



Homecoming 2025, Nov. 13-15

We're down to the wire. Homecoming is happening soon—very soon—and you won't want to miss the activities that we have planned just for you. The list is long; you can check it out on the web. Just know that it includes lots of food, sports, great speakers, prayer/praise/worship, cool classes to check out, amazing tours, reunions, and celebrations. RSVP now. You'll be glad you did. Take a closer look at these Friday, November 14 events...

Computing and Mathematics Department's "AI and the Image of God: A Homecoming Conversation and Lunch" (12:15-1:00 p.m.)

College of Theology and Ministry Luncheon (12:15-2:00 p.m.)

Fenimore & Fisher College of Business Power Lunch with guest speaker **Brad Thomas '77, '79-MBA** (12:15-1:30 p.m.)

Stovall Center for Entrepreneurship Open House (2:00-3:00 p.m.)

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

News



'I BAPTIZE THREE...'

On September 26, 94 students came forward in chapel to be baptized!

[BAPTISMS](#)

FALL OUTREACH

Students will be going into Tulsa neighborhoods on October 31 to collect canned goods for John 3:16 Mission. This is an outreach that has been happening for many, many years. In that time, thousands of canned goods have been gathered to bless homeless, hungry, and at-risk men and women who come to the Mission to find help and hope.



HELPING STUDENTS

ORU Concierge is an office that provides a variety of student services. One of those is The Pantry. When students are in need of food items during school breaks, or clothing (such as warm coats) to deal with extreme weather, or some other basic amenities, The Pantry can help. You can help keep The Pantry stocked by making a donation.

[PANTRY GIFT](#)



ALUMNI

ALUMNI AWARDS

The Alumni Association Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who submitted nominations for the 2025 Alumni Awards. We will celebrate this year's honorees at the Homecoming Banquet on Friday, November 14. Now it's time to think about 2026...and the Alumni Board is ready to receive your nominations! The deadline is March 1, 2026. Use the link to go to the form.

[ALUM AWARDS](#)



SPECIAL EDITION

Jacqueline (Otto-'10) Isaacs is the managing editor at the Institute for Faith, Work & Economics. In September, a "Faith at Work: Economic Flourishing and Securing Our Future" special edition that she produced was published and included in an issue of The Washington Times. It features an article by Jacqueline and 28 other articles written by prominent individuals, including Speaker Newt Gingrich, Sen. Tim Scott, Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, and Matt Hangen. Jacqueline also worked with all of those who contributed articles. The magazine was sent to every member of the House of Representatives as well as all U.S. Senators, along with multiple copies to the White House. "Faith at Work" is also available to the public. [Learn more about the Institute for Faith, Work & Economics](#). Check The Washington Times website to read the articles.

[WASHINGTON TIMES](#)

'MINDING YOUR BUSINESS' MOVIE

David Kloehr '20 had a movie released on October 3 on [Apple TV](#) and Prime Video. "Minding Your Business" is a romantic comedy that was shot and made in Tulsa. The film's three key creatives are all ORU alumni: David (Co-Director and Producer), **Brandon Thomas '21** (Co-Director), and **Benji Osborne '22** (Director of Photography). In addition, eight ORU students majoring in Cinema, Television, and Digital Media worked on the set. The movie had its in-theater premier in Tulsa on October 3.

[PRESS RELEASE](#)

[TRAILER](#)



SEE HOW SHE RUNS!

Fran (Pace-'93) Boyd completed the Sydney Marathon on August 31 and officially earned her 7th Abbott World Marathon Majors star. That made her one of the very few to finish all seven of the world's major marathons. The other six are Tokyo, Boston, London, Berlin, Chicago, and New York. The World Marathon Majors competition, launched in 2006, is sponsored by Abbott Laboratories.

'IMPACTFUL WOMEN' AWARD

Brittany Stokes '10, co-founder of the Tulsa Girls' Home, has been named one of TulsaKids' "Impactful Women of the 918" for 2025. This award honors women who are making a difference in the Tulsa community.

