

History, Humanities, and Government Department

Recently, ORU set a new record at this year's Midwest Model United Nations conference in St. Louis, Missouri. This year's conference hosted more than 600 students from 52 Colleges and Universities across the nation and represented 75 different countries in the mock United Nations. Out of these, ORU's 19 students represented Egypt and the Republic of Korea. ORU students received commendable recognitions for their excellent performance in various committees and set a record in the number of awards they received. ORU brought back seven awards for outstanding performances which makes it the highest receipt of awards in several years.

According to Dr. Solomon Gameda, Assistant Professor and Faculty Advisor for Model U.N., "the students learned a lot and had impressive experiences in international diplomacy, leadership, public speaking, and in advancing core human values with tolerance and civility within the framework of the United Nations.

While all students worked diligently and were leaders in their respective committees, the following students were recognized with awards to commend their exemplary efforts:

Outstanding Delegation in Second Committee -Hadassa Webb and Trae Childs

Outstanding Delegation in Commission on the Status of Women - Joy Rheman

Delegate's Choice in Commission on the Status of Women - Joy Rheman

Outstanding Delegation in Economic and Social Council - Jennifer Smith

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Outstanding Delegation in Economic and Social Council Plenary - Joy Rheman and Jennifer Smith

Many students received Honorable Mentions in their respective committees and the entire Egypt delegation was recognized with the Outstanding Delegation in General Assembly Plenary:

Dana Ranalli (Head Delegate)

David Snuffer

Brianna Cuellar

Hadassa Webb

Trae Childs

Rebecca Knight

Rebecca Butcher

Bethany Lyon

James Reinsma

Luke Grcich



English and Modern Languages Department

The English and Modern Languages Department marched into March with full speed ahead into many activities. Both the English Club and the French Club presented movie nights. The English Club enjoyed being in Dr. Gray's home while the French Club celebrated Dr. Skinner's birthday before movie time. Sigma Tau Delta and the English Club sponsored a game night at Dr. Allen's. The Spanish Club gathered to march the evening away with salsa music.

Two very important events involving students and professors from the English and Modern Languages Department and the Honors Program are planned. The Great Plains Honors Conference, co-hosted by ORU and TCC. Readings will be presented by Eddie Garcia, Joshua Rio-Ross, and Sarah Mirkin. Lisa Sobilo is head of student volunteers. Dr. Hall will present a paper while Dr. Meyers chairs a conference session. The second event is a play competition hosted by the English Honor Society on March 28th.

Finally, Dr. Epperson is presenting a paper at the Christian Literature Conference in Grove City, PA during spring break.

Music Department



ORU Music Faculty member and world-renowned professional pianist, **Donald Ryan**, was awarded the distinction of “**Steinway Artist**” on January 21, 2010. Offered to only the best talents by what is considered to be the most respected piano manufacturer in the world, *Steinway & Sons*, Mr. Ryan now shares the title with a little more than 1,500 artists worldwide, including Billy Joel, Diana Krall, and Bruce Hornsby. From today’s classical artists like Lang Lang to “immortals” like Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Sergei Rachmaninoff, and Arthur Rubenstein, being a Steinway Artist carries a respect and assistance from the Steinway Company

itself that every professional pianist aspires to attain.

Now, when Donald Ryan performs, *Steinway & Sons* will do everything in its power to provide him with the best instrument possible. Ryan adds, “It is indeed an honor for me to be named a Steinway Artist and to be added to this distinguished roster of the world’s finest pianists.”

To celebrate this achievement and to support the **ORU Steinway Initiative**, Donald Ryan will perform in concert Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Timko-Barton Performance Hall, located on the North end of the ORU campus. Tickets are \$50.00 and a reception will immediately follow the concert in the Timko-Barton Lobby. To purchase tickets please contact the Mabee Center box office at **(918) 495-6000**, or you can order online at www.mabeecenter.com.

Communication, Arts, and Media Department

The Public Relations Student Society of America Chapter at Oral Roberts University hosted a regional PRSSA conference on Feb. 25. Sixty-three students and several media faculty participated in the event at ORU’s Mabee Center and Graduate Center.

The national PRSSA organization chose ORU (as one of 12 schools from 25 competing for the bid) in November 2009. Senior public relations and advertising students Elissa Peterson and Jenna Schario organized the bid proposal and led the conference planning as part of their capstone Senior Project.



The February conference “Front Row Seat 2010” focused on the sports and entertainment industries. Professional speakers presented case studies, best practices and trends in strategic marketing, new media, intellectual property law, crisis communications, online research, press conference planning and branding.

Peterson and Schario, with the support of the PRSSA board and the chapter’s faculty advisor Cristi Freudenrich, managed the conference.



“Elissa and I wanted to focus our senior project on the interests of career-minded students and young professionals,” Jenna Schario said. “We never imagined how much we would gain in the process.”

The committee recruited speakers, pitched sponsorships, developed a budget and marketed the event to PRSSA chapters, students and faculty in an eight-state market.

“As faculty we often hear how our students graduate into the profession and do great things,” said Freudenrich. What a tremendous blessing it has been to witness their professional competency and to be reminded how important purpose, passion and commitment are in what we are called to do.”