



WE'RE GOING TO THE BIG DANCE!



The Golden Eagle men (30-4 overall) earned a #12 seed and will face off with #5 seed Duke in Orlando, Florida, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament! Be sure to watch their **March 16 game on CBS at 6:10 p.m. (CT)**.

Watch Parties are happening all over the country—in Tulsa, Orlando, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Omaha, and Indianapolis, to name a few sites. Click on the button below to go to the official Watch Party webpage and get more details and links to the RSVP pages.

WATCH PARTIES

Check the [ORU Athletics website](#) for updates and read more season highlights on the [alumni site](#).

One more thing: GO GOLDEN EAGLES

NEWS



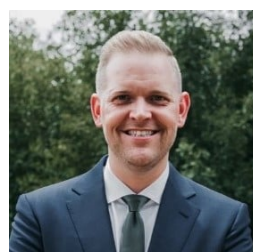
ALUMNI BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

The votes have been counted. These are your new (and returning) Alumni Board representatives: Segment I, Tim Reiterman; Segment II, Doug Clark; Segment III, Kevin Cox*; Segment IV, John Ballenger; Segment V, Elizabeth Edwards; At Large, Rhae Buckley*, Patty Gerstenberger*, and Mackenzie Smith. Congratulations to these directors, and thanks to everyone who voted. (*Returning directors)

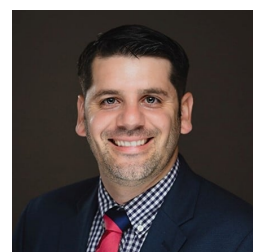
NEW DIRECTORS

NEW ASSOCIATE VP & NEW EXECUTIVE STRATEGIST

ORU has added two new members to its leadership team. Dr. Grey Hoff began serving as the Associate Vice President of International Student Relations on March 1. On February 21, Max Barroso became the Executive Strategist for Ministry and Leadership Initiatives.



DR. HOFF



MAX BARROSO



'THE LAUNCH' RESULTS

Congratulations to the student entrepreneurs whose business ideas earned them cash prizes at this year's Launch competition. First prize (\$5,000) went to Sharon Li for her "iTea" plan: healthy tea options and an AI that functions as a tea consultant. Taking second place (\$3,000) was Garret Smith, whose NeuroYou involves making neurofeedback accessible to everyone. Ilse Munguia and Abigail Richards finished third and received \$2,000 for introducing Mobility Solutions, a business designed to give disabled individuals equal rights on the ground and in the air by changing the wheelchair industry. The cash prizes are generously provided by Vast Bank.

ABOUT THE LAUNCH

HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION (HLC)

The February 27-28, 2023, visit from the HLC was a 10-year comprehensive visit, encompassing the full campus. There were five visitors who evaluated ORU's compliance with the five criteria: Mission, Integrity, Teaching and Learning Resources, Teaching and Learning Evaluation, and Institutional Planning. Earlier, a sixth team member initiated a review of ORU's publicly available resources to evaluate Federal compliance. In the next few months, ORU will receive a final report from the HLC concerning its accreditation status.



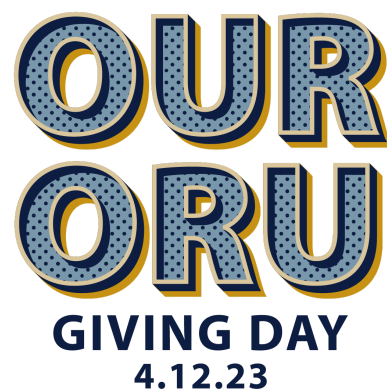
OK ELECTED LEADERS EVENT

Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell '02 and OK Senator Dave Rader were among the guests at ORU's February 16 Oklahoma Elected Leaders event. It was an opportunity to share ORU updates and invest in relationships with those who are among the state's most influential leaders. Mike Carter, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations, led guests on a tour of the nearly completed \$15 million athletic center, gave a report on other campus improvements and additions, and shared some of ORU's latest milestones. Guests were also treated to a Golden Eagle Club dinner, after which they watched the men's basketball game from President Wilson's suite and saw the Golden Eagles become the outright regular-season Summit League champions.

ORU GIVING DAY

Do you have a favorite department or program at ORU? Maybe the college where you earned your degree? Or the Missions program? Or, maybe you want to help build those new buildings in Phase II of the Whole Leaders campaign. Well, get ready to make your move! We're holding the first-ever ORU Giving Day on Wednesday, April 12. Twenty-four hours to provide gifts of any size to those areas of ORU that mean the most to you.

GIVING DAY



EVENTS



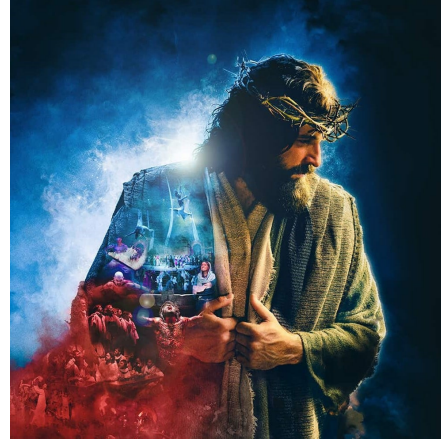
QUEST DAYS

The Admissions office has scheduled Quest events on March 30-31 and April 13-14 for prospective students. These future ORU students can participate in class visits, a scholarship competition, and academic department tours; have meals in the cafeteria and overnights in the residence halls; and enjoy student activities like athletic events and theatre performances. Do you know a potential student? Send that student to [this page](#). Click on the button below for more information.

