



#### **COMMENCEMENT VIDEO GOES VIRAL**

The Class of 2024 had a message for everyone who attended their graduation or watched it online: God is good! Their wholehearted singing of CeCe Winans' "Goodness of God" took the world by storm on Instagram, drawing more than 16.2 million views. This was a moment of unity and of giving God the credit for what He has done in the lives of these graduates. To God be the glory! Watch the full Commencement service <a href="here">here</a>.

**VIRAL VIDEO** 

## **NEWS**

#### **GETTING TOGETHER TO PRAY**

This summer, the faculty and staff is gathering again in the GLC's Lippencott Auditorium to pray: to thank God for blessing ORU so amazingly in the past school year, and to bring the upcoming school year before Him. The first meeting

was held on May 30 and the next will be on June 26. "SummerFast 2024" is scheduled to take place July 28-August 3. Faculty and staff members can choose a day and time to fast a meal and pray. Departments will also schedule a set time for employees to pray. Please pray with us this summer! We have a busy school year ahead.





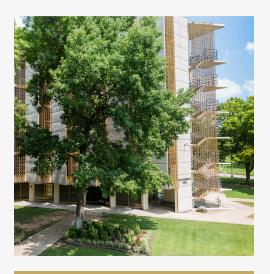
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## GEB AMERICA LAUNCH ON PRAY.COM

GEB America has launched its two podcasts (GEB America and ORU Chapel) and some select ORU content (including videos) on Pray.com. Within a very short time, ORU's media network had almost 10,000 followers. Alumni and other viewers can take advantage of a free one-year subscription to Pray.com, compliments of GEB!

#### **BUILDING COMMUNITY**

All good things must come...to the point where a remodel is needed! That's what we have planned for two residence halls: Claudius and EMR. Their 1960s style will give way to a whole new 21st-century vibe: suites with living areas and separate bedrooms for roommates, along with updates to other parts of the halls. These halls have a long history of communitybuilding. For decades, students in Claudius and EMR have developed lifelong friendships and prayed for one another through life's many ups and downs. Now, a \$5 million renovation project will infuse new life into these campus homes. Your generosity will help us get the job done!



CONTRIBUTE TO THE REMODEL

## **ALUMNI**



#### **ALUMNI AWARD HONOREES**

At their spring meeting, the Alumni Association Board of Directors reviewed the nominations for the annual Alumni Awards and selected five honorees. Two alumni were chosen in the Distinguished Service to God category: David Cerullo '73 and Dr. Robert King '81-M.Div., '02-D.Min. Along with Arthur Greeno '91 (Distinguished Service to the Community), Jim Moore '76 (Distinguished Service "In Every Person's World"), and Nicole Hopkins '15 (Rising Servant Leader), they will be celebrated at the Homecoming Banquet on Saturday, November 9. The Alumni Relations office will notify everyone when online registration for Homecoming goes live.

### **EVENTS**

#### **SPORTS CAMPS**

There's still time to register for some of ORU's summer sports camps. The Kelsi Musick basketball camps are happening June 24-27 and July 22-25. (Boys' basketball camps are over.) Boys' Soccer Day Camps are June 24-27 and July 15-18, while ORU ID Soccer Camps for boys are July 19-20. Advanced Residential/Commuter Soccer Camp for boys and girls is June 17-19. Advanced Soccer Goalkeeper Academy for boys and girls is also June 17-19. Boys' High School Team Soccer Camp is July 9-11.



**CAMPS** 



**RSVP NOW** 

#### **QUEST DAYS**

Calling all prospective ORU students!

Quest Days are taking place on July 12
and July 26. On these days, students get
an up-close look at what it means to be a
Golden Eagle, learn more about academic
offerings, take a tour of the campus (so
many new buildings!), get the scoop on the
Quest Whole Leader Scholarship, and
meet other future ORU students. Note: We
also offer an International Virtual Quest
Day for those outside of the U.S. That date
is July 10.

#### LEGACY LUNCH

Alumni whose sons and daughters are beginning their ORU journeys this fall are invited to bring these new Golden Eagles to the Alumni Parent and Legacy Student Luncheon on August 17. Learn more about the event and RSVP now!



**REGISTER FOR THE LUNCH** 

### **ATHLETICS**



# SCORING 7 SUMMIT LEAGUE HONORS

Along with winning the Summit League Baseball Championship—held at ORU's J. L. Johnson Stadium, May 22-25—the Golden Eagles saw seven players receive post-season honors. Jakob Hall: Pitcher of the Year. First baseman Drew Stahl, third baseman Holden Breeze, and Hall: All-League First Team. Outfielder Kyle Booker and starting pitcher Brooks Fowler: All-League Second Team. Outfielder Elijah Rodriguez: Honorable Mention. The team competed in the May 31-June 3 Norman

Regional and wrapped up their 2024 season with losses to the University of Oklahoma and Duke.

#### 'NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR'

ORU golfer Presten Richardson made quite the impression on the links this season. For his efforts, he earned the Summit League's "Newcomer of the Year" honor. Presten was the runner-up at the league's championship (just three strokes off the lead) and posted three top-10 individual finishes during spring play.



**PRESTEN** 



#### **TOP SCORE**

The men's basketball team and the women's tennis team each earned a perfect multi-year Academic Progress Rate after the 2022-23 academic year. This is according to data that the NCAA national office released on June 4. The rate? 1000!

**PERFECT** 

#### **NEXT YEAR'S TEAMS**

Coach Russell Springmann and Coach Kelsi Musick have finalized their rosters for the 2024-25 basketball season. See who will be joining the teams.

**MEN'S BBALL** 

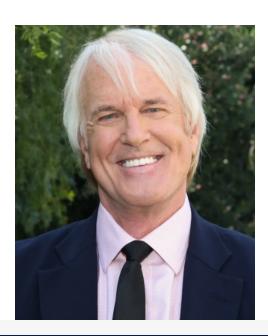
**WOMEN'S BBALL** 



## ETC.

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?**



On a recent GEB America podcast, the guest was John Tesh—musician, radio and TV presenter, and host of the "Intelligence For Your Life" radio show. In this episode, he talks about his battle and victory over cancer.

**JOHN TESH** 



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