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REAFFIRMED!

For nearly three years, about two dozen members of the faculty and staff served on committees that examined every aspect of the university—gathering data and other evidence that spelled out how ORU met the criteria for continued accreditation. This was put into a meticulously written and edited self-study report and submitted to the Higher Learning Commission. The HLC sent a site team to campus on February 27-28 for an up-close look at ORU—conducting open forums and holding drop-in sessions where members of the campus community could discuss particular areas.

This was all part of ORU's 10-year comprehensive evaluation.

The result? The HLC has reaffirmed ORU's accreditation for the next 10 years!

ACCREDITATION

NEWS

NEW LIBRARY NOW OPEN

There was cause for celebration on August 18. That's when ORU officially opened the brand-new, 39,000-square-foot J. D. McKean Library. Faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends looked on as the ribbon was cut by President Wilson and members of the

administration and Board of Trustees, Dr. McKean, U.S. Rep. Kevin Hern, and donor family members who helped ensure that the \$18 million building was constructed debt-free.



LIBRARY OPENS



COMMUNITY CHOIR

After a successful ORU Community Choir Christmas performance last year and the most recent Hymn Festival, Dr. David Dehner, ORU Choral Director and faculty member, would like to extend an invitation to alumni and friends to participate in the upcoming Christmas performance—along with the ORU student choral groups—on December 1 in the Mabee Center. Dr. Dehner encourages alumni and friends who would like to participate and represent ORU as part of the ORU Community Choir to join in the celebration, even if they were not at the first rehearsal. There is no audition necessary. The rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Timko-Barton choir room. For more information, contact Dr. Dehner at ddehner@oru.edu.

NURSING SCHOOL GRADS SUCCEED

The Anna Vaughn School of Nursing marked the graduation of its first class of Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students in May. There's more to the story of these three graduates: Janice Burkybile, Angela Foster, and Dillon Moore. All of them passed their Certification Boards to become registered Family Nurse Practitioners.



EVENTS



TICKETS

ORU THEATRE'S SEPTEMBER SHOW

If you live in Tulsa, make plans to come to Howard Auditorium for ORU Theatre's production of *Flyin' West*, "the little-known story of a group of African-American female pioneers in 1898 who settled in the all-Black town of Nicodemus, Kansas. Although they have already overcome tremendous odds, their courage and future is tested when an unexpected and deadly threat invades their home." **Britney (Walker-Merritte) Daniels '13** will be directing. The dates are September 21-24. The show begins at 7:30 each night (21st-23rd) and at 2:00 p.m. on the 24th. You can purchase tickets online, or at the box office on performance days. Note: They will also be doing Q&As with the director prior to the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances, beginning at 6:45 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. This is included in the performance ticket for anyone who would like to attend.

5K RUN

The Alumni Association's 5K Run is about a month away—on October 21. You have three options for getting involved: as a runner (in person, or virtually—providing proof of completion), a sponsor, or a donor. Funds raised will benefit ORU projects and programs.

SIGN UP TO RUN

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HOME COMING

Last call! Be sure to register for Homecoming by September 30 in order to receive a 25% discount on ticketed events. Use the promo code "**EarlyEli**" at checkout. Of course, you can continue to register after the 30th (without the discount). There are lots of events that we know you will want to attend!

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ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

The men's and women's 2023-24 basketball schedules are out! If you live in the Tulsa area, be sure to check out season tickets. They go on sale on September 18. The non-conference schedules are especially challenging this year, so we need fans in the stands at away games, too.



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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?



ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
VETERANS EXPERIENCE

ORU has an ever-growing community of military veterans and family members who are pursuing degrees. This academic year, there are 126 veterans and 172 family members taking classes. While there are veterans and family members in all six colleges, the College of Theology and Ministry has the highest number of these students enrolled.



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