



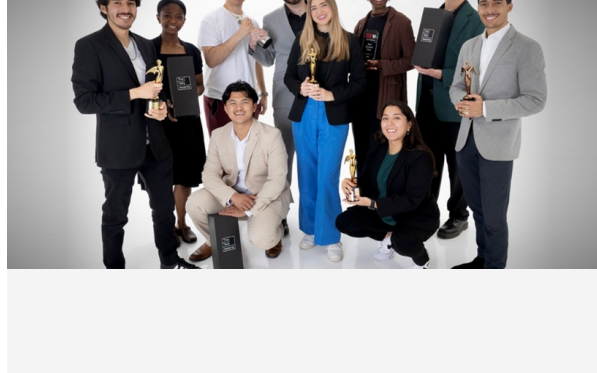
SCHEME 1 | EAST SIDE

FRESH START!

It's August, and you know what that means: time to get back in class! When new students arrive and upperclassmen return, they'll be ready to hit the books—and excited to see an impressive number of improvements. LRC 3 has been absolutely transformed. The area surrounding the staircase has been upgraded to create a grand entrance to the **David and Barbara Green Centre for Global Leadership** (currently a work in progress on the 4th floor). And there are some rebrands! The bookstore is now **Barnes & Noble College**. Coffee is percolating at **Ethne International Beverage Shoppe**. Smoothies are blending in at **Dolce Sweet Shop**.

The biggest change of all is taking place between Niko Hall and Gabrielle Hall: construction of the **future dining hall and residence halls**. *Something good* is happening at ORU!

NEWS



SO. MUCH. TALENT.

Take a look at **Art of Kindness**, an incredible student film that won **ORU's first-ever Gold Award** at the 46th annual Telly Awards. The film packs a lot of heart into its 5:48 run time. Demonstrating "kindness through creativity," as student director **Michaela Ray** describes it, the film features ORU music professor **Hayoung Lim** and **Jacob Sanders**, a 2025 summa cum laude Theatre graduate. In addition to the Gold Award, ORU students won 5 Silver Awards in the General-Student category for non-broadcast films or videos created by students. The winning projects "showcase emerging talent." More than 13,000 entries came in from around the world, competing in multiple categories. The Tellys "honor excellence in video and television across all screens."

ART OF KINDNESS

STORY

A LOOK BACK AT SUCCESS

Last spring was a very productive season at ORU when it came to academic competitions. Our Model United Nations teams won 14 awards in February at the **65th Midwest Model United Nations Conference**, including Most Outstanding Delegation.

The conference gives students the opportunity to consider a number of global issues while developing their diplomacy skills as well as communication, negotiation, public speaking, and critical thinking strengths. Then, in April, a paper called "Fixed traits and flexible habits: Balancing personality, chronotype, and lifestyle in whole-person education" took first prize in the Undergraduate Paper Presentation category at the **43rd annual Oklahoma Psychological Society Spring Research Conference**. A group of students, faculty, and staff members did the research, led by Dr. Philip Nelson, Chair of the Behavioral Sciences Department. Emily Castile, a junior Psychology major, presented the paper. Contributors included Chloe Winkler, Dr. Enrique Valderrama-Araya, Dr. Andrew Lang, Dr. Philip Nelson, Myra Bloom, Nathan Anderson, Duoduo Cai, Victor Rodrigues da Costa Gomes, Scarlet Jost, Nancy Matkin, and Eva Trompler.

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MOL PROGRAM

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MOL PROGRAM DETAILS

REMEMBERING DR. JOHN NELSON

Another much-loved and deeply appreciated ORU professor passed away on July 8. As one alumnus said, "Now he is home." Dr. John Nelson joined the faculty in 1972 and served for 32 years. For more than half of those years, he was Chair of the Biology Department. His impact on students who took his classes will not be forgotten! He was a gentleman, a scholar, and a man of God who served his Lord faithfully and upheld the vision and mission of ORU. The ORU community extends its condolences to his family and says, "Thank you for sharing Dr. Nelson with us for all those years."



ALUMNI

HOMECOMING 2025, NOV. 13-15

There are too many events to list here, so just take our word for it. This year's Homecoming has something for everyone! Here's a snapshot: chapel, basketball, class and MBA reunions, luncheons, open houses and tours, worship and Communion, Orchestra and Choir Alumni Reunions, Christmas Lighting in the Prayer Gardens, volleyball, Bingo & Brownies, and the Homecoming Banquet & Alumni Awards. **Registration is LIVE**, so click on the link to RSVP. **You get a 25% discount on ticketed events when you register by September 1.**

TICKETS



ALUMNI BOARD OPENINGS

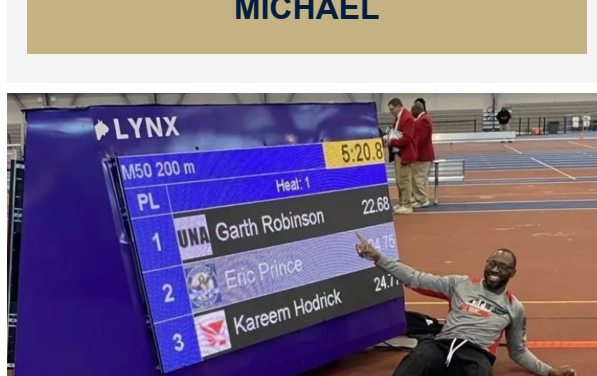
Alumni who are interested in serving on the Alumni Association Board of Directors are invited to submit an application during the **August 25-September 30** timeframe. The board's Election committee will review the applications and the full board will determine the final slate for the ballot at their November meeting. The election will take place in February 2026. Click on the link below to learn more.

