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SUCH A BUSY SUMMER!

School's out at the moment (except for students enrolled in summer school), but a lot is happening on our campus. Construction teams are renovating Claudius, EMR, and Christ's Chapel. Another team is finishing the work on LRC 4 so that the David and Barbara Green Centre for Global Leadership will be ready to go this fall. The biggest project—Daystar Dining Hall, two new residence halls, and the International Commons—is also on that "must get done by fall" list. There is so much to look forward to in the months ahead—and ORU really appreciates everyone who has prayed and made financial investments in these endeavors. Our students are worth it!

NEWS FROM ORU

NEW ONLINE DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM

ORU is excited to announce the launch of its new, fully online Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program for ministry leaders seeking to deepen their impact while continuing to serve in active ministry. The 36-credit-hour program provides advanced practical and theological training rooted in Spirit-empowered ministry and is designed for pastors, missionaries, chaplains, and church leaders. Its flexible online format allows students to pursue their doctorate while balancing ministry and professional responsibilities. Applications are now open for upcoming cohorts. Learn more at oru.edu/online.

ONLINE DOCTOR OF MINISTRY | ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAMS

CUTTING RIBBONS...

Claudius and EMR residence halls are going through a significant renovation process this summer. On August 11, the big reveal will take place! Yes, there's another ribbon-cutting on the calendar as these halls are reintroduced.

...AND MORE RIBBONS

The grand opening is almost here! ORU will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Daystar Dining Hall and the two new residence halls on Friday, August 14. More details will be announced soon.

AI & EMERGING TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS
Selected for Inaugural ORU Presidential Grant
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Technology is always changing. Keeping up requires education, determination, and funds. During the spring semester, ORU stepped up to the plate by introducing the President's Emerging Technology Research Program. This will help equip students and faculty as they work on projects focused on technologies such as artificial intelligence. The initial $55,000 grant was divided up and awarded to five team leaders whose projects involve topics such as "the future of cinematic storytelling" and use of AI across teacher education.

GRANTS FOR AI PROJECTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

LEGACY LUNCH

Do you have a son or daughter who will be a first-time student at ORU this fall? If so, we would love to see you at the annual **Alumni Parent & Legacy Student Luncheon**. This year, it's on **Saturday, August 15, 1:00-2:00 p.m.** in Lippencott Auditorium at ORU's Regent Bank Global Learning Center. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. RSVP today—and be sure to bring your new ORU student with you to this complimentary meal. On the 15th, you'll meet other alumni families and ORU's Parent Engagement director, Sarah Barrett. President Wilson will be with us to share a special greeting. The RSVP deadline is Thursday, August 6. Get more info and sign up now.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS

ORU QUEST
A PERSONALIZED IMMERSIVE CAMPUS EXPERIENCE
experience it
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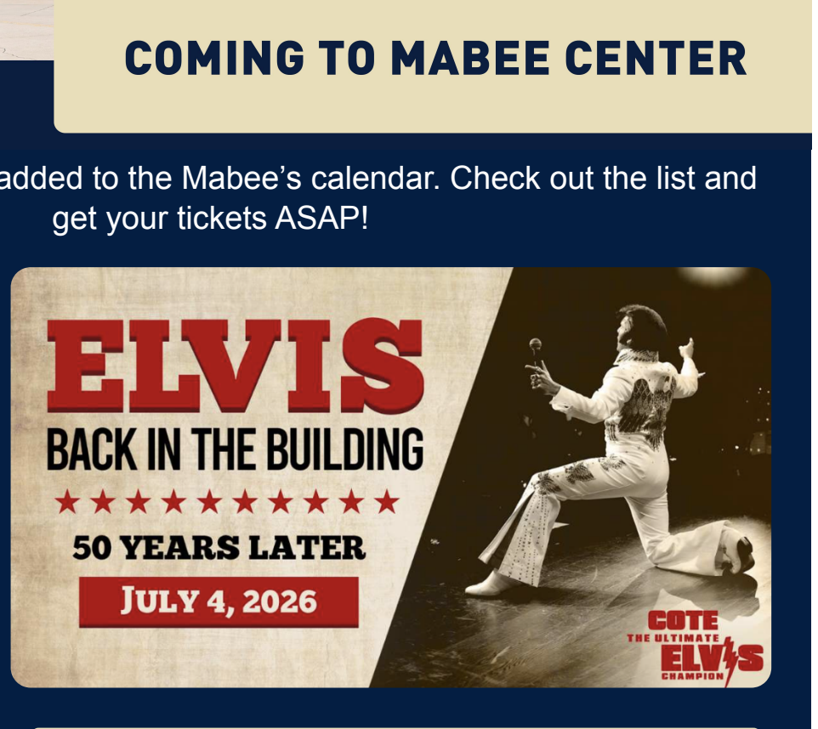
Prospective students and their families will be on campus this summer to learn more about ORU at special Quest events. The dates are June 26 and July 10 and 24. An International Virtual Quest day is scheduled for July 15.