[BRITTANY'S AWARD](#)



EVENTS



COLORADO SPRINGS SOCIAL

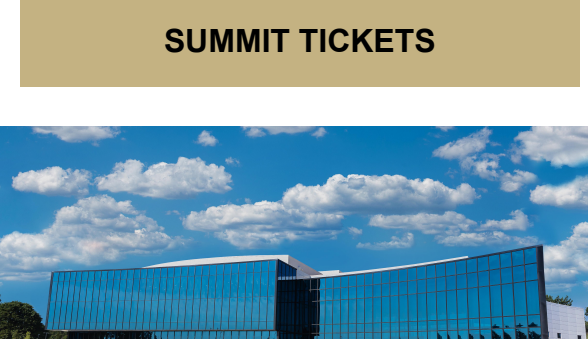
The Colorado Springs Alumni Social will serve as a launch pad for a new alumni chapter. **Mark Keil '14** from the Development & Alumni Relations team will be your host at a buffet dinner and games at **Topgolf** on **October 23 at 6:00 p.m.** News from ORU—construction projects, renovations, enrollment, campus activities—will also be on the agenda. Cost is just \$5 per person.

[COUNT ME IN!](#)

94X TULSA SUMMIT

Jim Stovall '81 will be one of the speakers when the 94X Tulsa Summit takes place at the Global Learning Center on Tuesday, October 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 94X is a movement that equips leaders "who want to glorify God with their businesses." Get more info about 94X (including, "[What does 94X mean?](#)") [here](#).

[SUMMIT TICKETS](#)



PERFORMANCES AT THE MAC

Have you been to the MAC? It's beautiful—and the shows are excellent. Check out what is still to come this fall.

Fall Choir Concert, October 31, 7:00 p.m., Bridgman Theatre

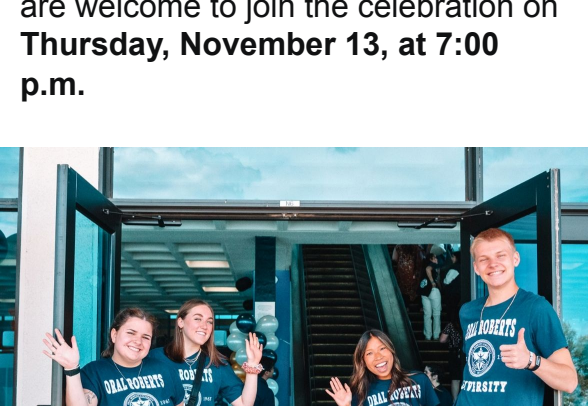
Fall Orchestra Concert, November 7 & 8 @ 7:00 p.m., Bridgman Theatre

Fall Dance Concert, November 20, 21, & 22 @ 7:30 p.m., Bridgman Theatre

Be watching for info on how to get tickets for upcoming shows. Music events are free, but it helps with seating if you sign up.

CAMPUS CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

It's a tradition! Every November, ORU prepares for the Christmas season by illuminating the Prayer Gardens with thousands of twinkling lights. The evening event also includes hot chocolate, music, reading of the Christmas story, and other activities. This year the Christmas Lighting is happening on the first night of Homecoming. Alumni and their families are welcome to join the celebration on **Thursday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m.**



UPCOMING QUEST EVENTS

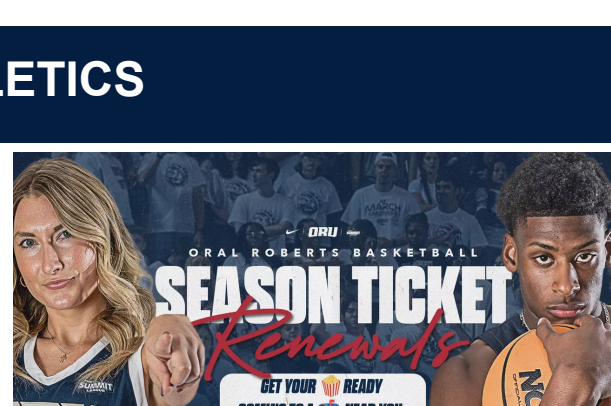
Students who are interested in coming to ORU are invited to check out a Quest event. There are many to choose from—and not just for future freshmen or transfer students. Parents have their own event. Some events are in-person/on campus and some are virtual (via Zoom). Topics include Financial Aid, Class Connect, International Aid, Graduate Quest, ORUFlex, and Arts. The next event for this fall is traditional Quest—October 23-24. The last is International Virtual Quest on December 17. Get the full schedule and details via the link.

[QUEST DATES](#)

ATHLETICS

BBALL SEASON TICKETS

It's been more than seven months since fans have had a chance to take in an ORU basketball game. So...are you ready for some basketball. Golden Eagle fans?! We're almost there! Mabee Center is known for having the "best basketball atmosphere in Oklahoma," so you KNOW you won't want to miss a game. Check out the [men's schedule](#) and the [women's schedule](#)—and get your season tickets **NOW!**



[GET YOUR TICKETS](#)

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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.