



# NEWS FOR THE ORU COMMUNITY



## Forward, March!

When students return from spring break, it'll be a few short weeks until the end of the semester. (Where does the time go??) However, 2022 is just getting started.

Read on to see some recent highlights—and what we have planned in the coming months...

## NEWS

### CALL TO PRAYER

The attack on Ukraine is a tragedy that continues to devastate the lives of this nation's people. We know that there are ORU alumni who call Ukraine home, and that other alumni have been helping the refugees as they leave their homes. There are also current students from Ukraine whose family members are in the country. Along with contributing to organizations that are providing shelter, food, medical care, and other essential needs, we can pray! God hears our prayers, and He has the power to change hearts and minds and bring comfort, relief, and freedom to the Ukrainians. Please pray with us.



### NEW ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS

First of all, many thanks to every ORU graduate who voted in the election. Now, the results. Segment 2 (1980-89): Terry Blain '83 (returning). Segment 4 (2000-09): Jimmy Shaw '02, '07-M.Div., '11-M.Mgt. Segment 5 (2010-19): Rick Fenimore II '14 (returning). At Large (all classes/colleges): Kit Marshall '77 (returning), Cory Nickerson '69 (returning), and Kimberley Spenser '03. Congratulations to these directors! The next board meeting will take place on April 28 and 29.

### ORU & PEDIATRIC ORTHOPAEDICS

The Foundation for Advancing Pediatric Orthopaedics has introduced an innovative partnership with ORU and PrecisionOS®. These three entities are working together “to transform the future of education in the pediatric orthopedic field.”



**PARTNERSHIP**



## SPRING CAREER FAIR

If you're looking for a job or a new career, don't miss the ORU 2022 Spring Career Fair. It's taking place on Wednesday, March 30 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. in the Mabee Center. This will be a unique opportunity to meet with many of the nation's and area's most respected employers in various industries. Whether you're looking for a new career in finance, marketing, technology, media, consulting, healthcare, sales, government, or the nonprofit realm, you will find all the best employers at ORU. If you want to join us as a recruiter to find the perfect fit for your organization, click on the button.

[RECRUITERS](#)

## A SECOND (OR THIRD) DEGREE

ORU grads with one degree already know the difference that an ORU education can make in your life. Those who are ready to fine-tune their professional skills and position themselves for advancement are invited to check out our 15 master's degree programs and 4 doctoral programs that are available in online, residential, and hybrid formats. As always, we're still committed to keeping an ORU degree affordable and accessible through scholarships, financial aid, and convenient payment plans. Click on the button to get more information.



[DEGREES](#)

## EVENTS

### DR. KORSTAD RETIREMENT DINNER

After 42 years of faithful service, Dr. John Korstad is retiring. This Senior Professor of Biology and Global Environmental Sustainability has impacted scores of students—in his department and in the Honors Program, which he served as director when it began and currently serves as Networking Coordinator. And



in 1985, he and Dr. Nate Meleen co-founded a weekly “all are invited” Early Morning Prayer Group on campus that continues to this day. There will be a retirement dinner to honor Dr. Korstad on Saturday, April 23 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Global Learning Center’s Lippencott Auditorium. Tickets are \$20 per person.

Dr. John Korstad

**DINNER TICKETS**



## COMEDY, DANCE, DRAMA

Come watch a Shakespearean comedy, “**As You Like It**,” during its April 7-10 run on the Howard Auditorium stage. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. April 7-9 and 2:00 p.m. on the 10th. Also add the **Spring Dance Concert** (April 21-23, 7:30 p.m. each night) and the **Student Showcase** (April 23, 2:00 p.m.) to your calendar. These are the last performances by ORU Theatre and Dance for the 2021-22 school year. Tickets are \$5 for students, children, and seniors, and \$10 for general admission.

**TICKETS**

## MATH/SCIENCE/ENGINEERING SUMMER ACADEMY

ORU is once again hosting a FREE summer academy for Oklahoma students who are entering the 8th or 9th grade this fall. The dates are June 6-10 with a follow-up event on August 20. This residential academy will include field trips, lab experiences, and applied technologies. The initial application deadline is April 7.



**APPLICATION & INFO**



## LEGACY BREAKFAST

On Commencement Day, the Alumni Relations office will hold its annual Alumni Parent and Legacy Student Breakfast. Alumni whose sons and daughters are graduating on April 30 are invited to bring their Class of 2022 grad and join us for this complimentary meal. Breakfast is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Skyline 60 at

CityPlex Towers. Please RSVP by April 21.

RSVP

## ALUMNI



**Jonathan Hall '11, '13-MBA** has been named President of Warburton Capital, a promotion from Managing Principal. He has worked with the wealth management firm since 2013.

JONATHAN

Jonathan Hall '11, '13-MBA

**Chaplain Emile H. Hawkins, Sr. '95** was recently promoted to the rank of Colonel in the Air National Guard. Hawkins is the first African-American Chaplain promoted to the rank of Colonel in the history of either the Florida Air or Army National Guard and the Oklahoma Air or Army National Guard.

EMILE



Chaplain Emile H. Hawkins, Sr. '95



**Tim Lyons '82** is the 2022 Board Chair of the Tulsa Area United Way, an organization focused on strengthening the community and improving lives.

TIM

**Tori Meehan '18, '22-M.A.** is a cast member on the 42nd season of the long-running reality TV show, Survivor. She is a licensed therapist who is working on her Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

**TORI**



Tori Meehan '18, '22-M.A.



**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) J. Mark Morgan '06-M.Div.** was promoted on February 4 and is now Chaplain (Col.) J. Mark Morgan.

**J. MARK**

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) J. Mark Morgan '06-M.Div.

## ATHLETICS

### FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP MVP

At the February 25-26 Summit League Indoor Track & Field Championships in Grand Forks, ND, ORU's Shalom Olotu was selected as the 2022 Field Championship MVP. She won both the long jump and triple jump events.

**SHALOM**



Shalom Olotu

## ACCOLADES FOR ATHLETES



Tirzah Moore



Max Abmas



Isaac McBride

Tirzah Moore collected Freshman of the Year honors and was also named to the All-Summit League Second Team and All-Newcomer Team. Max Abmas was named to the 2021-22 Associated Press All-American Honorable Mention team for the second year in a row. He was also named to the All-Summit League First Team.

Max's teammate, Isaac McBride, was an All-Summit League honorable mention selection.

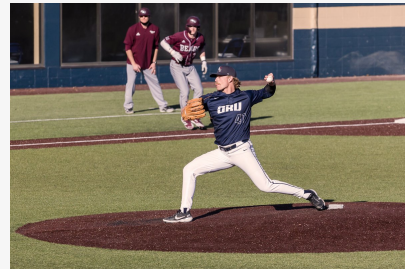
TIRZAH

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### PICKED TO FINISH FIRST

After capturing their 19th Summit League Regular Season Championship in 2021, the Oral Roberts baseball team was selected as the unanimous favorite to retain the crown in the 2022 Preseason Baseball Coaches' poll.



THE FAVORITE

## ETC.

Support ORU when you shop on Amazon. Go to [this page](#) to learn how to select ORU as your preferred nonprofit via the **AmazonSmile** program.

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?

ORU students are interesting people! You can find links to several recent stories on future world-changers like [Colton Smith](#) and [Abi Groves](#) on the [News page](#).



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