



## NEWS FOR THE ORU COMMUNITY



### AD TEAM TAKES 2ND

ORU's National Student Advertising Competition team won the 2nd Place Overall award at the April 20-22 American Advertising Federation regional event in Houston. Preparation for the competition begins in the fall, when teams are given a case to work on. This year, it was how to position Meta's Quest 2 virtual reality headset as essential, back-to-school technology for college students. After spending weeks conducting research and coming up with multiple strategies to do the best job of meeting the goal, teams presented their campaign plans in mid-March and made a 20-minute pitch to a judges' panel in April.

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## NEWS



### UPLIFTING MUSIC

ORU Worship's new album, "You Are My One Thing," is now available for listening, downloading, and purchase on several platforms.

[ALBUM](#)

## CHRISTIAN MARTYRS

John Chau '14 died on North Sentinel Island in 2018 as he was attempting to share the gospel with the Sentinlese, an unreached people group. Voice of the Martyrs has honored his memory by naming him its "Day of the Christian Martyr 2022 Inductee." You can read John's story and watch a video about his sacrifice by registering for these and other free resources on this VOM page.



John Chau '14

JOHN



## CELEBRATING FIVE ALUMNI

At their spring meeting, the Alumni Association Board of Directors voted for the 2022 Alumni Award honorees. Here are the results: **Dr. Joseph L. Harris '81, '85** (Distinguished Service to God); **Cynthia (Gunn) Newsome '80** (Distinguished Service to the Community); **Starr (Adkins) Clay '70** (Distinguished Service to the Alma Mater); **Dr. Michael Ash '74** (Distinguished Service "In Every Person's World"); and **Pastor Robert Rush III '11** (Rising Servant Leader). Congratulations to one and all! The awards will be presented at the Homecoming Banquet on Saturday, November 12.

## BEST IN FILM

The annual ORU Film Gala, held on April 27 in Lippencott Auditorium, showcased the best in student filmmaking. "Unspoken" was awarded Best Picture and received the Audience Choice Award. Katie Sims and Kerrington Dixon were voted Best Producer and Best Director, respectively.



## YES, PARK HERE

You might have heard that Southern Hills Country Club hosted the 2022 PGA Championship in May. So, where did all those golf fans park? Most of them seemed to be at ORU—in the Mabee Center and CityPlex lots, thanks to an arrangement between the PGA and the university. It was a win-win for both!

## EVENTS



## ALUMNI-FOCUSED CAREER FAIR

The HireOklahoma Multi-University Alumni Career Fair will be held on Thursday, June 23, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., in Oklahoma City at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. You can register to attend this free event by clicking on the link. If you are looking for a job, this event is an excellent place to network with over 100 employers from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, and Missouri. All employers are looking to hire full-time salaried employees. The career fields represented at the fair include engineering, healthcare, energy, sports, education, banking, IT, human

services, landscaping, public safety, government, creative services, accounting, and automotive services.

## REGISTER



## QUEST DAYS

Prospective students and their parents are invited to attend a Quest Day. It's one of the best ways to experience firsthand what life is like as a Golden Eagle. Guests take a campus tour, connect with other students, learn about academics, and hear about ORU's premier scholarship—the Quest Whole Leader Scholarship.

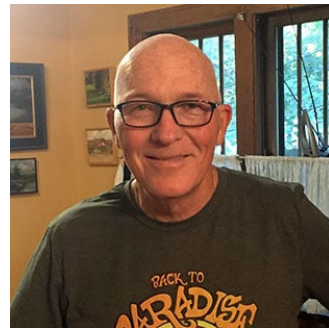
Upcoming dates are June 24 and July 22.

## QUEST INFO

## ALUMNI

**Scott Aycock '77**, a singer-songwriter and marriage and family therapist, won first prize for his short story in the Tulsa City-County Library's 2022 Adult Creative Writing Contest. (On the page, scroll down to click on "Read from some of the winning entries" and then click on "Short Story 1st Place.")