VISIT SUMMERQUEST DAYS

COMING TO MABEE CENTER

New shows have been added to the Mabee's calendar. Check out the list and get your tickets ASAP!

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.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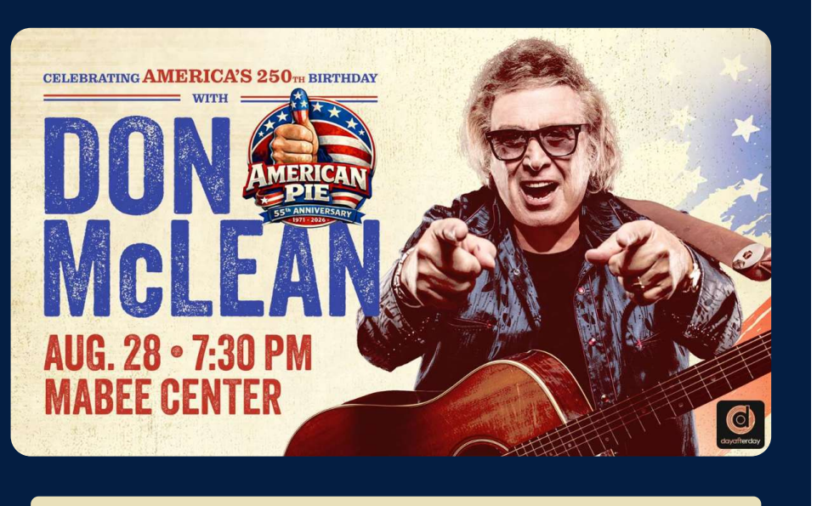
2 UNIQUE EVENTS OVER 2 DAYS!
BILL & GLORIA GAITHER AND FRIENDS
HOMECOMING
2-SHOW BUNDLE

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

GAITHERS – SAT | GAITHERS – SUN | GAITHERS 2-SHOW BUNDLE

August 28 @ 7:30 p.m.: **Don McLean**, the singer/songwriter known for "American Pie" and "Vincent (Starry, Starry Night)," will bring his beloved brand of music to the Mabee Center stage for a show that is sure to resonate with scores of fans.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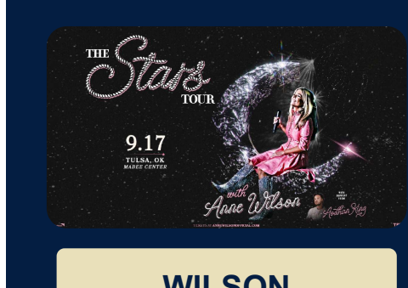
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September 17 @ 7:00 p.m.: **The Stars Tour featuring Anne Wilson.** Come hear this Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter who is known for songs like "God Story," "Strong," and "My Jesus." It will be a special night of music and worship.

September 26 @ 7:00 p.m.: **The Complete Beatles Experience - Liverpool Legends!** It'll be anything but *a hard day's night* if you spend it at this concert! You're thinking about coming? Just *let it be*! There will be *something* for every fan. *Come together - right now!*

THE COMPLETE
BEATLES
EXPERIENCE
LIVERPOOL LEGENDS

BEATLES

BE LIKE
Blippi
TOUR
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Saturday, October 10, 2:00 p.m.: The **Be Like Blippi Tour** is an interactive adventure that families can enjoy…orange glasses and all!

