

## NEWS FOR THE ORU COMMUNITY



### Happy New Year!

It's 2022, and we are thrilled to be back in school and ready for a fantastic semester. We also look forward to seeing what God has in store for us...and for you. Let us know how you are, how we can [pray for you](#), and what we can do for you. You are loved and appreciated!

## NEWS



ALUMNI AWARDS

### 2022 ALUMNI AWARDS

It's time to nominate alumni for the 2022 Alumni Awards. Each year, the Alumni Association recognizes alumni for their distinguished service to God, the Community, the Alma Mater, and "In Every Person's World." A more recently added award is the Rising Servant Leader award, which goes to an alum who received an undergraduate degree within the last 10 years. Read more about the criteria and nominate someone by the February 28 deadline.

### ALUMNI BOARD ELECTION

There are six seats to fill on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. All graduates will have the opportunity to vote in this election. The candidates are listed on the Alumni website. (Click on the 2022 ELECTION button below.) Voting will take place in February. Watch your e-mail for a link to the ballot. Make sure the Alumni office has your correct e-mail address.



2022 ELECTION

UPDATE E-MAIL



2022 GIFT

### THANK YOU

We want to thank every alum and friend who made a gift to ORU before the end of 2021. Your generosity is amazing, and you are a blessing to our students, faculty, and staff. God bless you for supporting ORU in 2021. We encourage you to continue doing so in 2022! Our [Whole Leaders for the Whole World](#) campaign is in the home stretch. Fundraising goals for new buildings, scholarships, and a Center for Global Leadership are within reach.

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to scheduled maintenance on our online giving platform, it won't be possible to make an online gift between 9:00 p.m. CT on February 11 through 11:00 a.m. CT on February 13.**

### CRYPTOCURRENCY

ORU is now accepting gifts in the form of cryptocurrency. For more information, including details on how to give, read the "Cryptocurrency" paragraph under the "Gifts of Assets" section on our website.



CRYPTOCURRENCY

## EVENTS

### STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Clifton Taulbert '71 will be the keynote speaker at the annual Alumni Association Student Scholarship Dinner that takes place on Thursday, February 17 in Lippencott Auditorium at the Global Learning Center. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person and table sponsorships are available. Your attendance will help provide valuable, essential support to some of the many students who receive ORU scholarships. Register soon. If you can't attend, you can still be involved by clicking on the DONATE ONLY button and making a gift.



Clifton Taulbert '71

RSVP FOR DINNER

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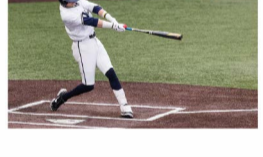
### BASKETBALL GATHERINGS

Alumni, we've got some ORU Basketball road games for you! The men's team is coming to Omaha on January 27 and to Denver on January 29. Join your fellow alumni at the games to cheer on your Golden Eagles, including "Midcourt Max" Abmas—one of the top scorers in the country (22.9 points per game as of January 10). You can get tickets by clicking on the links below.

OMAHA TICKETS

DENVER TICKETS

## ATHLETICS



### DIAMOND DINNER

ORU Baseball fans always look forward to the Diamond Dinner. This year's event will feature Jordan Romano, a closer for the Toronto Blue Jays. You can purchase tickets and/or become a sponsor for the February 4 dinner by going to the web.

DIAMOND DINNER TICKETS

### HALL OF FAME

ORU Athletics will honor the newest members of the Hall of Fame during halftime of the ORU vs. St. Thomas men's basketball game on February 5. The honorees are Jaci (Bigham) Inman (women's basketball, 2009-13), Mark Serrano (baseball, 2008-09) and Eddie Woods (men's basketball, 1970-74; posthumous). Tickets to the game are available now.



HALL OF FAME TICKETS

## ALUMNI

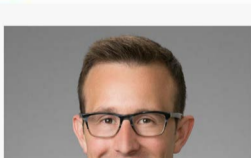


Dr. C. Denise Okafor '07

Congratulations to **Dr. C. Denise (Enekwa) Okafor '07** on receiving a Faculty Early Career Development award from the U.S. National Science Foundation. This award recognizes the impact she can make on students in both research and education by serving as their academic role model, as well as how her work will help drive the mission of her department. Her own research will also benefit from the five years of funding that comes with the award. (Photo courtesy of Penn State University)

OKAFOR AWARD

Congratulations to **Matt Smith '06** on his promotion to Managing Director at Opportune LLP, a leading global energy business advisory firm. Matt has more than 15 years of client service experience. He began working at Ernst & Young in 2006 and joined Opportune in 2012.



Matt Smith '06

PROMOTION

## ETC.

You can support ORU when you shop on Amazon. Go to [this page](#) to learn how to select ORU as your preferred nonprofit via the **AmazonSmile** program.

ORU's Development and Alumni Relations office has gone paperless. That means when you make a gift to ORU, your receipt will come via e-mail. You can still choose a paper receipt, though, by filling out [this form](#).

## DID YOU KNOW?

Generation Z (born between 1997 and 2012) is now the largest generation on the planet. You can read more about "Gen Z" and their impact in President Wilson's latest book: ["Gen Z: Born for the Storm."](#)

