving Day. We hoped to raise \$275,000 and in fact, we received \$289,778. What a blessing! We are so grateful for the 576 donors who gave to projects that will make an ORU education even better for our students. God bless every one of you!

NEWS FROM ORU



ORU NAMES NEW VP

When Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell completes his service to the State of Oklahoma in December, he will become ORU's next Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations. The current VP, Mike Carter, who has served in this role since April 1, 2022, will continue to serve as a Development Director to assist Matt Pinnell. Matt is a 2002 ORU alumnus whose degree is in Mass Media Communication.

MATT PINNELL



GREEN CENTRE'S NEW LEADER

Heather Turner has been named Executive Director of the David and Barbara Green Centre for Global Leadership, effective May 1. Most recently, she served as Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce as well as Executive Director of CORE—Community Development, Outreach, Revitalization, and Enterprise—within the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. The grand opening of the Green Centre will take place in September.

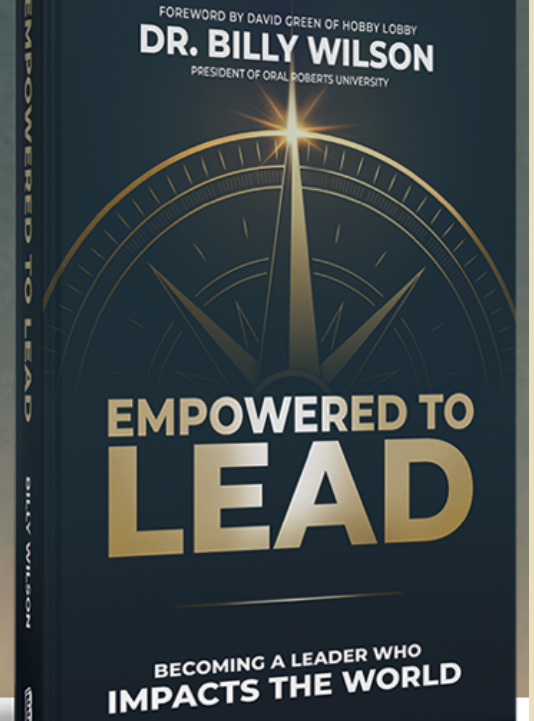
NEW EXEC. DIRECTOR



COMMENCEMENT DETAILS

ORU's 59th Commencement ceremony will take place in Mabee Center on Saturday, May 2, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Hans Helmerich, Chairman of the Board of Helmerich & Payne, Inc., 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 2nd.

GRAD DAY INFO



NEW BOOK BY DR. WILSON

In *Empowered to Lead*, ORU President Dr. William M. Wilson, a respected global leader, shows how to develop the character and skills that sustain impactful leadership. Drawing on decades of executive leadership and global ministry, Dr. Wilson offers a Spirit-empowered roadmap for leading with integrity, courage, and vision in the 21st century. Whether you're stepping into leadership for the first time or seeking to expand your influence, this book will equip you to lead with faith, wisdom, and practical insight—and to make a lasting difference. Order your copy today at DrBillyWilsonBooks.com or click on the link.

NEW BOOK



GLC'S NEW NAME

At a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 15, ORU made it official. The GLC will now be known as the Regent Bank Global Learning Center. This honors Regent Bank and its Chairman and CEO, Sean Kouplen, for a significant investment in the technologically advanced building, and marks "a transformational partnership" with Regent Bank.

REGENT BANK GLC

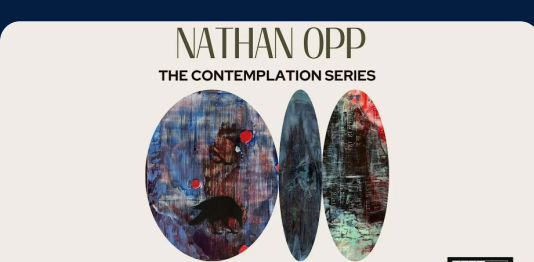
EVENTS COMING UP



COMMENCEMENT DAY 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 2, 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



ART SHOW

Art Professor Nathan Opp's work will be showcased at an art show on Friday, April 24, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Masterwork Gallery in Tulsa. The show, titled "The Contemplation Series," features "a new body of work exploring expression beyond realism" and was "deeply inspired" by the book of Ecclesiastes. Admission is free. The gallery is located at 36 N. Guthrie.

LEARN MORE

RSVP



COMING TO MABEE CENTER

In addition to a long list of local high school and college graduation ceremonies, Mabee Center will be the site of some entertaining shows in the coming months.