BLIPPI

YOUR GOLDEN EAGLES

BEST IN THE SUMMIT

GUSTAV

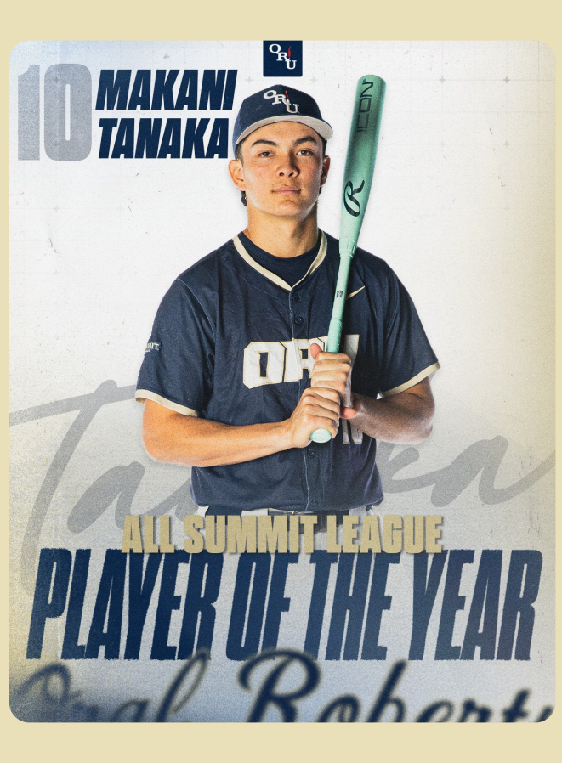
For the second year in a row, an ORU golfer has earned Individual Champion status in the Summit League. Congratulations to Gustav Liljeberg! This junior from Sweden earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals. He competed in the Corvallis (Oregon) Regional, May 18-20, and finished in a tie for 52nd.

CONFERENCE CHAMPS (AGAIN)!

We love a repeat performance…especially when it involves the ORU baseball team. The Golden Eagles became Summit League regular-season champs for the 22nd time. The conference tournament took place May 20-23 at Koch Diamond in St. Paul, Minnesota. Despite a valiant effort, the Golden Eagles came up short and ended their 2026 season after a 9-6 loss to South Dakota State in the championship game. Five ORU players were named to the All-Tournament Team.

