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## ORU DINING HALL & STUDENT RESIDENCE HALLS



### ANOTHER GROUNDBREAKING EVENT!

On Wednesday, November 20, ORU broke ground for more new buildings: A dining hall and two residence halls! These buildings are included in Phase II of the Whole Leaders for the Whole World campaign. With enrollment on the rise for 16 consecutive years, ORU is set on providing the best services and facilities to current and future students. Members of the ORU family and honored guests were on site as ground was broken.

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## FALL OUTREACH

ORU's October tradition continues! On the 31st, while children were trick-or-treating in the neighborhoods, our students went door-to-door to collect canned goods for a local nonprofit. John 3:16 received the goods this year: 5,002 cans!

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## HOMECOMING 2024: FANTASTIC!



Billed as the biggest alumni event of the year, Homecoming is always a good time for generations of former students to return to their alma mater. The latest celebration did not disappoint. From the Class of 1974 and Schools of Law and Nursing reunions to Communion, chapel, basketball, and the banquet, there were plenty of happy alumni all over campus...amazement at the sight of new buildings...and confirmation that what made ORU special in the past has not diminished. It's still the home of "Make no little plans here" and "Expect a miracle"! Just ask one of the 677 guests who were here. And be sure to put **next year's dates** on your calendar now: **November 13-15, 2025!** You can watch this year's banquet and see the presentation of the Alumni of the Year awards.

## BANQUET & AWARDS



### 'ALL IS BRIGHT'

That describes the Prayer Gardens, which were festooned with thousands of colorful lights at the annual Christmas Lighting event on November 14. During the evening, there was hot chocolate, a petting zoo, a real live reindeer, music, reading of the Christmas story, fireworks, and one of the students' favorite happenings: presentation of lovely decorated mugs, a gift from the Alumni Association.

### PANERA IS ON THE WAY

A new era in food service will begin in 2025. The Deli on GC 3 is out, and a new Panera Bread is coming in. The Oracle has the story.





## NEW: ONLINE M.A. IN COMMUNICATION

The School of Communication & Public Affairs is now offering an online Master of Arts in Communication program. Geared for career professionals, the M.A. in Communication integrates ORU's distinctive whole-person education, empowering students to manage teams, craft and execute strategic campaigns, and leverage AI-driven platforms. Whether a prospective student's field is healthcare, human resources, public relations, politics, ministry, or media, the M.A. in Communication will prepare these graduate students to lead, innovate, and make a significant impact in their industries.

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## GEB'S EXPANSION

With its launch on the Eutelsat Hotbird 13F East satellite, GEB America is reaching more viewers in Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa. As ORU's digital satellite TV network, GEB America provides inspirational, faith-based programming. The network is also on Asia Sat 5, which brings its



programming to the Asia-Pacific region.

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## ALUMNI

### ALUMNI BOARD: NEW CHAIR

At the Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting this month, a new board chair was elected: **Tom Shaughnessy**. Tom, a 1999 graduate, has been representing Segment III (1990-99) since 2018. He accepted the gavel from the previous board chair, Kevin Cox '96, '99. Many thanks to Kevin for his strong leadership, and best wishes to Tom as he leads the board for the next 2 years!



Tom Shaughnessy

[TOM'S BIO](#)



### AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Alumni Board is looking for more nominations for the annual Alumni of the Year awards. These awards—for Distinguished Service to God, the Community, the Alma Mater, and “In Every Person’s World,” and for “Rising Servant Leader”—are bestowed at the Homecoming Banquet. The deadline for making nominations is

March 1, 2025. Use the online form to nominate the graduates of your choice.

[ALUM AWARDS FORM](#)

## EVENTS

### GOOD TIME TO GIVE

Giving Tuesday is right around the corner—on December 3. This Giving Tuesday, ORU is encouraging alumni and friends to give to Phase II of the Whole Leaders for the Whole World campaign. Phase II will introduce three new buildings (a dining hall and residence halls for men and women), create an outdoor green space and amphitheater, renovate Claudius and E. M. Roberts residence halls, and boost funding for Quest First and International Quest scholarships. Click on the link to learn more...and watch for e-mail reminders on Giving Tuesday!



[PHASE II](#)



## MABEE EVENTS

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

ORU's School of Worship, Media, & Performing Arts will present "The Miracle of Christmas," a joyous celebration of music and worship, on Thursday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Mabee Center. Admission is a new, unwrapped toy. Toys will go to the Salvation Army for distribution in the community.

There are two other Christmas shows coming up at Mabee Center. First is the Gaither Vocal Band's "All Is Bright" Christmas Tour 2024 on December 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Johnston Theater. Second is the Grady Nichols Christmas Show, featuring ORU alumnus Kelly Ford, Andy Chrisman, a choir, and an ensemble of Tulsa musicians. ORU alumna LeAnne Taylor will be the emcee for this December 10 event, which starts at 7:00 p.m. in the arena. Go to the Mabee's website to purchase tickets and get more information.

## ATHLETICS

## HISTORY-MAKING CHELANGAM

Abraham Chelangam is a force to be reckoned with in cross-country. This season, he has broken the school record in the 6k, the 8k, and the 10k. He also set the highest regional finish in school history. And now...drum roll, please...he is the first Golden Eagle since 2009 to race at the Division 1 NCAA Cross Country Championships! The University of Wisconsin-Madison is hosting the championships on Saturday, November 23.



**ABRAHAM**



**BIG WIN**

## MAYOR'S CUP WON...AGAIN

The women's basketball team gave ORU fans plenty to cheer about on November 17. They beat the University of Tulsa Golden Hurricane and received the Mayor's Cup for the second year in a row. That's back-to-back wins for the first time since 2017. Ruthie Udoumoh and Jalei Oglesby led the charge, with lots of powerful play from Makyra Tramble.



## HALL OF FAME

ORU Baseball's Dennis Bigley is one of four former student-athletes to be selected for the Summit League Hall of Fame's Class of 2024. He is only the second former baseball player to enter the Hall.



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**AWARDS**

## SOCCER AWARDS

Five members of the women's soccer team have been honored with 2024 Summit League Awards. They are: Julia Thasaphong, All-League First Team; Samantha Guzman, All-League Second Team; Alexa Riefer, All-League Second Team; Alani Chaple, Honorable Mention; and Hannah Voskuhl, All-Newcomer Team.

## ETC.

Please fill out [this form](#) if you'd prefer to receive a paper receipt when you make a gift to ORU rather than a receipt via e-mail.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Graduate Business students have the opportunity to make stock market trades, thanks to a special investment fund set up by donors in ORU's Fenimore & Fisher College of Business. The Capital Markets Trading Floor is where the action is! Watch this video to learn more.

TRADES



## ONE FINAL WORD...

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! We pray that on this holiday, you will have a greater awareness of just how much God loves you. Let **Him** know how much you love **Him**! "Speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music in your hearts to the Lord. Always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."  
Ephesians 5:19-20 (NCV)



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