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SO MUCH GRATITUDE!

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, the ORU community has yet another reason to be thankful. The Tulsa-based Helmerich Trust has made an investment in a building that will impact generations of ORU's theatre, dance, music, and digital media students. Now known as the **Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center**, this ultra-modern facility is going to open for classes and performances next fall. Needless to say, everyone on campus is looking forward to the grand opening!

HELMERICH TRUST GENEROSITY

NEWS

\$2.2 MILLION GRANT

The U.S. Department of Education made ORU's day recently. From its Strengthening Institutions Program, the department

awarded ORU a \$2.2 million grant that will help the university improve the six-year graduation rate and expand academic support for at-risk students, among other goals. This is the largest academic grant in ORU's history.



\$2.2M GRANT



'WE GATHER TOGETHER...'

Sometimes Thanksgiving seems to get lost in the lead-up to Christmas. Let's all slow down, look around, and give thanks to God for everything He has given to us and done for us. The gift of His Son, Jesus, is a gift we can be grateful for every single day of the year—for our entire lives. Here at ORU, we are also thankful for alumni and friends who pray for us, help build buildings and start new programs, send students to us, and encourage us in ways both big and small. God bless all of you!

A DAY TO GIVE

This year, Giving Tuesday is November 28. On that day, you'll have the opportunity to support some major projects on the ORU campus, like two new residence halls, a new dining hall, renovations to EMR and Claudius, and Quest scholarships for international students and first-generation students. They're all in Phase II of the Whole Leaders for the Whole World campaign. Get ready! (Or go ahead and get a head start.)



GIVING IS GOOD



STEINWAY HONOR

ORU's own Joyce Bridgman, Assistant Professor of Music, has been inducted into the Steinway & Sons Teacher Hall of Fame. The ceremony took place October 5 in New York City. She is a member of the third class of honorees—67 teachers from the U.S. and Canada. The honor recognizes music educators for their “outstanding instruction and leadership in acoustic piano education” as well as their “commitment to teaching in their community.” Miss Bridgman is an exceptionally gifted and talented pianist who has been on the ORU faculty since 1967! Three of her former students achieved the impressive status of “Steinway Artist”: the late **Larry Dalton '69**, **David Osborne '81**, and **Donald Ryan '72**.

HOMECOMING RECAP

What a weekend it was! We enjoyed seeing so many of our alumni and their families back on campus. From open houses to tours of new buildings, and meals-meals-meals to chapel, the Golden Eagles' victory, and the banquet, it was a busy time with plenty



of laughter, tears of joy, and favorite stories to share. Congratulations once again to our Alumni Award honorees: **John '92 and Sarah (Roehl-'90) Bolin, Dr. Daniel Amen '82, Johnie Hampton '91, Dr. Nicholas Makrides '82, '86, and Bobby Baehr '13.** We're so proud of all of you!

Alumni get a sneak peak at the Peggy V. Helmerich Media Arts Center.

EVENTS



'AN ORU FAMILY CHRISTMAS'

There are Christmas songs that we all love and simply must hear at this time of year. That's what the ORU Music Department will present at this year's Christmas concert. Come to the Mabee Center on Friday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is a new, unwrapped toy. Toys will be given to the Salvation Army to distribute to children in the community.

GRADY NICHOLS @ MABEE CENTER

The Grady Nichols Christmas Show will take place at Mabee Center on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. Grady, an award-winning saxophonist, will be joined by vocalists **Kelly Ford '86** and Andy Chrisman and a 12-person cast of "Tulsa's best musical talent."



[TICKETS](#)

ATHLETICS



NO OFFENSE? YES, OFFENSE!

[Luis Flores](#) was named the Summit League Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year, making him the fifth Golden Eagle in five years to claim the award. He was also named the Newcomer of the Year. He ended the regular season tied for the Division I lead with 15 total goals.

[LUIS FLORES](#)

PLAYERS HONORED

The All-Summit League Basketball Preseason First and Second Team lists were released last month. Hannah Cooper was named to the Women's First Team, while Ruthie Udoumoh was Second Team. On the men's side, Issac McBride was named to the First Team, and Kareem Thompson, to the Second Team.



[WBB HONORS](#)



[MBB HONORS](#)



BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Fans will have plenty of opportunities to see the Golden Eagles in action, beginning in February. Check the schedule and plan to be at J. L. Johnson Stadium or a stadium near you as the team pursues another trip to the College World Series.

[SCHEDULE](#)

COMING TO TV

This season, the CBS Sports Network will televise three ORU basketball games: Jan. 6 (MBB vs. Weber State at Mabee Center), Jan. 28 (WBB at South Dakota State), and Feb. 10 (MBB at South Dakota State). The March 12, 2024 men's and women's Summit League Championship games will also be on the network.



[CBS DEAL](#)

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