

Annual Report 2010-2011

These are critical times for Christian schools. Many schools have struggled to survive, and, unfortunately, some have had to close. Still others continue to struggle. However, it appears that conditions may be gradually turning more positive.

Some schools that seemed on the verge of closing a couple of years ago are no longer facing that potential. For the first time in several years, many ORUEF/ICAA schools that have experienced multiple years of declining enrollment were able to maintain and even increase their enrollments this year.

The enrollments at some schools increased significantly this year and the preliminary indications are that many schools will also experience an enrollment increase next year as well.



ORUEF/ICAA Membership

Table 1 shows a breakdown of ORUEF/ICAA school membership for the past four years. ORUEF/ICAA is fortunate that our overall membership data has been pretty stable during these past few years that have been such a challenge to the Christian school community.

As reported for the 2010/2011 school year, the total teachers employed and the total students enrolled at ORUEF/ICAA member schools was:

Teachers – 2,577 Students – 31,777

Christian Honor Student Association

Table 2 shows the membership in the Christian Honor Student Association for the past three years. The Christian Honor Student Association (CHSA) is a service provided by ORUEF/ICAA to recognize students in grades 9-12 who show Christian traits through character, leadership, scholarship, and service. CHSA chapters in each participating school receive certificates and lapel pins for student members, special diploma seals for grad-

uating seniors, and recognition of outstanding theme projects at the annual ORUEF Awards Banquet.



ORUEF/ICAA Relationship to ORU

The relationship between Oral Roberts University and ORUEF/ICAA remains strong with a mutually beneficial relationship. ORUEF/ICAA considers ORU's mission to be fully consistent with that of member schools in that it is a continuation of their efforts to educate and equip their students spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically to fulfill God's will in those students' own lives.

ORUEF/ICAA member schools have always been very strong supporters of ORU and regularly articulate their support for the University. Of the 60 schools responding to the question related to importance placed on the relationship ORUEF has with ORU in the survey of ORUEF/ICAA schools conducted in April 2011, 57 schools (95%) responded that they considered the relationship to be important or greater. Figure 1 (next page) shows the breakdown of ORUEF/ICAA schools responses to that question.

ORU continues to support ORUEF/ICAA in both tangible and non-tangible ways. The level of material support provided by ORU to ORUEF/ICAA has remained essentially the same for several years. Though a long-term goal of ORUEF/ICAA is to increase its financial strength to the point that it is not financially dependent on the university, currently the support from ORU is essential to ORUEF/ICAA operations. The benefits ORUEF/ICAA receives from ORU currently include:

- \$45,000 annual investment into the ORUEF/ICAA budget
- Payment of employer portion of FICA payroll expense
- Workman's Compensation Insurance
- Participation in employee insurance benefits plans provided to ORU employees
- ORU employee tuition benefit
- Payroll/Human Resources services
- D&O Professional Liability/ Employment Practices insurance for ORUEF
- Information Technology services
- Rent-free office space, including maintenance and custodial services
- Use of other ORU Department services (graphics design, copy/printing services, ORU facilities use, etc.) at regular ORU department rates

ORUEF/ICAA schools continue to be a tremendous recruitment base for ORU in that a comparatively large number of students attending ORU are from ORUEF/ICAA schools.

With 60% – 62% of ORUEF/ICAA schools reporting (depending on the year), Figures 2-5 indicate the magnitude of the contributions that ORUEF/ICAA member schools makes to ORU programs and operations.

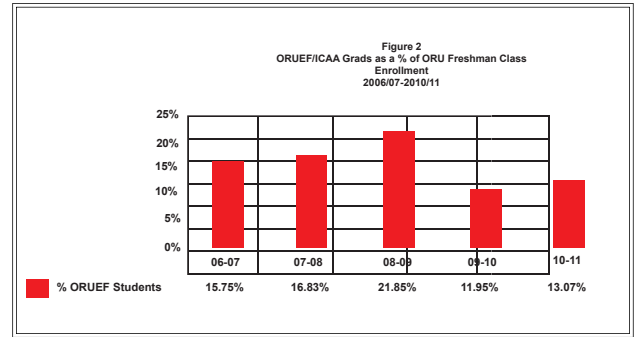


Figure 1: As an ORUEF school, how would you rate the importance of your school's relationship with ORU?