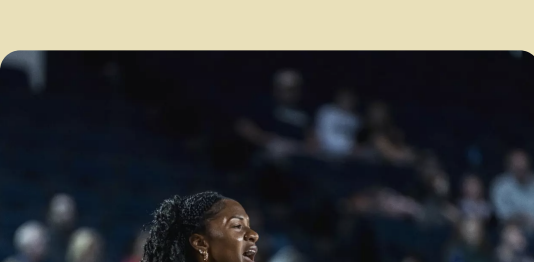
June 2 @ 7:00 p.m. (in the GLC): **An Evening with Impresario Jim Halsey** (celebrating his CMA Lifetime Achievement Award). This is a concert that will feature performances by Jana Jae, Don White, and other notable performers. A live simulcast of Halsey's CMA induction is included.

July 4 @ 6:00 p.m.: **Elvis: Back in the Building - 50 Years Later**. Cote Deonath, The Ultimate Elvis, will bring the man who was known as the "King of Rock and Roll" back to life. Elvis himself performed at Mabee Center on July 4, 1976. In this concert, Deonath will perform the original set list from that concert.

August 15 & 16, 2:00 p.m. both days: **Bill & Gloria Gaither and Friends Homecoming**. Come enjoy the Gaither Vocal Band, Mark Lowry, The Martins, and many other popular artists.

- HALSEY
- ELVIS
- GAITHERS – SATURDAY
- GAITHERS – SUNDAY
- GAITHERS – TWO-SHOW BUNDLE

YOUR GOLDEN EAGLES



SUMMER CAMPS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

This summer, Coach Copbie Anderson and her staff will hold three basketball camps for young people. Elite Camp (June 14) is for high school prospective student-athletes—advanced players who want to be challenged with intense drill work and competition. Team Camp (June 15-16) is for middle school and high school teams. There will be multiple divisions, including four high school and one junior high. Skills Camp (June 22-25) is for 5-to-14-year-olds looking to further develop their skills. Contact Hayden Priddy at hpriddy@oru.edu if you have questions. Find out more on the registration page.

WBB – REGISTER



SUMMER CAMPS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Kory Barnett Skills Academy will be held June 1-4, 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Aerobics Center. This is for boys ages K-12. Campers will receive hands-on instruction focused on ball handling, shooting mechanics, footwork, defense, and other key skills. Coach Barnett and his staff will emphasize skill development, effort, toughness, and character—enabling campers to develop confidence, discipline, and a love for basketball. Contact Steve Upshaw at supshaw@oru.edu if you have questions. Find out more on the registration page.

MBB – REGISTER



DOWNTOWN ORU BASEBALL!

The ORU baseball team defeated the Oklahoma State Cowboys on April 7—and they'll go for win #2 against the Cowboys on Tuesday, April 28 at a very special location: Tulsa's downtown ONEOK Field. Game time is 6:30 p.m. You can get tickets at the link below.

ORU VS. OSU

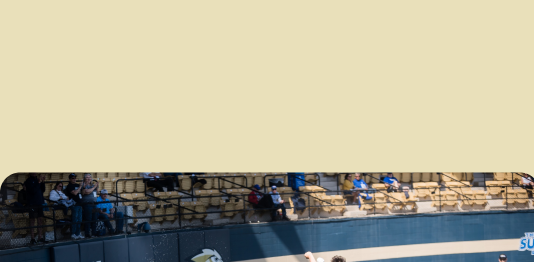


HONORS FOR OGLESBY

Jalei Oglesby was a true champion for the women's basketball team this season on both the court (where she led the team in scoring) and in the classroom (where she maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout her ORU studies). She will receive her master's degree in Professional Counseling at Commencement. In March, she was honored to be named to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team. She is a CSC Academic All-America finalist and has advanced to the national ballot. Jalei was also named to the Summit League's Women's Basketball Academic All-League Team, one of only five student-athletes across the league. Earlier, she was named to the All-Summit League Second Team for her prowess on the court. Congrats, Jalei!

ALL-DISTRICT

ALL-LEAGUE

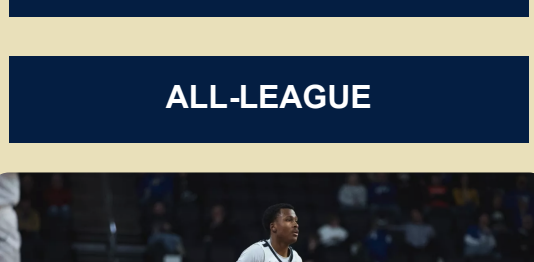


PLAY BALL!

Have you been to ORU's Chapin Park for a Golden Eagle baseball game this season? If not, you have time to enjoy this beautifully renovated park and the on-field talents of ORU's team. Come take a (new) seat!

BB TICKETS

SCHEDULE



MAX-IMIZING HIS IMPACT

Those who know Max Abmas and who thoroughly enjoyed watching his outstanding play as a Golden Eagle basketball star were not surprised to hear that he recently received the 2025-26 NBA G League Sportsmanship Award. These days, Max plays for the Salt Lake City Stars. He also earned the 2025 NBA G League Winter Showcase MVP honor as he helped his team make it to the Showcase championship. Way to go, Max!

TO THE MAX!

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