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HOMECOMING 2024, NOV. 7-9

Homecoming will be here before you know it! This is your chance to relive your favorite memories and experience ORU in a whole new way. We have an exciting lineup of events, with 3 reunions (Class of 1984—Schools of Law and Nursing—and the Class of 1974), luncheons, chapel, basketball, prayer sets, campus tours, Coffee, Cocoa and Canvas, class visits, and the pièce de résistance: the Homecoming Banquet & Alumni Awards. You even have an opportunity to tour and enjoy musical performances in the brand-new Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center. You won't want to miss it! **Register by September 2 for 25% off all ticketed events.** Use the **EarlyEli** discount code.

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Rendering of the brand-new Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center

BACK TO SCHOOL

This is the month—the month when all of ORU’s summer planning reaches its zenith. It’s when the residence halls open to welcome hundreds of new and returning students from all over the world. They’ll be thrilled to discover a number of building renovations. Most exciting of all will be the introduction of the long-awaited Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center—new home of the theatre, dance, music, and digital media departments. It’s going to be a very special year here at 7777 South Lewis Avenue!

ORU APPLAUDED FOR LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT

Only 25 higher ed institutions were selected to receive the inaugural Carnegie Elective Classification for Leadership for Public Purpose this year. ORU was honored to be one of them. The classification recognizes those institutions that are educating future leaders whose impact will be for the “collective public good”—in private business, community life, government institutions, religious institutions, and more. The Doerr Institute for New Leaders at Rice University, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and the American



ORU HONOR

Council on Education created this classification.



PLANNED GIVING INFO

You can support ORU far into the future by including the university in your estate plans. Tools such as trusts, stocks, securities, life insurance policies, bequests in one's will, and annuities are among the options that offer the opportunity to impact generations of students. Contact ORU Development at 918.495.7220 or development@oru.edu if you'd like to talk with someone about how these types of gifts can help ORU—and in some cases, provide income for you as well. To prepare your will—at no cost to you—visit the FreeWill site.

PLANNED GIFTS

FREEWILL

MASTER OF DIVINITY 100% ONLINE

ORU's College of Theology and Ministry is excited to announce the launch of our new Master of Divinity (M.Div.) online program, designed to provide comprehensive theological education for ministers and leaders around the world. Both academically rigorous and deeply committed to Spirit-empowered ministry leadership, this program is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to lead with conviction and compassion, guided by the Holy Spirit. This flexible program combines academic coursework with practical ministry training, all accessible from the comfort of your home.



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ALUMNI

ALUMNI BOARD: SERVE YOUR ALMA MATER AND FELLOW ALUMNI

Have you ever considered running for a position on the Alumni Association Board of Directors? Here's your chance! Applications will be open **August 26-September 30**. The Alumni Board will finalize the slate of candidates at their November meeting.



2024-25 Alumni Association Board of Directors

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LACIS THE OLYMPIAN

Francis Lacis '22, a Golden Eagle men's basketball player (2018-22), was on Latvia's 3x3 basketball team at the Paris Olympics. He and his team won seven games in a row, made it to the semifinals, and came extremely close to winning a bronze medal.

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EVENTS



CAREER FAIR

The 2024 Fall Career Fair is scheduled for Monday, September 23 at 11:00 a.m. on the concourse level at Mabee Center. Employers can register and reserve a booth by going to Handshake, the career services platform that ORU uses to help students connect with potential employers. Contact Career Services at careers@oru.edu for more information.

APPEARING AT MABEE CENTER

No “maybe” about it. Mabee Center definitely has some cool shows coming up. They include Grammy-nominated singer Anne Wilson, “The Complete Beatles Experience: Liverpool Legends,” Vienna Light Orchestra performing “A Tribute to *The Greatest Showman*,” “Unspoken - in concert with special guests Cade Thompson and JJ Weeks,” and the Gaither Vocal Band’s “All Is Bright” Christmas Tour 2024. Check out the Mabee’s website for dates, times, and ticket links.



MABEE EVENTS



Rendering of the theatre in the Peggy V. Helmerich
MAC

THEATRE IN THE MAC!

When the Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center opens, ORU's talented thespians will be ready to take the stage. One of the first shows will be "The Play That Goes Wrong," September 26-October 4. Described as "a comedy for all ages," this play was written by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer, and Henry Shields. Watch ORU's social media channels for details on show times and tickets.

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.



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ATHLETICS

NEW FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE

With the retirement of Terry Unruh, Athletics needed to appoint a new NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative. Their choice: Dr. Terry Shannon. He has been an ORU professor for more than 11 years and has experience as a head coach. Among his accolades are recognition as an “Outstanding Faculty Member” and 2019 “Sports Professional of the Year” (chosen by Shape America). Dr. Shannon will ensure the academic integrity and institutional control of the ORU Athletic Department and serve as the liaison between that department and the academic faculty while assisting all student-athletes in their academic endeavors.



Dr. Terry Shannon

DR. SHANNON



DRAFT PICKS

Two Golden Eagle baseball players were selected in this year's Major League Baseball draft. **Jakob Hall**, the Summit League's 2024 Pitcher of the Year, was chosen by the Minnesota Twins. The Texas Rangers, winners of the 2023 World Series, chose 2024 Summit League All-Tournament Team pitcher **Brooks Fowler**.

HALL



FOWLER

HELPING THE COMMUNITY

ORU's athletes spend a lot of time in practice and play, but they also take time to be a blessing to members of the community. Last month, the men's basketball team visited the St. Francis Children's Hospital. Coaches and players went from floor to floor to play games, connect with the families, and hand out gifts for a Christmas in July event. The women's soccer team went to Iron Gate Tulsa to help serve and pack food. Iron Gate feeds the hungry of Tulsa every day through a soup kitchen, grocery pantry, and kids' pantry.



ORU men's basketball team at St. Francis Children's Hospital



ORU women's soccer team at Iron Gate Tulsa



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ORU women's soccer team at Iron Gate Tulsa



Christian Johnson

BEST ON THE LINKS

ORU golfer Christian Johnson is definitely ready to begin his sophomore year at ORU. In July, he won the Oklahoma Golf Association State Amateur Championship. That made him the fourth ORU golfer to do so. Alumni Dave Barr, Jim Kane, and Mike Hughett also won it in 1973, 1979 & 1980, and 2001, respectively. Christian's win gave him an automatic berth in the 2024 U.S. Amateur Championship (Aug. 12-18), happening in Chaska, Minnesota.

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DID YOU KNOW?

ORU has an Office of Parent Engagement. This is where parents can go to get answers to their questions before their sons and daughters enroll at ORU. There's also a Concierge office that helps students who have questions about subjects such as housing, maintenance requests, off-campus services and activities, and churches. Student Health Services deals with minor injuries and health issues. Student Success coaches provide mentoring and academic support. And there's more! Click on the link to get a complete overview.



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