



MY, HOW WE'VE GROWN!

When it happens more than once, that makes it a trend, right? Once again, ORU's incoming freshman class has set a record. In fact, there are 1,201 first-year students. Not only that—overall enrollment is up for the 17th year in a row. There are 6,213 students taking classes at ORU. With so many campus renovations now complete, and four brand-new buildings open (as well as the beautifully remodeled Biological Sciences Center), there is a LOT to love about ORU. And there's more to come: a new dining hall and two new residence halls.

GROWING UP

NEWS



THE LRC 3 STORY

In case you missed it...be sure to read about what happened on August 15 and what it means to the students who call ORU their college home. Talk about a transformation!

RENEWED!

CHRISTMAS MOVIE

Darbi (Moore-'87) Scaglione has written a faith-based Christmas comedy called "All Is Merry & Bright." She started writing the script in 2021. Several drafts later, she shared it with another alumna, Vicki (Clements-'94) Edwards, who became her co-writer. (Vicki is married to the film's director, Cory Edwards.) The film was shot in Atlanta and Omaha and will be in theaters starting on November 14.

LEARN MORE



DNP PROGRAM

ORU's online Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program empowers practicing nurses to advance their careers while balancing work and personal commitments. The program combines clinical expertise with faith-driven leadership, emphasizing evidence-based practice, healthcare policy, organizational leadership, and systems-level improvement. Graduates are prepared to improve patient outcomes, address healthcare challenges, and lead the profession with excellence and purpose.

GET DETAILS

ALUMNI

ALUMNI BOARD OPENINGS

Alumni who are interested in serving on the Alumni Association Board of Directors are invited to submit an application before the September 30 deadline. The board's Nominating committee will review the applications and the full board will determine the final slate for the ballot at their November meeting. The election will take place in February 2026. Click on the link below to learn more.

2026 ELECTION INFO



HOMECOMING 2025, NOV. 13-15

Have you checked the schedule? Did you sign up to attend the events you like? If not, there's still time. You won't want to miss Chapel with guest speaker Geoffrey Graff '17, or the Homecoming Banquet & Alumni Awards, or men's basketball vs. Belmont, or the volleyball team's match with South Dakota. The College of Education is offering a master class on U.S.-Israel relations. We have a lot of new buildings for you to tour...and an amazingly renovated LRC 3! Bingo and Brownies, anyone? Get a preview of the holidays with the Christmas Lighting in the Prayer Gardens. In other words, don't delay! Register now!

RSVP

COLORADO SPRINGS EVENT

Announcing a Colorado Springs Alumni Social! This event marks the launch of a new alumni chapter for the city. Join Ted Whaley and Mark Keil from the Development & Alumni Relations team for a buffet dinner and Topgolf games on October 23 at 6:00 p.m. at Topgolf. Attendees will also get an update on ORU, complete with photos of new construction and details on renovations. Cost is \$5 per person. Come join us!

RSVP NOW!



ATHLETICS



OCTOBER 21: COURTSIDE COUNTDOWN!

Did you know that ORU has two new head coaches for its basketball programs? Yes, Kory Barnett and Cophie Anderson are in charge now of the men's and women's teams, respectively, and they will be on the stage at the upcoming Courtside Countdown—the event that signals the start of basketball season! Come meet the coaches and players. Place a bid (or two) on the live or silent auction items. Enjoy a tasty meal. It all happens on October 21. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner is served at 6:30, and the program begins at 7:00. Get your tickets now! Or sign up to be a sponsor.

CC TICKETS

SPORTS SCHEDULES 2025

Yes, many of our Golden Eagle athletes are back in action—or will be soon! Go to ORUAthletics.com to check the scores and see the schedules. The most recent releases came from men's and women's basketball. Season ticket renewals are underway; use this form to start the renewal process. Those who would like to purchase new season tickets can submit this form. In the meantime, see who our basketball teams will be playing in 2025-26.

MEN'S SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S SCHEDULE



EVENTS

AT THE HELMERICH MAC

Get ready for a new season of theater and music. These are the shows and concerts that are sure to entertain you at the Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center this fall.

In theater:

Leveling Up, Sept. 18, 19, 20 @ 7:30 p.m., Sept 20 & 21 @ 2:00 p.m., Lewandowski Black Box Theatre

The Importance of Being Earnest, Oct. 15, 16, 17, 18 @ 7:30 p.m., Oct. 19 @ 2 p.m., Bridgman Theatre

In music:

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

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

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

Use this link to get theater tickets and to reserve tickets for the music events, which are free. (Music events will appear on the ticket site in the near future, so stay tuned.)

GET TICKETS



MABEE CENTER SHOWS

Don't forget about the events that are taking place at Mabee Center this fall. The Big Daddy Weave "Let It Begin Tour" is happening 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." The Grady Nichols Christmas Show will be on stage on Tuesday, December 9. Grady will be joined by Andy Chrisman, Kelly Ford '86, and Alaska Rayne.

BIG DADDY INFO & TICKETS

GRADY NICHOLS INFO & TICKETS

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