



NEWS FOR THE ORU COMMUNITY



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The countdown is on! Commencement is closer than ever, and we are excited about celebrating this day with our incredible graduates. We also want to acknowledge how much we love and appreciate all of our alumni and the many, many friends who are on this journey with us. It's been a remarkable school year, thanks to you. You can believe that it's only going to get better...

NEWS

HELPING UKRAINE

ORU is supporting the relief work of an ORU alumna through its chapel missions offering program. On March 30 and April 1, the offering was directed to help Olga Shevchenko '13. Olga owned a coffee shop in Kharkiv that was destroyed on March 1 by a Russian airstrike. Since then, she has been focused on helping her employees and their families and her neighbors. She and some of her friends and other volunteers spend their time gathering food, fresh water, medicine, blankets, and other desperately needed supplies for hospitals and for the people who are unable to leave.



Dr. Younghoon Lee

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Younghoon Lee, pastor of the world's largest Christian congregation—Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul, South Korea—will be the keynote speaker at Commencement this year. Mabee Center's doors will open at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 30 in advance of the 1:00 p.m. ceremony. Learn more about Dr. Lee and about ways to watch the ceremony online and on TV.

COMMENCEMENT

NEW VP

It's official. After serving in an interim capacity for the past several months, Mike Carter has been named Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations, effective April 1.

VP CARTER



Mike Carter



CAREER OPTIONS

Companies are looking for seasoned employees to fill positions at their organizations. Perhaps you have been in the workforce for a few years and are ready for advancement. Or perhaps you would like to find a new job in another field that will still make good use of your skillset. In either case, we recommend that you check out Handshake, a free tool offered by ORU Career Services. Employers such as Kenneth Copeland Ministries, Avis Budget Group, Missouri Department of Mental Health, and Poudre School District have expressed interest in hiring ORU graduates. Go to [this page](#) and click on the link under "Alumni Login" to sign up for Handshake.

SUMMER MISSIONS

Twenty-four teams of students are preparing to go on two-week and four-week missions trips, beginning on May 8. Some will serve in the U.S. (Atlanta, GA, Osgood, IN, Wilmington, DE), while others will go to Central and South America, Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean region. They'll work with children and youth, minister to the homeless, help with building projects, be involved in medical clinics and sports activities...and preach, teach, and pray. Please keep these gospel emissaries in your prayers as they go to the uttermost bounds of the earth to serve God.



LOOKING AT THE CALENDAR . . .

Relax! Time is on your side! If you haven't had a chance to make one of those last-minute, get-it-in-before-ORU's-fiscal-year-ends-on-April-30 gifts, you're still good. You can still help us build those four buildings in the [Whole Leaders for the Whole World campaign](#) (and enjoy a 3-to-1 match) or contribute to Quest scholarships—or both. We've made it easy to give by providing this great button that'll take you to a secure page. Thanks for your support!

YOUR GIFT

TOUGH TO BEAT

ORU's Model United Nations (MUN) team continues to excel. They've been named an "Outstanding Delegation" for the last three years in two different conferences. At the Feb. 23-26 Midwest MUN conference held in St. Louis, MO, the team represented the countries of Canada and Norway in simulations of situations that come before the UN General Assembly. Their efforts earned them three "Outstanding Delegation" awards and two Honorable Mentions.



ORU's 2022 Model UN Team

MODEL UN



READY TO LAUNCH

ORU's Stovall Center for Entrepreneurship is the home of The Launch, a competition through which teams of students receive mentoring, develop a strategy, and earn an opportunity to present new business ideas to a panel of judges. Five teams qualified for this year's finals. The top three teams received cash awards to help them put their plans into motion. In first place was Petloose (a better way to find runaway pets). In second place was Perfect Form (an artificial intelligence fitness app). And in third place was Swyft Switch (helping rental property owners find trustworthy cleaning and maintenance assistance). Vast Bank is the sponsoring partner of The Launch. Other sponsors are the ORU College of Business, SCORE, and Gitwit.

THE LAUNCH

A FOND FAREWELL



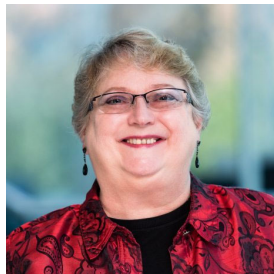
Dr. John Korstad



Laura Holland



Dr. Even Culp



Rhonda Gallagher



Dr. Robin Akbar



Gerald Landers

As this school year draws to a close, we are sad to say goodbye to several longtime faculty members who are retiring: Dr. John Korstad (Biology & Chemistry), Laura Holland (Theatre, Dance, and Visual Arts), Dr. Even Culp (Communication and Media), Rhonda Gallagher (Communication and Media), Dr. Robin Akbar (Engineering), and Gerald Landers (College of Education).

