

NEWS FOR THE ORU COMMUNITY

Merry Christmas!



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As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we want to wish you and your family a peaceful, joyous Christmas.

NEWS



ORU'S 'TITAN' BENEFITS USAO

Faculty and students at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma are able to make greater progress with their advanced research projects, thanks to ORU's Titan supercomputer. Titan has high-performance computing capabilities that speed up scientific calculations. One USAO professor is doing research in chemistry that aims at changing some aspects of the pharmaceutical industry processes. This all came about because of USAO's new connection to OneOklahoma Friction Free Network, the Oklahoma research network that ORU has been linked with since 2019.

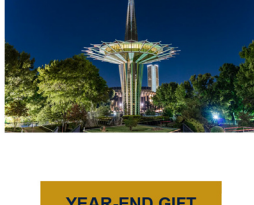
TITAN'S IMPACT

ALUMNI BOARD ELECTION

Get ready to vote, ORU grads! The Alumni Association Board of Directors election will take place in February. You'll receive an e-mail with a link to the ballot in January. Make sure that the Alumni Relations office has your correct e-mail address.



UPDATE CONTACT INFO



YEAR-END GIVING

As 2021 winds down, we would like to remind you that contributions to ORU could benefit you when it's time to file your taxes for the year. As a reminder: If you are 70½ or older, you can also make a "qualified charitable distribution" to ORU. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity, and can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year. In addition, contributions made to ORU in calendar 2021 can reduce your 2021 income taxes. Check with your accountant and/or tax preparer to confirm.

YEAR-END GIFT

Your generous contribution to our [Whole Leaders for the Whole World](#) campaign will help us complete several building projects—and remain debt-free in the process! The new Welcome Center is currently under construction and ground has been broken for the J. D. McKean Library, the Media Arts Center, and the Mike Carter Athletic Center. You can click on the button to make a secure online gift. If you mail a check, be sure it's postmarked by December 31. The address: ORU, 7777 S. Lewis Ave., Tulsa, OK 74171. Thank you for your generosity and support.

EVENTS

FOLLOW THE BOUNCING BALL

We have three men's basketball-related alumni gatherings taking place in January: in Kansas City (January 15), Omaha (January 27), and Denver (January 29). If you live in one of these cities, please make plans to attend the game and support your Golden Eagles. We'll have more details to share soon, so watch your e-mail box and our social media platforms. We also want to give a shout-out to the alumni who went to the TCU and Houston Baptist games and cheered LOUDLY! Way to go, alumni! Special thanks to Mark and Paula Sterns, Titus Mathew, and Greg Berg.



SAVE THE DATE

There's going to be a big celebration on campus next year. Believe it or not, Souls A'Fire will be marking their 50th anniversary. The dates are February 18 and 19 and the place is Christ's Chapel. Watch for details.

ATHLETICS



DEFINITELY ON TRACK

The members of our track and field team can absolutely go the distance. Consider the results from their first meet of the season. On the men's side were four first-place finishes: Aden Boughman (800-meter run), Brad Dorneus (400-meter dash), Kevin Jackson (60-meter dash), and the team of Brad Dorneus, Kevin Jackson, Aaron Charlton, and Cameron Neely (4x400-meter relay). On the women's side, top finishes were earned by Adrena Mazzei (1-mile run), Gabrielle Gibson (60-meter hurdles), and Shalom Olotu (long jump). Kudos to Coach Joe Dial who has been recruiting and coaching ORU's outstanding track and field athletes from around the world since 1993.

TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

SURE TO BE A HIT

It's December, but it's not too early to start thinking about baseball. The Golden Eagles' 2022 schedule has just been released. The home opener will be on February 22 against Missouri State. All 27 home games will be streamed on the ORU Sports Network, free of charge. The Golden Eagles were the Summit League's 2021 regular-season champions and will host the league's 2022 Baseball Championship at J. L. Johnson Stadium.

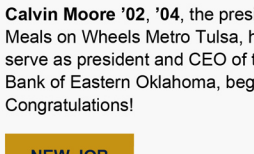


2022 SCHEDULE

ALUMNI



Congratulations to **Ashley Townsend '13** on her new position: Vice President/Community Manager at JPMorgan Chase & Co. in Tulsa.



Calvin Moore '02, '04, the president and CEO of Meals on Wheels Metro Tulsa, has been chosen to serve as president and CEO of the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, beginning on February 1. Congratulations!



NEW JOB

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If you're buying Christmas gifts on Amazon, you can support ORU while you shop. Go to [this page](#) to learn how to select ORU as your preferred nonprofit via the AmazonSmile program.

The ORU Development & 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?

For a limited time, ORU is offering special scholarships—\$2,022 for new full-time residential students and \$1,000 for new full-time online students. Get more information [here](#).

