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A RECORD-SETTING COMMENCEMENT!

ORU celebrated an amazing 925 graduates at the 57th Commencement exercises on May 4. These grads represented 45 states and 54 nations. And just like in 2023, the College of Theology and Ministry had the most graduates, with 214. Congratulations to the Class of 2024! Hear what President Wilson had to say in his [Commissioning Speech](#).

THE STORY

NEWS

TANDY GRANT

The Computing and Mathematics Department received a \$1.45 million grant

from the A.R. and Marylouise Tandy Foundation this spring. The grant will enable the department to create new labs—including Nanotechnology & Plasma Physics Research, Artificial Intelligence & Game Development, Network Administration & Edge Computing—and a Drone Arena. These funds will also be used for summer coding camps that serve community high school students and instructors, and for items that ORU's supercomputers, Titan and Eli, need to operate at peak efficiency.



GRANT



ON THE FIELD

This summer, [ORU Missions](#) has sent teams of students to 25 nations for 2- and 4-week missions trips. Along with serving stateside (in Delaware, Georgia, and Indiana) and in other North American nations, teams are on four other continents—Asia, Africa, Europe, and South America—and in nations such as Brazil, Greece, India, and Uganda.

NEW MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

ORU's new [Master of Healthcare Administration](#) (MHA) is a 100% online program designed to equip healthcare professionals to address challenges within the healthcare system related to patient care, the cost of healthcare, population health, and clinician/staff burnout. The program aims to provide students with an excellent foundation of how to manage



health services in hospitals, clinics, agencies, or other specialized practices.

MHA DEGREE



DR. HINKLE

SECOND TERM

ORU's [Dr. Adrian Hinkle](#), Dean of the College of Theology and Ministry, has been serving as Executive Director of the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS) since February 2019. She was recently appointed to serve a second term. SPS is an international community of scholars working within the Pentecostal and Charismatic traditions.

DR. DEHNER'S HONOR

Associate Professor [Dr. David Dehner](#), Director of Choral Studies, has been named a quarterfinalist for the 2025 Music Educator Award by the Recording Academy and the GRAMMY Museum. The GRAMMY website says that the award “recognizes educators who have made a significant contribution and demonstrate a commitment to music education.”





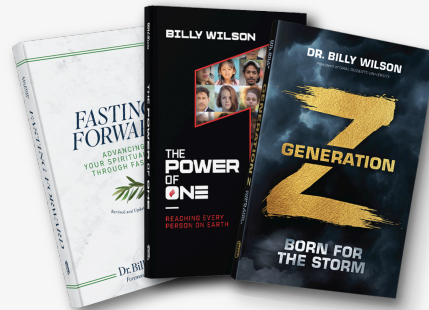
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Many employers offer a matching gift program as an added benefit to their employees. Does your company do so? You can find out by clicking on the link and entering the name of the company where you work. Matching gifts can double the value of your gifts to ORU...and sometimes, the match is even more than double!

[MATCH FINDER](#)

NEED A GOOD READ?

Check out three books that were written by Dr. Wilson, including **Fasting Forward: Advancing Your Spiritual Life Through Fasting**. This revised edition talks about the importance of fasting and how Christ-followers can advance their spiritual lives through practicing this ancient discipline. **The Power of One: Reaching Every Person on Earth** is about mobilizing today's church, and how one person can make a difference. Dr. Wilson presents a plan that calls for re-personalizing the Great Commission and focusing anew on the potential of everyONE. **Generation Z: Born for the Storm** zeroes in on a group that's coming of age at one of the most unique times in human history. Dr. Wilson explores their potential to make a significant impact on the world.



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EVENTS



SUMMIT LEAGUE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

ORU will once again host the Summit League's baseball championship tournament at J. L. Johnson Stadium. The top four teams at the end of the regular season will advance to the tournament. The dates are May 22-25. Get your tickets!

[TICKETS](#)

SUMMERQUEST

Prospective students and their parents are invited to attend a Quest Day. This is a great way to see what ORU has to offer. This summer, the dates are June 14, July 12, and July 26. Click on the link to learn more and to register.



[QUEST INFO](#)

ATHLETICS



'SCHOLAR OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP'

For the second year in a row, ORU golfer Jackson Drake was named the Summit League's Scholar of the Championship. This award goes to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative undergraduate GPA participating at each of the league's 19 championships. As a History major, Jackson had a perfect 4.0 GPA. He was also named to the All-Summit League Second Team. He tied for first at the Missouri State Invitational, and had a top-five and two top-ten finishes on the course.

ELI AWARDS

The annual Eli Awards banquet is a celebration of ORU student-athletes. At the April 24 event, the women's basketball team received the top prize, the Athletic Director's Cup, which recognized the team for excelling both on and off the court. The women had a team GPA of 3.68, reached 20 wins for the first time since the 2011-12 season, hosted a WNIT game (their first WNIT appearance since 2011), and had their best start to a season since 1982 with a 15-5 record. Other awards included Top Sports Moment, Team MVPs, Academic Excellence, Whole Person Champions, and Energizer Bunny (to women's soccer's Abigail Hoffman).



AWARDS



SPORTS CAMPS

Youth sports camps in baseball, basketball, soccer, and volleyball are being conducted on the ORU campus this summer. The age range for the camps is from kindergarten to 12th grade. Visit each sport's webpage for dates, costs, and registration links.

CAMPS

SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULES

For those who like to plan ahead, the Summit League has released Fall 2024 league-only schedules for men's and women's soccer and volleyball.



SCHEDULES

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?



Rick Warren, D.Min., ministry leader and New York Times best-selling author, gave the Commencement address at this year's ceremony. Watch and listen!

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