



TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

“Don’t be afraid. I’m here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David’s town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master.”(Luke 2:11, The Message)

The angel’s words to the shepherds on that long-ago night in Bethlehem were the best news that anyone had ever received. Those words still fill us with joy and gladness and hope and excitement. Immanuel—God with us—came to earth and is with us now and always. Rejoice! All of us at ORU want to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happier-than-ever New Year. God bless you!

NEWS



WHAT A YEAR!

In case you were wondering...it’s been a very busy almost-12-months here at ORU. Lots of students winning lots of awards, grand opening of the remodeled LRC 3, wonderful music/drama/dance in the Helmerich Media Arts Center, faith-building messages from chapel speakers, 360 students on summer missions in 24 nations, and so much more. **What’s happening in 2026, you ask?**

An evening worship celebration on January 14. RenewU, our spring revival, on January 27-28, with Ben Fitzgerald (senior leader of Awakening Europe). Hundreds of seniors and grad students preparing to celebrate graduation. Over the summer, more students going out on missions. Remodeling taking place in Christ’s Chapel, EMR, and Claudius. Next fall, the opening of Daystar Dining Hall and the two new residence halls as well as the first phase of the David and Barbara Green Centre for Global Leadership: LRC 4. We’ll be back in January with more good news...

BETTER THAN A (CHRISTMAS) SWEATER!

When it comes to supporting ORU with a year-end gift, there’s no time like the present. The projects at the top of ORU’s list are the new **Science & Cancer Research Center** and the **renovation of Claudius and EMR** residence halls. You can give online (click below) or with a check (mail to Oral Roberts University, 7777 S. Lewis Ave., Tulsa, OK 74171).



If you itemize on your income taxes, a gift like this could help when you file your return. Be sure that a mailed-in gift is postmarked by December 31. Thank you for considering one final 2025 gift to ORU! The students appreciate everything that alumni and friends contribute to ORU...and these future Spirit-empowered leaders are worth it!

YEAR-END GIFT

ALUMNI



ELECTION PREVIEW

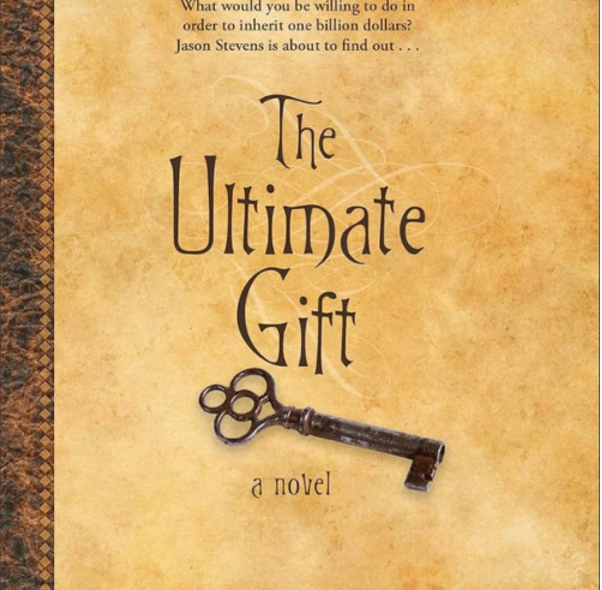
The Alumni Association Board of Directors 2026 election will take place in February. Watch for e-mails that will give you all the details and instructions on submitting your ballot. All ORU graduates are eligible to vote. In 2026, there will be seven (7) openings for new directors: one each in Segments 1-5, and two (2) At Large openings.

ELECTION INFO

‘ULTIMATE GIFT’ ON LIST...AGAIN!

“The Ultimate Gift,” a novel by **Jim Stovall ’81**, is once again on a Christian Fiction bestseller list. Originally published 25 years ago, the book was made into a 2007 movie starring James Garner and Abigail Breslin.

‘GIFT’ LIST



HONORING ALUMNI

Dr. Parnell Lovelace, Jr. ’85, ’08-M.A. (Theology) received an inaugural “Onyx 25” award from The Observer, a Sacramento, CA newspaper. The Onyx 25 recognizes “individuals who demonstrate significant and impactful influence within the Sacramento region’s African American community,” according to the paper’s website. Dr. Lovelace is the founding and senior pastor for Center of Praise Ministries and Vice President of Community at Jessup University

LOVELACE AWARD

Cynthia Newsome ’80, a 2022 Alumni Award honoree for Distinguished Service to the Community, was recently honored by the Kansas City news station where she has worked for many years as an anchor, reporter, and most recently, Community Relationships director. The newsroom is now known as The Cynthia Newsome Newsroom.



NEWSOME’S NEWS

EVENTS



JUST FOR LAUGHS

Start the new year on a high note. Come to Mabee Center on January 23 at 7:00 p.m. for a night of family-friendly comedy, courtesy of “God’s Comic,” Brad Stine. Brad will be joined by Jake Tankersley (in concert) and Kevin Randell (singing the National Anthem). Tickets are available now.

STINE TICKETS

ATHLETICS

DIAMOND DINNER—SAVE THE DATE!

ORU Baseball’s annual fundraiser, the **Diamond Dinner**, will take place on Friday, February 6 at the Glenpool Conference Center. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner and the program begin at 6:30. Attendees will hear from players, coaches, and special guests. There will be both a silent and a live auction. You can buy tickets (and sign up as a sponsor) now.



GET TICKETS



2026 HALL OF FAME

The time has come! On Saturday, February 14, at 10:00 a.m., ORU Athletics will induct the **1973-74 men’s basketball Elite Eight team** into the **2026 Hall of Fame**. The ceremony will take place in the North Lobby of Mabee Center.

The team and star player **Richard Fuqua**, “the man who built Mabee Center,” will also be honored during halftime of the Golden Eagles vs. South Dakota State Jackrabbits’ 7:00 p.m. game on the 14th. In addition, an invitation-only ceremony will take place in the Mike Carter Athletic Center on February 13, where the men’s practice court will henceforth be known as the Richard Fuqua Practice Court.

SIMPLY THE BEST

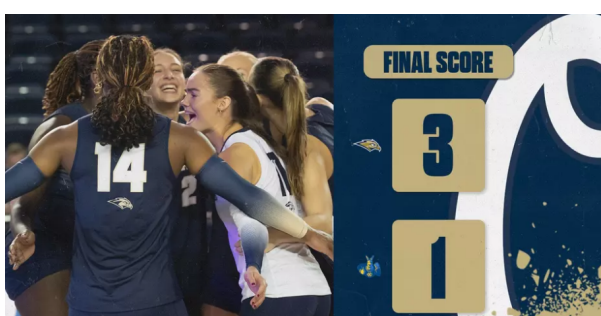
CLASS (AND FIELD) ACT

Enzo Gindro excels as a soccer player and in his grad school classes. In recognition of his achievements in both venues, he was named to the College Sports Communicators’ Academic All-District Team.



A native of Loulans-Verchamp, France, Enzo has maintained a 4.0 GPA while pursuing a master’s degree in Sport and Leisure Administration. He played all 90 minutes of all 17 games this season and helped men’s soccer advance to the Summit League Tournament. He was also on the 2024-25 Summit League Academic Honor Roll.

ENZO



MAJOR MILESTONE

The volleyball team, led by first-year coach Nolan Albrecht, earned its 1,000th program win in November, defeating the Kansas City Roos in four sets. This road victory avenged an October home loss to the Roos.

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