



UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

The ORU campus is really buzzing this summer...not with bees, but with buzz saws! Along with serving summer school students and sports campers and welcoming visitors, there's a serious focus on renovations, updates, repairs...and new buildings! In the LRC, the 3rd floor is changing dramatically. The bookstore—now a Barnes & Noble College outlet—is being remodeled. The staircase and the area around it will have a whole new look. Those 3rd-floor stairs will lead to the future **David and Barbara Green Centre for Global Leadership** on the 4th and 5th floors (currently under construction). Over in Gabrielle Hall, the lobby is getting a makeover. The biggest change? The early stages of construction for the dining hall and residence halls that are scheduled to open in the fall of 2026.

NEWS



SPEAKING OF THE GREEN CENTRE...

The Development office's summer campaign is centered on this future facility. (No pun intended.) Fundraising for the David and Barbara Green Centre for Global Leadership has gone well, but a few (or many) more gifts are needed to reach the goal. If you would like to help ORU honor the Greens for their extravagant investments in ORU—and their ongoing prayer support, you can click on the link to make a gift. Thank you!

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ALUMNI

ALUMNI AWARDS: THE HONOREES

It's time to congratulate the alumni who will receive the 2025 Alumni Awards. This year's honorees are: **Nancy Huff (89-MA)**, Distinguished Service to God; **Tige Charity (93)**, Distinguished Service to the Community; **Brad Thomas (77, 79-MBA)**, Distinguished Service to the Alma Mater; **Dr. William Ranahan (05)**, Distinguished Service "In Every Person's World"; and **Geoffrey Graff (17)**, Rising Servant Leader. The awards will be presented at the Homecoming Banquet on November 14 in the Global Learning Center. Homecoming is November 13-15. Watch for more details in the coming days and make plans to attend.



[AWARDS](#)



NEW VICE CHAIR

Mary (Edwards-80) Banks has been selected to serve as vice chair of the Board of Directors at the American Bible Society. Previously, she served as secretary of the board. Mary is the founder of WOW Consulting Group, whose focus is executive coaching and leadership development training. This 2017 Alumni Award honoree has also served on ORU's Alumni Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees and is a current member of ORU's Board of Reference.

[AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY](#)

LEGACY LUNCH

Don't forget about the upcoming **Alumni Parent & Legacy Student Luncheon!** It's for alumni parents whose sons and daughters will be first-time students at ORU this fall. If you're one of those parents, sign up now. The date, time, and place: **Saturday, August 16, 1:00-2:00 p.m.**, Lippencott Auditorium at the Global Learning Center. Please bring your new ORU student with you. The RSVP deadline is Thursday, August 7. Get more info and sign up ASAP!



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ATHLETICS



SPORTS CAMP

Men's Basketball head coach Kory Barnett will headline a Skills Academy on July 26. This is for boys and girls ages K-6. The focus will be on fundamentals, skill development, and building a passion for the game of basketball. Registration fee is \$150.

[SKILLS ACADEMY](#)

STUDENT-ATHLETE HONORS

ORU Baseball's **Conner Floyd**, a redshirt senior/pitcher, earned All-League Academic Honors. Student-athletes must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.30 (on a 4.0 scale), have at least one full academic year at their current school, and in the case of pitchers, have participated in 20 percent of their team's competitions.



ORU Baseball's **Easton Teel** is a Freshman All-American! He earned Perfect Game Second Team Freshman All-American honors. He had a 7-2 record in 2025, and led the Summit League with a 2.95 ERA. He was also the league's Newcomer of the Year.

Abraham Chelangam and **Jaxson Brooks** were named to the 2025 Summit League Outdoor Track and Field Academic All-League Team. Student-athletes must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.30 (on a 4.0 scale), have completed at least one full academic year at their current school, and have participated in 50 percent of their team's competitions.

[CONNER](#)

[EASTON](#)

[ABRAHAM AND JAXSON](#)



CROSS-COUNTRY SCHEDULE

ORU's cross-country teams are getting ready to run! The men's and women's Fall 2025 schedule has been released. See where the teams will be competing (beginning on August 30).

[SCHEDULE](#)

EVENTS



QUEST DAYS

There are two more Quest events coming up this month. The first is SummerQuest on the 25th. Prospective students can get an up-close look at ORU, see what this university has to offer, and learn more about the Quest scholarship. On July 30, new incoming ORU students can get introduced to their future classmates via a Zoom session called Class Connect. Register now for these events.

[JULY 25](#)

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COMING TO MABEE CENTER

Get ready for the Big Daddy Weave "Let It Begin Tour"! It's happening at Mabee Center 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" with hits like *Heaven Changes Everything* and *God Is In This Story*.



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