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## CELEBRATING ANOTHER DEDICATION!

The long-awaited Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center is the latest and the most spectacular addition to the ORU campus. At the September 13 Dedication & Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, scores of students, faculty and staff members, alumni, and friends got an up-close look at what students are calling “The Peggy” ... and they could see that this building is sure to have a very positive impact on the music, theatre, dance, and digital media programs. There are also plenty of familiar names on some of the rooms—from the Bridgman Theatre (named for longtime music professor Joyce Bridgman) to the Lewandowski Black Box Theatre. Watch the ceremony online and read the story.

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## ENROLLMENT RISES AGAIN

For the 16th year in a row, ORU's enrollment is up—and it's 10.5% higher than last year's. There are 5,936 students on the books; of those, 21% are international. So what are undergrad students studying these days? The top five majors are Ministry and Leadership, Nursing, Business Administration, Psychology, and Engineering.



### THE NUMBERS



## ENGINEERING ACCREDITATION

It came as no surprise in August when the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) informed Dr. John Matsson, Senior Professor and Chair of the Engineering Department, that ORU's Bachelor of Science in Engineering program had been reaccredited. The program features four concentration areas: Biomedical, Computer, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering. Congratulations to the hard-working and very deserving faculty, staff, and students!

## ALUMNI BOARD ELECTION

The next Alumni Association Board of Directors election will take place in February. Alumni who would like to be considered for a spot on the ballot have until September 30 to [submit an application](#). You will be notified of your status shortly after the November 10-11 board meeting. [Learn more about what it means to be on the board](#).



2024-25 Alumni Association Board of Directors

**APPLY**

## ALUMNI

### RECEIVING THE KEY

Pastor **Leslie Samuel '05** and his church, Evangel Church, received the “Key to the Township” from John E. McCormac, Mayor of Woodbridge Township, New Jersey in June. The church is the only faith-based organization to have received one.



Leslie Samuel



Crystal and Jim Stovall

## HALL OF FAME

On September 27, **Crystal Stovall '81** will be one of six women inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame. Crystal is a novelist and also the co-founder (with her husband, **Jim '81**) of the Emmy Award-winning Narrative Television Network, which makes movies, TV shows, and educational programming accessible to 13 million blind and visually impaired Americans and their families. Crystal also serves on the Tulsa Ballet Board of Directors and as the chair of the \$16 million Preserving the Legacy Campaign.

## EVENTS

### CAREER FAIR

Oral Roberts University would like to invite you and your team to participate in our 2024 Fall Career Fair on September 23. It begins at 11:00 a.m. on the concourse level at Mabee Center. Contact Career Services at [careers@oru.edu](mailto:careers@oru.edu) for more information.





[REGISTER](#)

## GOLDEN GIRLS DINNER

The women's basketball team is hosting its second annual Golden Girls Dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 30 at Five Oaks Lodge in Jenks. This year's guest speaker will be Sarah Roberts, chaplain for the women's softball team at the University of Oklahoma. The dinner gives fans the opportunity to meet and mingle with members of ORU's women's basketball staff and current players. Cost is \$40 per person.

## UPCOMING CONCERT

KXOJ presents **Unspoken** in concert on Tuesday night, October 15 at the ORU Global Learning Center. The "What He Says About You Tour" includes new artists Cade Thompson and JJ Weeks.



[TICKETS](#)



## HOMECOMING 2024, NOV. 7-9

Homecoming simply won't be the same without you. We encourage you to register now! There are so many events to choose from, including:

- Chapel with guest speaker **Jim Stovall '81**
- Golden Eagle men's basketball vs. Ozark Christian University
- Departmental open houses
- Three reunions (for the Class of 1974, the O. W. Coburn School of Law Class of 1984, and the Anna Vaughn School of Nursing Class of 1984)
- The always-amazing Homecoming Banquet & Alumni Awards

On a campus tour, you'll see a lot of new buildings and other spaces that have been renovated (like GC 3, where the Fenimore & Fisher College of Business resides). Among the many luncheons is one with **Dr. William Ranahan '05**, Chair of Biology and Chemistry, whose topic will be "God's Voice in Groundbreaking Cancer Research." Can you believe that the Aerobics Center is 50 years old? To celebrate, there's an event called "50 Years of Fitness: A Walk Down Memory Lane." And it wouldn't be the AC without an informal 5K Run on the indoor track! Now that we've convinced you to come back, please go online and register. Thanks!

[SIGN UP](#)

**ATHLETICS**

## GOING PRO

Women's Basketball alumna **Hannah Cooper '24** has signed her first professional contract. She'll be playing for KK Lavovi Brcko, Bosnia & Herzegovina's team, during the 2024-25 season.

**SIGNED**



**HONORED**

## NATIONAL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Golden Eagle transfer **Abraham Chelangam** is really making his mark at ORU. At the Bob Timmons Rim Rock Cross Country Classic in Lawrence, Kansas, on August 31, he took first in the 6000m and set a new course record of 17:45 in the process. Then, on September 9, he was named National Athlete of the Week (NCAA Div. 1-Men) by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Abraham is ORU's first cross country athlete to earn this honor during the cross country season.

## ON THE PITCH & ON THE COURT

Fall sports are in full swing. On September 1, the **men's soccer team** defeated #24-ranked University of California-Santa Barbara by a score of 2-1. In a matter of hours, the Golden Eagles rose to the **#18** spot in the **Top Drawer Soccer College Soccer National Rankings**. They also reached a 2-2 tie in the September 10 **Mayor's Cup** match with the University of Tulsa; that meant ORU was able to keep the Cup for another year. The **women's soccer team** faced the University of Tulsa in a **Mayor's Cup** match on August 29. The end result was a tied score – 1-1 – and ORU retained possession of the Cup for the second year in a row. The **women's golf team** finished the September 9-10 **Payne Stewart Memorial** in a tie for second (out of 12 teams). The **volleyball team** has a new practice gym and locker room inside the Mabee Center—and a challenging schedule to go along with it.



**MEN'S SOCCER**

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

**WOMEN'S GOLF**

**VOLLEYBALL**

**ETC.**

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## DID YOU KNOW?

ORU is hiring! If you're looking for a job—a staff or a faculty position—go to the Human Resources website and see the lists of openings.

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