

AN UP-CLOSE LOOK AT ORU!



Last week, ORU was delighted to welcome an amazing group of prospective students and their families to campus for Quest. They were the first to take advantage of a newly personalized Quest experience that allows guests to build their own schedules based on their academic interests and passions. Quest students attended classes, connected with faculty, and went to information sessions that were the best match for what they are interested in studying and doing at ORU. The next Quest events are March 5-6, March 12-13, and April 9-10. A special Arts & Media Quest is on March 27. QUEST: It's how you find your way at ORU!

QUEST DETAILS

NEWS FROM ORU



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Hans Helmerich, Chairman of the Board of Helmerich & Payne, Inc., will be the keynote speaker at ORU's 59th Commencement on Saturday, May 2. The ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m. CT and will be broadcast on ORU's website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel.



MORE STUDENTS THAN BEFORE

So, how is enrollment these days? This spring, we saw a 4.9% increase in the number of students studying at ORU. That is good news! When it comes to undergraduate majors, the top five haven't changed in a while. They are Ministry and Leadership, Nursing, Business Administration, Psychology, and Engineering.

GRADUATION!



RESIDENCE RENOVATIONS

Two of ORU's oldest buildings are going to get a whole new look. In fact, work has already begun on Claudius Roberts and E. M. Roberts student halls. Flooring! Lighting! Restrooms! Furniture! Roofs! Windows! When students arrive for the fall semester, they're bound to marvel at the changes. If you'd like to help move the needle on this Whole Leaders for the Whole World campaign project, [click here](#). To read more, go to the link.



ANGEL NETWORK TO SUPPORT ORU ENTREPRENEURS

BUILDING BUSINESSES

Have you heard about the Angel Network? It's the brainchild of ORU's Stovall Center for Entrepreneurship. This is how investors can connect with student entrepreneurs AND alumni who have founded new businesses. The process has already begun—at the Launch competition, where finalists were able to make presentations directly to members of the Angel Network.

DORM RENEWAL



ALUMNI BOARD ELECTION

Attention, ORU graduates! The Alumni Association Board of Directors election is live, but it won't be for long. All votes must be in by midnight on Saturday, February 28. If you didn't receive an e-mail from ElectionBuddy with your unique link to the ballot, please contact Alumni Relations ASAP at alumni@oru.edu. To find out more about the candidates, click on the link.

ANGEL NETWORK



2026 ALUMNI AWARDS

March 1 is the deadline for nominating alumni that you believe should receive a 2026 Alumni Award. These awards, presented at Homecoming each year, are for Distinguished Service to God, the Community, the Alma Mater, and "In Every Person's World." The fifth award, "Rising Servant Leader," goes to a graduate who received an undergraduate degree within the last 10 years and has already begun to make an impact in work/ministry. Use the links to review the criteria and to make your nomination(s).

CRITERIA

NOMINATION FORM

GOOD DAY TO GIVE



ORU's fourth annual Giving Day is happening on April 8. It's a day when alumni and friends can come together and make an awesome impact on multiple departments and programs. Put April 8 on your calendar and get ready to give! In 2025, we raised over \$270,000. This year, let's exceed it!

EVENTS COMING UP



CAREER FAIR

Calling all employers! There's still time to reserve a spot at ORU's spring Career Fair. It's on **Wednesday, March 4, 12:00-3:00 p.m. in Mabee Center**. Payment for booth space is due by Monday, February 23. You can contact ORU Career Services at careers@oru.edu with any questions. Students from all majors are invited to participate. Career Services recommends that companies post any vacancies within their organizations on Handshake prior to the Career Fair. Use the link below to register.

REGISTER



COMING TO MABEE CENTER

Check out the events that are on the calendar this spring and beyond. They include "By Still Waters," the Extraordinary Women conference (March 6-7), the (rescheduled) Brad Stine Comedy Show (March 20, 7:00 p.m.), and "Megan Woods – The Truth Tour" (April 8, 7:00 p.m.). Then, this summer we have ... wait for it... "ELVIS: Back in the Building, featuring Cole Dossouth, The Ultimate Elvis (July 4, 6:00 p.m.)!

INFO & TICKETS



HOUSTON ALUMNI CHAPTER

Calling all Houston-area alumni! We're having an **Alumni Social on March 7 at Topgolf in Spring, TX** (560 Spring Park Center Blvd.). Come for the food, fun, fellowship, and some ORU updates from two Development & Alumni Relations staffers. We'll start with a **6:00 p.m. buffet dinner** and then get out the clubs and see who can make the best shots. Use the link to RSVP. Tickets are just \$5/person.

HOUSTON RSVP



UPCOMING ORU THEATRE PRODUCTION

There's a reason why Jane Austen's books remain popular. Come see for yourself as ORU presents another take on *Emma*. It's "Emma: The Musical" and it's being staged **March 26-28 at 7:30 p.m.**, with a **2:00 p.m. matinee on March 29** in the Bridgman Theatre at the Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center.

TICKETS

PECE* LUNCHEON



Get your tickets for the Fenimore & Fisher College of Business PECE luncheon, happening on March 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Global Learning Center. Kevin Turner, former COO of Microsoft, will be the guest speaker. *PECE means *Partners in Economics, Commerce, and Entrepreneurship*

PECE TICKETS

YOUR GOLDEN EAGLES



GOLDEN EAGLES VS. KANSAS CITY ROOS

Kansas City-area alumni, join us for an evening of food and basketball on **Saturday, February 28!** Meet at **5:00 p.m.** for a self-pay dinner at **Gates B-B-Q** (hosted by **Michael Gimotty '88**), and then head over to the Swinney Center and support the Golden Eagle men's basketball team. **Game time is 7:00 p.m.** RSVP for the dinner (use the link below) and get your discounted basketball tickets for seats in the section behind the ORU bench! (There's some ORU merch in it for you.) **The promo code is ORU.**

DINNER RSVP

TICKET DEAL



ON A BIG STAGE

The ORU baseball team will host the Oklahoma State Cowboys at Tulsa's downtown ONEOK Field on Tuesday, April 28. Game time is 6:30 p.m. A game like this serves a couple of purposes. It brings collegiate baseball to the ONEOK and beefs up the connection between ORU, professional baseball in Tulsa, and the local community. Tickets will be on sale soon at TULSADRILLERS.com.

TICKETS

PRESEASON ACCOLADES



Expectations are high for some of ORU's spring sports teams. In the preseason poll of Summit League head coaches, the baseball team was picked to finish first. So was the men's golf team. The women's golf team was picked to finish second. Read all about it.

BASEBALL

MEN'S GOLF

WOMEN'S GOLF

ETC.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Someday, many of today's students will be parents. What do they need to know before their sons and daughters arrive? Jonathan and Joanne Brozozog, pastors of Creative Church in Maple Grove, MN, had some very good (and thought-provoking, and humorous) advice when they spoke in Chapel on February 11. Listen [here](#).