EVENTS



ON STAGE

Come to Howard Auditorium and see our talented students in the **Spring Dance Concert** (April 21-23, 7:30 p.m. each night) and the **Student Showcase** (April 23, 2:00 p.m.). These are the last performances by ORU Dance for the 2021-22 school year. Tickets are \$5 for students, children, and seniors, and \$10 for general admission.

DANCE TICKETS

EDUCATION FAIR

If you're looking for a job or a new career in Education, don't miss the **2022 Education Fair**. Come to the auditorium in ORU's Nursing and Engineering Complex (81st and Delaware) on Friday, April 22, between 10:00 and 11:15 a.m. More than 30 recruiters from Oklahoma, Texas, and Colorado elementary and secondary schools will be on site. Dress to impress and bring your resume!



Nursing and Engineering Complex (NEC)



LIGHTS. CAMERA. FILM GALA!

Talent abounds on our campus. The proof will be on screen for all to see when the annual **ORU Film Gala** takes place on Wednesday, April 27 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Global Learning Center's Lippencott Auditorium. Come see some outstanding student-produced films. Celebrate the winners in several categories—and vote for your favorite! Admission is free.

LEGACY BREAKFAST

Alumni whose sons and daughters are graduating on April 30 are invited to bring their Class of 2022 grad to the complimentary Alumni Parent and Legacy Student Breakfast. Breakfast is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Skyline 60 at CityPlex Towers. **Please RSVP by April 21.**



RSVP



MATH/SCIENCE/ENGINEERING SUMMER ACADEMY

ORU is hosting a FREE summer academy for Oklahoma students who are entering the 8th or 9th grade this fall. The dates are June 6-10 with a follow-up event on August 20. This residential academy will include field trips, lab experiences, and applied technologies. The next application deadline is April 29.

APPLICATION & INFO

ALUMNI

Dr. Denise Strickland '05-Ed.D. is the new Executive Director of Design Connect Create, a Dallas nonprofit that helps girls realize the potential in STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics--and themselves.

DENISE



Dr. Denise Strickland '05-Ed.D.



Ben Wade '14 recently reached the top of Mt.



Ben Wade '14

Kilimanjaro. His "Climb for a Change" fundraiser brought in thousands of dollars to help fix water wells in Zambia. Ben is the director of Water Projects for Overland Missions. Here's the story that announced his plan to climb.

BEN

Keith Wheeler '88-M.Div. has been carrying a 12-foot wooden cross around the world since Good Friday 1985. He took his cross to Ukraine last month and was blessed to share Jesus with refugees, relief workers, and border guards.

KEITH



Keith Wheeler '88-M.Div.



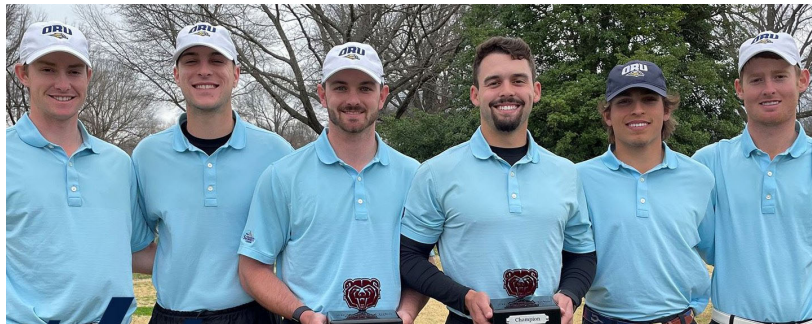
David Bair '83

David Bair '83 has been named Director of Finance for B&S Aircraft, Drake Air, and Southern Aeroparts.

DAVID

ATHLETICS

THE CHAMPS



The men's golf team earned the team championship and ORU senior Dustin Hasley won the individual championship at the March 21-22 Twin Oaks Intercollegiate in Springfield, MO.

GOLF WINS

BIG DAY

ORU's track and field team notched several first-place finishes at the March 26 ORU Invitational. Competing at ORU's ONEOK Sports Complex, the women took first in the 4x100-meter relay, along with individual firsts in the 100-meter hurdles, 200-meter dash, 400-



meter hurdles, and long jump. The men were also first in the 4x100-meter relay, and in the 4x400-meter relay. Individual wins happened in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter run, 800-meter run, and javelin throw.

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When you shop on Amazon, you can choose ORU as your preferred nonprofit. Go to [this page](#) to learn about the **AmazonSmile** program.

When you make a gift to ORU, your receipt will come via e-mail. If you'd prefer a paper receipt, please fill out [this form](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

ORU's "Emerge Leadership Experience," designed for student leaders in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, is coming back. The dates are July 28-31. Find out more at oru.edu/emerge.

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