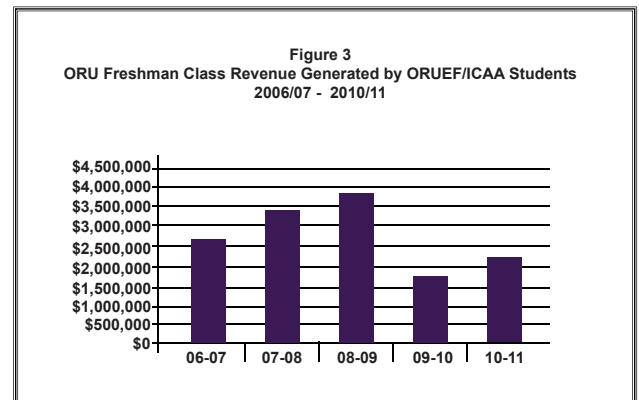
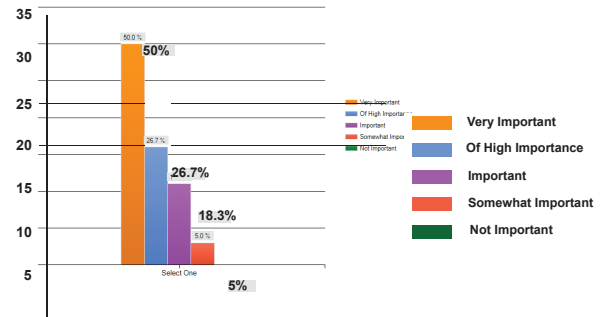


Table 1: ORUEF/ICAA Membership Data

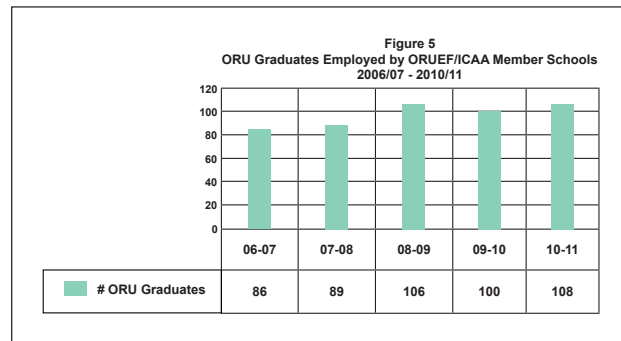
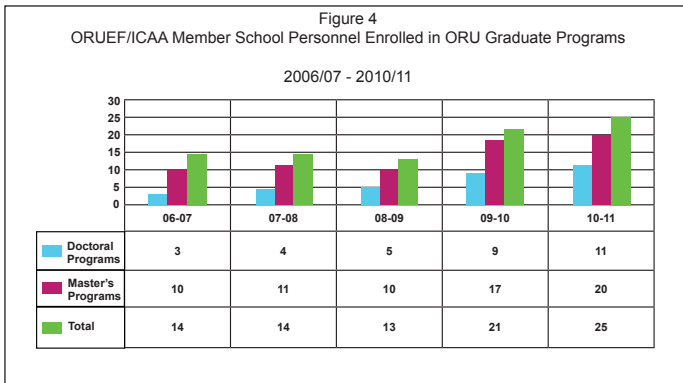
Year	PK-12	Bible School	Total	Pursuing ICAA	Withdrawing/Being Dropped
June 2008	127	8	135	116	9
June 2009	121	5	126	116	9
June 2010	119	2	121	113	6
June 2011	117	2	119	110	7

Table 2: Christian Honor Student Association Data

Year	Schools	Students
June 2009	8	122
June 2010	9	179
June 2011	8	156

New Member Schools

School Name	Grades	Head Administrator	Location
Academia Bilingue Shalom	K-12	Marco O. Argenal	San Pedro Sula, Honduras
Agape Christian Academy	PK-10	Marquez	El Progreso, Honduras
Celebration School	K-12	Cherie Irish	Harare, Zimbabwe
Christian Chapel Academy	PK-7	Art Morgan	Columbia, Missouri
Elijah High Academy	6-12	Marilyn Limbrick	Houston, Texas
Eternity Christian School	PK-11	Hernan Calix	El Progreso, Honduras
Faith International Academy	PK-7	Dr. Priscilla Rajan	Chennai, India
Fountain of Light Christian Academy	PK-11	Nalanyu Delgado de Lozana	San Pedro Sula, Honduras
Heaven's Door Christian School	PK-9	Milton Isaac Valle	Atlantida, Honduras
Oasis Christian Academy	PK-11	Maxine Buckman	Kumasi, Ghana
Stevens Point Christian Academy	K-12	Heidi Uitenbroek	Stevens Point, Wisconsin
Trinity School	K-12	Jennifer Vaught	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