SEASON'S END

POST-SEASON AWARDS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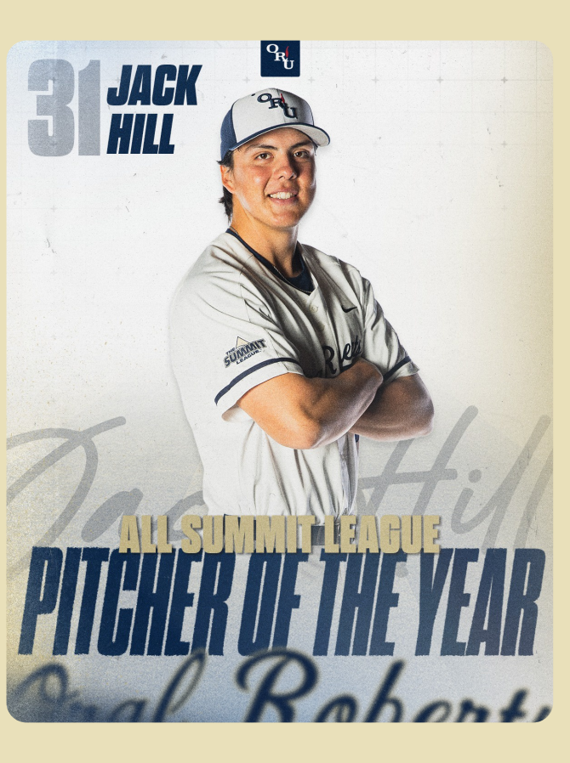
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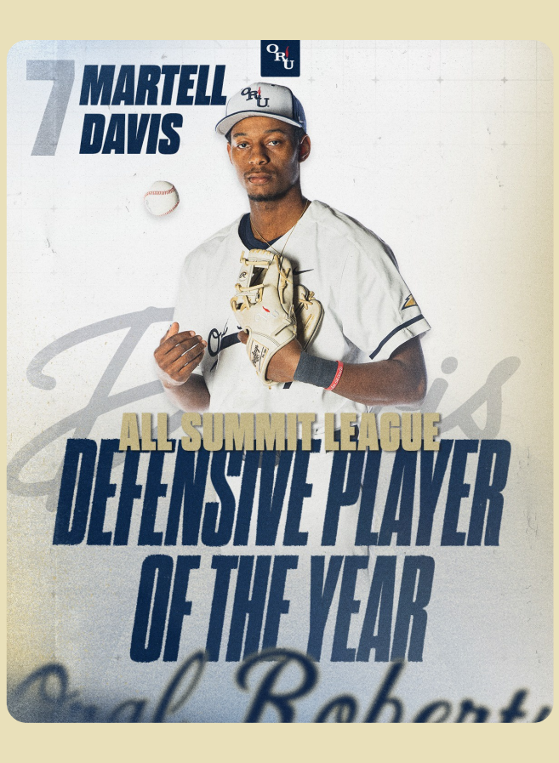
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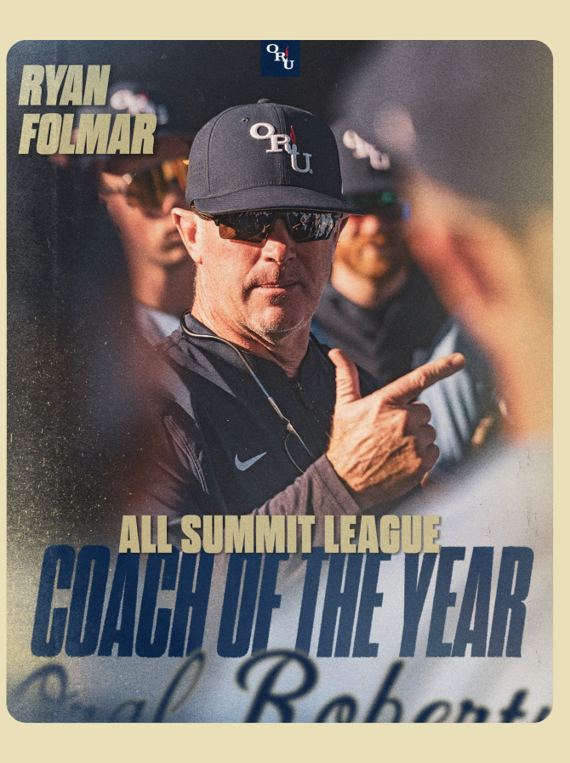
RYAN FOLMAR
ALL SUMMIT LEAGUE
COACH OF THE YEAR
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Three of ORU's baseball players earned Summit League awards for their stellar efforts in 2026. In addition, Ryan Folmar was named Coach of the Year—for the 8th time in his 12 years as ORU's head coach!

Player of the Year: *Makani Tanaka*, Oral Roberts
Pitcher of the Year: *Jack Hill*, Oral Roberts
Defensive Player of the Year: *Martell Davis*, Oral Roberts
Coach of the Year: *Ryan Folmar*, Oral Roberts

RUNNING AND JUMPING

ORU's Abraham Chelangam knows how to run—and break records. At the Summit League Outdoor Track & Field Championships, he won both the 10,000-meter run and the 5,000-meter run for the third time…and broke the meet record in the 5,000. Jordan Wenger won the high jump for the second year in a row. He became the first to clear a height of 6-11.50". His teammate, Woedem Vasmark-Voegborlo, followed suit; he cleared the same height and took second place.

SOLID GOLD

WISE CHOICE

How did high jump champion Jordan Wenger find his way to ORU?

JORDAN

YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

ORU is offering a wide variety of sports camps for youth at every skill level. Summertime is a good time to improve in the sport of one's choice. Get all the details by clicking on the links.

BOYS:	SOCCER	BASKETBALL	BASEBALL
GIRLS:	SOCCER	BASKETBALL	VOLLEYBALL
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