DETAILS

'THE THORN'

This epic story of God's love for the world and the spiritual battle for all humanity, created by ORU alumni John '92 and Sarah (Roehl-'90) Bolin, will be presented in Mabee Center on March 25 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. The show combines dance, martial arts, aerial acrobatics, and emotionally powerful performances. **ORU alumni** can receive a **\$10 discount** at any price level **only by purchasing tickets in person** at the Mabee Center ticket office (Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; 12:00-2:00 and 5:00-7:00 on the 25th). Anyone can buy regular-price tickets online or at the ticket office.



TICKETS



LAW SCHOOL REUNION

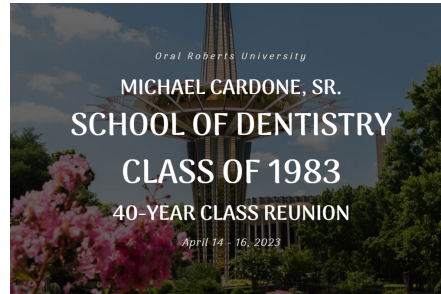
Alumni of the O. W. Coburn School of Law Classes of 1982 and 1983 are invited to attend a March 31-April 1 reunion at ORU.

LAW REUNION

DENTAL SCHOOL REUNION

Alumni of the Michael Cardone, Sr., School of Dentistry Class of 1983 are invited to attend an April 14-16 reunion at ORU.

DENTISTRY REUNION



FIRST MILE 5K RUN

Whether or not you're a runner, you can still be involved in the Alumni Association's April 1 "First Mile 5K Run." Proceeds from the event will benefit the Quest First Scholarship, which goes to students who will be the first in their family to graduate with a bachelor's degree, and the [Whole Leaders for the Whole World campaign](#). ORU alumni, faculty, staff, and students who want to run can use the promo code **FM5K63** to get \$10 off the registration fee. Non-runners can choose to be a 5K Run sponsor, sponsor a runner, or donate to the cause.

REGISTER

SPONSOR/DONATE

MIKE CARTER ATHLETIC CENTER RIBBON CUTTING

Join us on Wednesday, April 19 as we celebrate another milestone at ORU: the grand opening of the Mike Carter Athletic Center. The ceremony will begin shortly after ORU chapel—at about 12:15 p.m.—in front of the building (south side of



Mabee Center). When it opens, the MCAC will serve all student-athletes. The building will contain two regulation basketball courts, an expansive strength and conditioning space, team meeting rooms, coach and staff offices, an ORU Hall of Fame presentation, and accommodations for the ELI Academic Learning Center.

ATHLETICS



POST-SEASON BASKETBALL HONORS

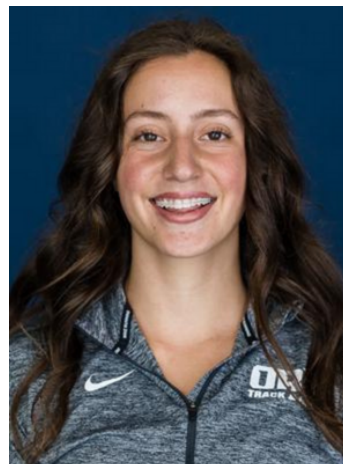
ORU players' outstanding performance during the 2022-23 regular season led to noteworthy awards from the Summit League. On the men's side, Max Abmas was named Player of the Year; Connor Vanover, Newcomer of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year; and Issac McBride, Second Team All-Summit League. Coach Paul Mills received his first Coach of the Year award. For the women, Hannah Cooper and Tirzah Moore were named to the First Team All-Summit League, while Ruthie Udoumoh earned a place on the All-Newcomer Team.

MEN

WOMEN

TRACK TITLE

At last month's Summit League Indoor Track & Field Championships, ORU's Deborah Mazzei won the 800-meter race. It was her fourth event title of the season. The championships were held in Vermillion, SD. Deborah was also named to the All-League team—an honor reserved for those who finish in the top three in an event category at the league championship meet.



DEBORAH



Ryan Neill



Luke Ward

NEWS ON COACHES

ORU Baseball's longtime assistant coach, Ryan Neill, has been promoted to associate head coach. ORU also has a new volleyball coach: Luke Ward.

COACH NEILL

COACH WARD

MORE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ATHLETES

ORU Athletics has established a partnership with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma (BCBSOK) for student-athlete scholarships—with a focus on students in the health sciences and/or nursing fields. BCBSOK has committed \$25,000 for athletic scholarships through the Golden Eagle Club. Five student-athletes are each receiving \$5,000 scholarships for the 2022-23 academic year.



SCHOLARSHIPS

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?



The Hall of Mirrors has undergone an incredible 21st-century makeover! Check it out the next time you're on campus.



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