2026 ELECTION

HONOR FOR MICHAEL BROSE

Earlier this year, **Michael Brose '79, M.S.W., L.C.S.W.**, an adjunct Social Work professor at ORU, received Tulsa's Lifetime Compassionate Service Award from the Tulsa Human Rights Commission. He served for 27 years as the CEO of the Mental Health Association of Oklahoma. For 45 years, he has been a social worker and intends to continue to serve in that capacity. The award recognized his work with those people who struggle with mental illness, substance abuse, and homelessness. He is also a member of the ORU School of Social Work Hall of Fame.

MICHAEL



WORLD-CLASS SPRINTER

In July, ORU Athletics Hall of Fame member and Olympic bronze medalist **Garth Robinson '96** finished 1st in the 200m Dash and 2nd in the 100m Dash at the 2025 Outdoor National Championship in Huntsville, Ala. In 2024, he was named the USA Track and Field Masters Sprints Athlete of the Year after he set a world record at the USATF Masters Indoor Championships.

ATHLETICS

GOLDEN GIRLS DINNER

It's almost time for the third annual Golden Girls Dinner! The women's basketball staff created the Golden Girls Club as a way to support the team, and the dinner is the club's kickoff event. Guests can get to know the team on a more personal level. With **nine new players** this season, the 2025 dinner is going to be especially helpful in learning who's who, where they're from, etc. Note: The Golden Girls Club is for guys as well as gals! **The dinner is at 6:00 p.m. on September 4 at Five Oaks Lodge in Jenks**. Tickets are \$40 each. There's always a special speaker to close out the evening. This time, it will be Leslee Holliday, wife of former MLB star Matt Holliday and mother of Jackson Holliday, who was drafted #1 overall in the 2022 MLB Draft by the Baltimore Orioles. Get your tickets now!

TICKETS



MBB IN THE COMMUNITY

In recent weeks, the men's basketball program spent an afternoon at the Tulsa Dream Center, where they engaged with local youth through skill-building drills, conversation, and mentorship.

Beyond the court, these positive interactions brought joy and encouragement to the kids, embodying the team's commitment to service and community connection.

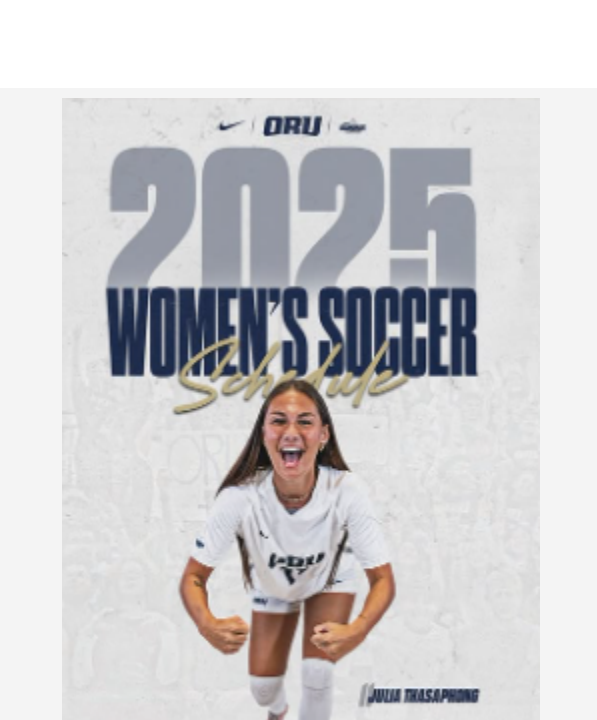
SPORTS SCHEDULES 2025

Some of ORU's student-athletes are already back in action! Better catch up. Here are three schedules for Fall 2025.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

MEN'S SOCCER

VOLLEYBALL



EVENTS



BACK ON STAGE

In a few short weeks, theater and music lovers will be able to enjoy some new shows and concerts at the Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center.

In theater:

The 24-Hour Play Festival, Sept. 6, 7:00 p.m., Lewandowski Black Box Theatre

Leveling Up, Sept. 18, 19, 20 @ 7:30 p.m., Sept. 20 & 21 @ 2:00 p.m., Lewandowski Black Box Theatre

The Importance of Being Earnest, Oct. 15, 16, 17, 18 @ 7:30 p.m., Oct. 19 @ 2 p.m., Bridgman Theatre

In music:

Fall Choir Concert, Oct. 31, 7:00 p.m., Bridgman Theatre

Fall Orchestra Concert, Nov. 7 & 8 @ 7:00 p.m., Bridgman Theatre

Ticket info will be posted on the [Events](#) calendar a couple of weeks before each show.

COMING TO MABEE CENTER

Plan ahead for some upcoming concerts at Mabee Center. The **Big Daddy Weave "Let It Begin Tour"** will be on November 23. The tour will feature Big Daddy Weave, Megan Woods, and David Leonard and is being billed as "a night of inspiration and joy." An annual favorite, the **Grady Nichols Christmas Show**, is set for Tuesday, December 9. Grady will be joined by Andy Chrisman, **Kelly Ford '86**, and Alaska Rayne.

BIG DADDY INFO & TICKETS

GRADY NICHOLS INFO & TICKETS



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