



PRAYER & FASTING



As ORU prepares for the start of the 2023-24 school year, faculty and staff are in prayer—praying for the students, for one another, and for God’s guidance and blessing in the months to come. The week of July 16 is one of concentrated prayer and fasting, with community members encouraged to choose a mealtime during which to fast and pray for ORU.

You are invited to join us in prayer!

*“Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.
You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”*

Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NIV)

NEWS



NEW ASSIGNMENT

Lori Cook has been named Vice President of Student Life. Most recently, she had been serving as Dean of Student Development and Dean of Women. She replaces Dr. Clarence Boyd, who has moved to the College of Theology and Ministry where he is on the faculty and is also taking on a new role—that of Faculty Chaplain.

VP COOK



E21 & AMSTERDAM 2023

Last month, Empowered21, a kingdom initiative served by ORU, hosted the Amsterdam2023: EveryONE conference. Over 5,000 leaders from 125+ nations around the world, along with hundreds of thousands of online and broadcast participants, joined to launch a new era of evangelism with the goal of getting the gospel to every person on earth by 2033. Over four days, 150+ speakers from across the body of Christ challenged us to re-personalize the Great Commission and to take advantage of technology and changing global culture to reach not just every nation or people group, but every single person with the good news of Jesus.

Members of the ORU family were deeply involved in all aspects of the conference, from ORU Worship leading to alumni speaking, presenting in workshops, and serving. One alumnus who serves as a missionary in Europe said, “I’ve never been more proud of my university, to sponsor and host this gathering focused on the Great Commission.”

You can watch all of the conference general sessions [here](#) for free—or access the full conference archive including 125+ workshops for €50 (\$55) [here](#).

EVENTS



QUEST DAYS

Prospective ORU students have two more opportunities to attend a SummerQuest Day. ORU Admissions scheduled these days to introduce future Golden Eagles and their families to the campus and all it has to offer. Remaining dates are July 21 and August 4. For information or to register a student, e-mail campusvisits@oru.edu or click on the button below.

SUMMER QUEST

LEGACY LUNCHEON

In just a few weeks, the fall semester will begin at ORU. That means it's almost time for Alumni Relations' annual **Alumni Parent and Legacy Student Luncheon**. Brand-new ORU students who are the sons and daughters of alumni are welcome to come to this complimentary luncheon with their parents. The event is on August 12, 12:30-1:30 p.m., in Lippencott Auditorium at the Global Learning Center. Space is limited, so parents need to **register by August 3**.



LUNCHEON RSVP



GAITHER HOMECOMING: SPECIAL GUESTS

The Gaither Homecoming will take place at Mabee Center, August 18-19. Along with Bill and Gloria and the Gaither Vocal Band, those taking the stage will include singer/comedian Mark Lowry, singers Jason Crabb and Angela Primm, singing group The Martins, and 20 other performers—including award-winning actor and touring musician Dennis Quaid. Quaid will release his first gospel album this fall. To attend the Homecoming, you can buy a one-show ticket or a two-show bundle. Friday's concert is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday's is at 2:00 p.m. The **ONLY** authorized Mabee Center ticket sales outlets are in-

person at the Mabee Center Ticket Office (located in the North Lobby), online at MabeeCenter.com, or by phone at (918) 495-6000.

GAITHERS

5K RUN

The race is on once again. The Alumni Association will host a **5K Run** on October 21, 2023. There are several ways to participate: as a runner, a sponsor, or a donor. Funds raised will benefit ORU projects and programs. Online registration is live.

SIGN UP TO RUN

DONATE / SPONSOR



COME HOME!

Homecoming 2023 is on the horizon. Be sure to mark those dates—November 9-11—on your calendar. It's going to be a special weekend. The men's basketball team will begin working on another winning season. Class of 1973 alumni will celebrate their 50th reunion. Previously unrealized talent will come to light at Coffee, Cocoa and Canvas. Jaws will drop when alumni and guests visit the new Welcome Center, Mike Carter Athletic Center, and J. D. McKean Library. At the banquet, six graduates will receive Alumni Awards. All of this is simply the tip of the iceberg. We'll share more details and a registration link very soon.

ATHLETICS

AWARD FOR MEN'S TENNIS

Last month, the men's tennis team was honored by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association with a Community Service Award for the Central Region. ORU's Director of Tennis, Mark Milner, said the team has focused on giving back by volunteering a lot of hours at local schools, churches, and other organizations.



GREAT SERVE

JOB WELL DONE

The Golden Eagle baseball team gave us so much to celebrate this year. They went from winning the Summit League regular-season title and tournament to emerging as the champions of the Stillwater Regional. Then they conquered the Oregon Ducks to win the Eugene Super Regional and become one of only eight teams to advance to the College World Series—ORU's first trip since 1978. After defeating TCU in the opening round, the Golden Eagles fell to the Florida Gators in their second game and then lost to TCU—their final game of 2023. ORU can be extremely proud of this team. Coach Ryan Folmar was named Mike Martin National Coach of the Year and relief pitcher Cade Denton was named Stopper of the Year, both by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. Those are just two of the many, many awards that members of this team have received during an absolutely stellar season. Way to go, Golden Eagles!



SIMPLY THE BEST

DRAFTED!

Four Golden Eagle baseball players were chosen in the 2023 Major League Baseball draft.



Jonah Cox (center fielder), Oakland Athletics



Jacob Widener (pitcher), Kansas City Royals



Cade Denton (pitcher), Colorado Rockies



Mac McCroskey (shortstop), Los Angeles Angels

FALL SPORTS

Sports schedules are still coming together for the 2023-24 school year. At this point, we have schedules for men's and women's soccer, volleyball, and cross country. Check oruathletics.com in the coming weeks for updates.



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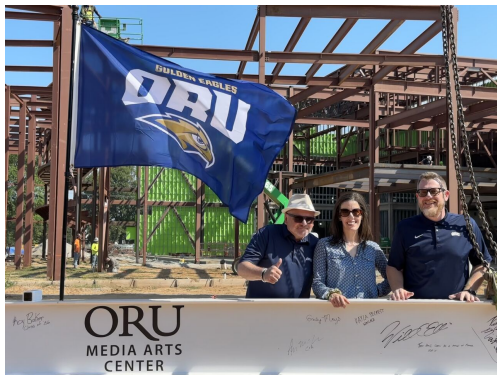


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ORU's Development and Alumni Relations office has gone paperless. That means when you make a gift to ORU, your receipt will come via e-mail. You can still choose a paper receipt, though, by filling out [this form](#).

DID YOU KNOW?



The last beam has been put in place for ORU's future Media Arts Center! There's still a lot of work to do before this 78,000-square-foot building opens in late 2024, but we're celebrating every milestone. Our [Whole Leaders for the Whole World campaign](#) is bringing many wonderful changes to the ORU campus.

BEAM US UP!



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