



## NEWS FOR THE ORU COMMUNITY



### CELEBRATING ORU'S LATEST ADDITION

The campus has a beautiful new Welcome Center! The dedication and ribbon-cutting took place on a cloudless September afternoon as faculty,

staff, students, alumni, friends, and special guests gathered to mark the moment. President Wilson expressed his gratitude to the lead donors, alumni Jim and Donna Stuck, and to everyone whose gifts, prayers, creativity, and hard work made ORU's new "front door" possible. This building is the new home of the Enrollment team, the Veterans Experience, and a Golden Eagles fan shop.

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## ARE YOU COMING TO HOMECOMING?

The dates are November 10-12. Be sure to register while the **discount** is still in effect! Get **25% off** ticketed events when you sign up from **now through September 30**; use the promo code **EarlyEli** at checkout. We have lots of special activities planned for you—and of course, you'll have a chance to spend time with friends. Don't miss a minute of it!

[REGISTER](#)

# NEWS



## GET ON BOARD

We're looking for ORU graduates who would like to serve ORU and their fellow alumni. How? By running for a spot on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Submit your application by September 30. The Nominating Committee will review all applications and in November, the full board will vote on whose names to put forward in the February 2023 election.

[APPLICATION](#)



## KOREAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

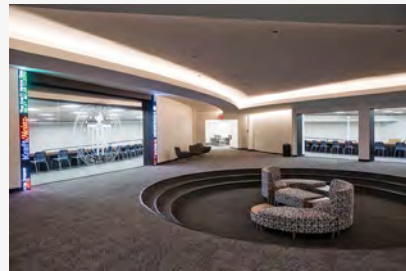
In June, ORU hosted a Korean Executive Leadership program. The focus was on how to integrate one's faith with one's business—to become influential Spirit-empowered leaders. This was a 15-week program that began in South Korea. Speakers included Mart Green, Board Chair of Hobby Lobby/CEO of Mardel, members of ORU's College of Business faculty, and Sean Kouplen from Regent Bank.

KOREAN EL

## EVENTS

### FENIMORE & FISHER RIBBON-CUTTING

On Friday, September 23 at 3:00 p.m., we will celebrate the grand opening of the Fenimore & Fisher Graduate School of Business. The entire College of Business suite of offices, classrooms, and labs has undergone an amazing transformation, thanks to the extraordinary gift that COB alumni Rick Fenimore and Terry Fisher presented in late 2020. Among the additions: a new Capital Markets Trading Floor and a student-managed investment fund.



### 'SILENT SKY' ON STAGE

ORU Theatre is back! Come watch this true story about 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt, a woman whose ideas were not welcomed by male scientists at the Harvard Observatory where she worked. The show goes on at 7:30 p.m. September 22-24 and at 2:00 p.m. September 25 in Howard Auditorium.



## ALUMNI

**Victoria Fahlberg '79** is the executive director of First Step Shelter in Daytona Beach, FL. The shelter is working with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office on a new effort designed to help homeless people who are struggling on the streets.



VICTORIA



Victoria Fahlberg '79



Kevin West Flanagan '88-M.Div.

**Kevin West Flanagan '88-M.Div.** has been inducted into the Marquis Who's Who Biographical Registry. This honor recognizes him for his expertise in the field of information technology.

**KEVIN**

Former ORU Titan baseball player **Phil McSpadden '77** has had an enormously successful career as a softball coach. Recently, he was honored to be named the NAIA Softball Coach of the Year—due to his success as coach of the Oklahoma City University Stars.

**PHIL**



Phil McSpadden '77



Recording artist and songwriter **Brian Nhira '14** sang the National Anthem at a Kansas City Chiefs game in August. Brian is known for his success on NBC's "The Voice," where he advanced to the live rounds. He also received a 2020 "Rising Servant Leader" award from the ORU Alumni Association. His music has made the iTunes Top 100 Pop Songs chart, among others.

**BRIAN**

**Sean O'Brien '22** is a jazz guitarist who began his military career in the Army Band. After 9/11 happened, he found himself in southern Afghanistan. He received a Purple Heart medal due to the injuries he suffered during his service. These days, he is a vital member of ORU's IT team.

SEAN



Sean O'Brien '22



Gary '87 & Tammie Webb

**Gary Webb '87 and his wife, Tammie**, founded OCJ Kids in Phoenix, AZ, in 1992. OCJ means Opportunity, Community, and Justice for Kids. The organization provides all kinds of support for kids in the foster care system and gives teenaged foster kids a chance to attend Cowboy Camp at the Flying E Ranch—to get a taste of cowboy life!

GARY

## ATHLETICS

**9/18 DAY**  
**9.18.22**

ORU Athletics is gearing up for their inaugural 918 Day, an event that will take place in the Mabee Center on Sunday, September 18 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Fans can come meet ORU coaches and student-athletes. (Get your autographs! Purchase ORU gear! Enjoy food trucks, music, games, giveaways, and more!) In the week leading up to the big day, ORU Athletics will serve community groups like the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, Jenks Elementary, Street School, John 3:16 Mission, and Bixby Outreach Center.



## MABEE CENTER COURT: NEW LOOK

The Mabee Center court has undergone a fantastic upgrade. Many thanks to Gateway Bank for the support they provided. The court sports a new design, but it still reminds us to Expect A Miracle! Just getting ready for Golden Eagle basketball...

MC COURT

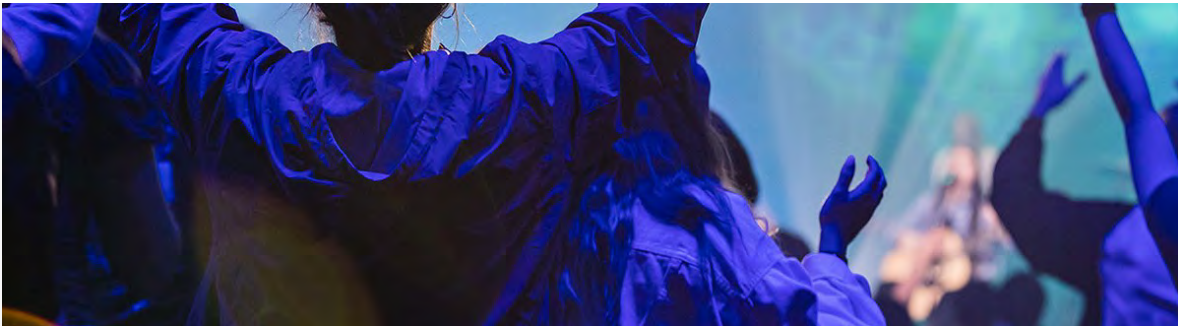
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## DID YOU KNOW?





ORU Chapel

You can watch previous chapel services, hear students share their thoughts on pertinent topics (like “Why worship is important at ORU”), and view “Day in the Life of a College Student” videos on ORU’s [YouTube channel](#).



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