### SCOTT



Scott Aycock '77



Chris Berger '99

**Chris Berger '99** has been named to The Charlotte Observer's "40 Over 40" list. He is the vice president of enterprise communication at Atrium Health, a nonprofit health system based in Charlotte, NC.

### CHRIS

**Chris Connelly '94** is the new senior director of

government relations for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He previously served as chief of staff for three members of Congress and as director of communications at the U.S. Department of Agriculture during the George W. Bush administration, among other posts.

**CHRIS**



Chris Connelly '94



Erika McGhee '94

**Erika McGhee '94** has been named Theater Director for Union High School in Tulsa. She has been the theater teacher for 7th and 8th grade students at Union Public Schools for 13 years.

**ERIKA**

**Rachael Ngwarai '18**, a public relations officer at CURE Children's Hospital of Zimbabwe, is also the hospital's designated drone pilot.

**RACHAEL**



Rachael Ngwarai '18



Phillip Oliver '20-LMBA

**Phillip Oliver '20-LMBA**, Event Services Manager at The Broadmoor World Arena, has been named to the "30UNDER30" Class of 2022, selected by the International Association of Venue Managers.

**PHILLIP**

**Jennifer Smith '89** of Jacksonville, IL, is a member of the Disaster Response Team at Samaritan's Purse. Her most recent experience was at a military base in the U.S., working with Afghan refugees.

**JENNIFER**



Jennifer Smith '89



Jim Stovall '81

**Jim Stovall '81**, an entrepreneur who has achieved success in a variety of pursuits (weightlifting, television, film, publishing, public speaking), has received the Oklahoma Book Awards' 2022 Arrell Gibson Award for Lifetime Achievement.

**JIM**

## ATHLETICS



### NCAA REGIONALS

The baseball team won the Summit League tournament—their 20th league postseason title—and earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Competing in the College Station Regional (TX), they lost to Texas A&M in their first game, 8-2, and ended their season with a 3-1 loss to Texas Christian University in their second game.

**REGIONALS**

### NEW ASSISTANTS



Cophie Anderson



Bill Annan



Hayden Hill

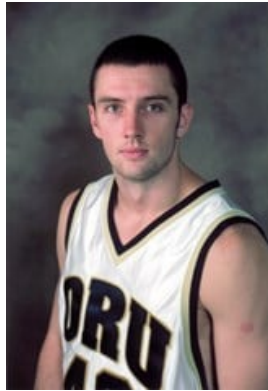
Coach Kelsi Musick has added three assistant coaches to her women's basketball staff: Cophie Anderson, who spent 13 years on Coach Musick's staff at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Bill Annan, who was on the Oklahoma State University women's basketball staff for 13 years; and Hayden Hill, a four-year starter and a consensus First Team All-American (2019) on Coach Musick's 2015-19 SWOSU team.

**COPHIE**

**BILL**

**HAYDEN**

### HALL OF FAMERS



Josh Atkinson '04



Caleb Green '07

Golden Eagle basketball alumni **Josh Atkinson '04** and **Caleb Green '07** were inducted into the Tulsa Public Schools Athletics Hall of Fame on June 2. Josh was a four-time All-Conference academic selection at East Central High. At ORU (1999-04), he became the 23rd player in school history to score 1,000 points, wrapping up his ORU career with a total of 1,061 points. In high school, Caleb led Memorial High to a state title. At ORU (2003-07), he led the Golden Eagles to two NCAA Tournaments, one NIT, and three consecutive Mid-Continent Conference regular-season titles. He was a three-time All-American.

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DID YOU KNOW?



Dr. Kenneth Cooper (center) with students and faculty

Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper, the “Father of Aerobics,” was at ORU on April 8. He spent time in the Aerobics Center (which bears his name) and met with students and faculty to discuss a research project. While on campus, he was also honored by the College of Science and Engineering with a Hall of Fame award.



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