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HOMECOMING 2024, NOV. 7-9

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 (some are already full), reunions, and celebrations. RSVP now. You'll be glad you did.

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ALUMNI AWARDS

The Alumni Association Board of Directors would like to thank every alum who submitted nominations for the 2024 Alumni Awards. We will celebrate this year's honorees at the Homecoming Banquet on November 9. Now it's time to think about 2025...and the Alumni Board is ready to receive your nominations! The deadline is March 1, 2025. Use the link to go to the form.



ALUM AWARDS



WEBSITE

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025...

Students are signing up now to go out on missions trips next summer. The theme for 2025 is **Not By Might**, drawn from Zechariah 4:6. Teams will minister in 29 nations (including four U.S. cities). Partnering with churches and other nonprofits, their ministry tasks will involve disaster relief, media projects, gardening, cooking, praying door-to-door, blessing refugee families, working in a coffee shop, evangelism, sharing school lessons, reaching out to the homeless, teaching English, playing basketball with young people, building houses, medical clinic outreaches, and so much more. Be in prayer for the students who will literally go to the uttermost bounds of the earth next

summer. Learn more about Missions and Outreach online.

BILL GORDON'S RETIREMENT

ORU professors make a lasting impact on their students. One prime example is Bill Gordon, a teacher/tennis coach who retired last spring after 28 years on staff. No more 2:30 a.m. wake-up calls to make that 2-hour commute to ORU...although he still wants former students to stay in touch with him.

FAREWELL



PANTRY GIFT

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.

ALUMNI

FAITH VON ATZIGEN '20

Faith von Atzigen is making waves in the world of dance. She recently performed at Jacob's Pillow with South Chicago Dance Theatre—a notable company that she's been dancing with for a few years. In addition, her choreography was selected for September's Harvest Chicago Contemporary Dance Festival. She is the creator of **HER**, “a faith-based contemporary dance piece exposing the realities of overcoming an eating disorder and offering the hope of healing from mental illness.”



FAITH

EVENTS



PECE LUNCHEON

The Fenimore & Fisher College of Business invites you to RSVP for the Fall 2024 PECE Luncheon. This “Partners in Economics, Commerce, and Entrepreneurship” event will feature a very special guest speaker: **Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell (Class of 2002)**. Matt's talk will include his insights on economic growth in Oklahoma. RSVP now to enjoy this **Tuesday, October 29** luncheon that's taking place in **Lippencott Auditorium** at **ORU's Global Learning**

RSVP

Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50/person. You can also sponsor a table.

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.



MUGS

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. Alumni in the area are invited to volunteer for a special task: handing out decorated Christmas mugs to students! Sign up now if you'd like to help. The day/date is **Thursday, November 14**. Volunteers need to **arrive at the Hammer Center by 6:30 p.m.** to help with set-up.

THE NEXT QUEST EVENT

Prospective students can get an inside look at ORU by attending a Quest event. This fall's last event is taking place November 14-15. While at ORU, future Golden Eagles can meet current students, attend chapel, tour the campus, compete for a chance to win a full-tuition scholarship, and learn more about ORU Academics. If you know any high school sophomores, juniors, or seniors, or potential transfer students who might be interested, please forward this information to them.



QUEST INFO

ATHLETICS



MBB TICKETS

WBB TICKETS

SEASON TICKETS!

Basketball season is just a few short weeks away. Now is the time to get your season tickets. The women have 15 home games in Magnificent Mabee Center, and the men have 14. (Please note: The women will also play an **exhibition game** against Rogers State on October 29 at 7:00 p.m. **Admission is free.**)

WBB PLAYERS HONORED

When the Summit League announced preseason honors on October 8, three members of the women's basketball team were on the list. **Taleyah Jones** and **Ruthie Udumoh** were named to the All-Summit League First Team while **Jalei Oglesby** earned a spot on the All-Summit League Second Team.



TALEYAH-RUTHIE-JALEI



ISSAC

MCBRIDE'S AT THE TOP

Issac McBride has been named the Summit League's Preseason Player of the Year. Now a graduate student, Issac is the Summit's top returning scorer. He averaged 20.0 points per game against the league's teams last season. He has also been named to the Preseason All-Summit League First Team.

FINDING THEIR VOICE

With the departure of announcer Adam Hildebrandt, who served with excellence for eight years, the Golden Eagles were in need of a new voice. They found that person in late September. **Connor Clark**, who started down the path to a career in broadcasting while he was still in high school, will be the



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man on the mic for men's basketball and baseball.

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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?

There's another ORU groundbreaking on the horizon! Shovels will go into the dirt on Wednesday, November 20, right after chapel (12:15 p.m.) as ORU prepares to build the new Daystar Dining Hall and two new residence halls. These projects are part of Phase II of the Whole Leaders for the Whole World campaign.



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