

THE BEST NEWS EVER RECEIVED



How quickly we move from Christmas to Easter! On our calendar, the two most important days in history are merely weeks apart...but we know how much happened and what changed in real time. Jesus started a revolution, aided and abetted by a small, handpicked group of ordinary men, and the world has not been the same since. Thank God! When you wake up on April 5, think about that long-ago day when "Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb." What did the angel say? "I know you're looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." Hallelujah!

NEWS FROM ORU



MOST OUTSTANDING UNIVERSITY
ORU'S MODEL UNITED NATIONS TEAM

MODEL UNITED NATIONS WINS

"Most Outstanding University" was just one of the awards that ORU's Model United Nations team earned at the 66th Midwest Model United Nations (MMUN) Conference, held February 18-21 in St. Louis, Missouri. Students representing many majors also won multiple Outstanding Delegation and Best Position Paper awards. Team members represented Finland, Republic of Korea, and Denmark during the UN simulation. Under the direction of their faculty advisor, Dr. Ruby Libertus, and joined by student staffer Talia Williams, these 16 students won a total of 30 awards: Ann Celones, Ryan Enoya, Alexander Iancu, Manuela Jaimes, Andre Huynh, Maddy Pexton, David Oliveira, Elena Mendoza, Lucy Wentz, Iann Tobar, Alexandra Baldessari, Abigail Richards, Alejandro Henriquez, Isabel Varela, Luke Biersdorfer, and Tiffany McCoy.

MUN AWARDS



ALUMNI BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

The 2026 Alumni Association Board of Directors election is over. These are the alumni who have been elected to serve. Bill Middleton '74 (Seg. 1), Donald "Skip" Mondragon '81, '85-MD (Seg. 2), Jeff Ross '93 (Seg. 3), Torrian Scott '07 (Seg. 4), Daisy Joseph '14-MBA (Seg. 5), and Don Dunfee '03* and Armando Villarreal Jr. '23, '25-MA-OL (At Large). Congratulations to all! (*Re-elected.) Learn more about the board and its responsibilities.

BOARD TALK



4.8.26

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 impact on OUR ORU's departments and programs. That's important because now more than ever, the world needs the kinds of leaders that ORU produces: Spirit-empowered whole people who have learned to hear God's voice and are well-prepared to share His love and healing power with morally confused and spiritually hungry people. April 8 is the "official" day to give, but you can go ahead and do so now.

I'LL GIVE



NEW ORU ONLINE DBA PROGRAM STARTS FALL 2026

ORU Online is excited to introduce the new Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) program, designed for experienced professionals ready to lead at the highest level. Through flexible doctoral study built for working professionals, you'll develop advanced research and strategic decision-making skills while strengthening Christian leadership principles in today's business environment. Graduates are prepared to guide organizations through change, innovation, and risk while advancing into executive leadership, consulting, or teaching roles.

LEARN MORE

EVENTS COMING UP



'JOURNEY TO THE CROSS'

Designed and produced by students, this multisensory experience gives participants time and space to reflect on different aspects of Easter. The 2026 theme is "Portraits," exploring how God used Jesus' family tree. "Journey" will be in the Prayer Tower, March 27-April 13 from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. (Closed Easter weekend.)



CELEBRATING PROF. BRIDGMAN

After 59 years, Assistant Professor Joyce Bridgman is retiring! When it comes to the ORU Music Department, there is no one who has been more dedicated to serving the students, or more successful at producing musicians who have made their mark in countless venues—from the White House to some of the world's best-known stages. The department is hosting a **Retirement Celebration** on **Tuesday, April 7, 5:00 p.m.** in the **Bridgman Theatre at ORU's Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center**. A reception will follow in the lobby. On the program: special performances and video tributes.

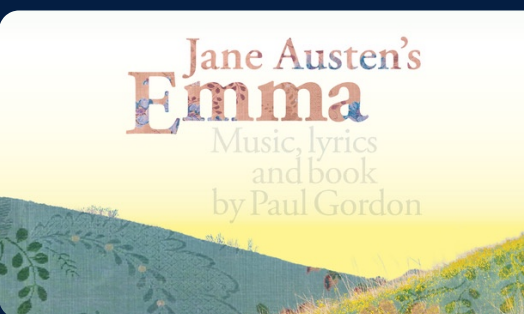
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COMING TO MABEE CENTER

Check out the events that are on the calendar this spring and beyond. They include 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 "ELVIS: Back in the Building," featuring Cote Deonath, The Ultimate Elvis (**July 4, 6:00 p.m.**)!

INFO & TICKETS



WHO KNEW EMMA COULD SING?

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

YOUR GOLDEN EAGLES



SUMMIT 'ALL-LEAGUE' AWARDS

It's award season, and the women's basketball team placed four players on the list of honorees. Jalei Oglesby was named to the All-Summit League Second Team. Anna Trusty made the All-Newcomer Team and earned All-Summit League Honorable Mention. Kayten Donley was included on the All-Freshman Team, and Ari Gordon was listed on the All-Defensive Team.

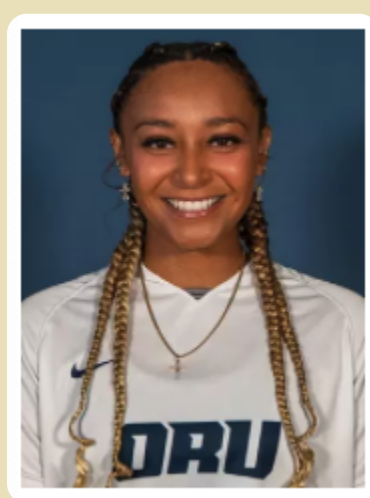


HARPER'S HONORS

Ty Harper absolutely excelled in basketball play during the week of February 22-28. For his amazing performance on the court, he earned the Lou Henson National Player of the Week award. He was also named to the Second Team All-Summit League for his season's efforts.

GREAT WEEK!

2ND TEAM



GOING PRO

Women's soccer midfielder Kiran Singh will be playing professional soccer in the immediate future. After one season with the ORU team, this grad student signed a contract with Coamo FC in Puerto Rico.

KIRAN



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WRAP-UP

In the first game of the Summit League Tournament, the #8 seed Golden Eagle men had no problems defeating #9 seed UMKC. The final score: 82-64. In their second game on March 5, the men faced off against league-leading #1 seed North Dakota State. Despite a valiant effort, the Golden Eagles ended their season with a 76-65 loss. Connor Dow led the team with 24 points. On the women's side, #4 seed ORU took on #5 seed St. Thomas on March 6 and lost by a score of 81-54. Jalei Oglesby was ORU's top scorer with 18 points.

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