2010/2011 ORUEF/ICAA Activities Summary

U.S. Conferences:

- Albuquerque, New Mexico (Early Childhood focus)
- Fort Worth, Texas
- Orlando, Florida (joined with ACTS and FLOCS)
- D&O Professional Liability/ Employment Practices insurance for ORUEF

International Conferences:

- Bogota, Colombia
- San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- Benin City, Nigeria
- Accra, Ghana
- The conference planned for Monterrey, Mexico was cancelled due to security concerns
- Benin City, Nigeria

States in which ICAA is directly recognized:

- Colorado
- Georgia
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Minnesota
- New Mexico
- Oklahoma
- Texas
- Virginia

Organizations/Board Members of ORUEF/ICAA represented:

- Council for American Private Education (CAPE)
- Georgia Association for Private School Accreditation (GAPSAC)

- Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission (KyNPSC)
- Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission (OPSAC)
- Texas Private School Accreditation Commission (TEPSAC)
- Virginia Council for Private Education (VCPE)
- National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES)
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Collaborative efforts:

Partnership with AdvancED:

The partnership with AdvancED continues to go well. The training beginning Tuesday afternoon, June 28, 2011 is one of the remaining components finalizing our partnership agreement. ICAA is the first association partnering with AdvancED at which the training at this level has been reached. The first accreditation site visits using the new integrated process for schools seeking dual accreditation are scheduled for Fall 2012. Until then, the open enrollment/grandfathering option remains available for additional schools desiring dual enrollment.

Collaboration with the Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (ACTS):

ORUEF/ICAA participation in the ACTS Christian School Conference hosted by the Florida League of Christian Schools (FLOCS) in Orlando, FL in November went very well. ACTS and ORUEF/ICAA as accrediting associations are approximately the same size. Therefore, collaboration can potentially benefit both organizations greatly. Discussions continue regarding expanding our

collaboration in ways that are mutually beneficial.

Affiliation of Faith-Based Accreditors:

The leadership of ORUEF/ICAA, the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), Christian Schools International (CSI), and the National Christian Schools Association (NCSA) met together in September 2010 to explore the possibility of forming a loose coalition of Christian school groups. From this meeting, the Affiliation of Faith-Based Accreditors was formed. The purpose of the group will be to meet for fellowship and discussion of issues of common interest to unite our efforts regarding Christian school issues and exploring ways of bringing additional benefits and cost saving initiatives to member schools.



Looking Forward

ORUEF/ICAA Board Initiatives:

The ORUEF/ICAA Boards of Directors will be working throughout the next year to develop the first strategic plan for the organization. Data from the recent surveys will be used to help inform the development of the strategic plan. Four major areas around which goals and strategies will be developed include: strengthening ORUEF/ICAA's financial position and organizational structure, recruiting and retaining member schools, improving and increasing services to member schools, member schools, and increasing the exposure to and influence of ICAA among the educational community and policy-makers at all levels. Additional surveys or other input may be sought from the membership as the plan is developed.

Revision of By-Laws

Concurrent with the development of the strategic plan, the ORUEF/ICAA Boards of Directors plans to review and revise the ORUEF/ICAA Boards of Directors plans to review and revise the ORUEF/ICAA by-laws as needed. The purpose is to ensure that by-laws and long-standing ORUEF/ICAA practices are fully consistent with each other, increase the level of representation and participation by ORUEF/ICAA member schools in the organizations, and to remove any ambiguities that may

exist with regard to ORUEF/ICAA's organizational structure. One of the results will be election of several positions for the board next year.

Planned Conferences:

- Friday, October 21, 2011: El Paso, Texas
- Thursday-Friday, November 3-4, 2011: Orlando, Florida (joint with ACTS)
- Thursday-Friday, November 10-11, 2011: Fort Worth, Texas (joint with ACTS)
- Friday, December 2, 2011: Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Thursday-Friday, February 16-17, 2012: San Salvador, El Salvador
- Thursday-Friday, February 23-24, 2012: Accra, Ghana
- Wednesday February 29, 2012: Harare, Zimbabwe
- Thursday-Friday, March 2012: Richmond, Virginia (joint with ACTS)
- Thursday-Friday, April 12-13, 2012: Mexico

Current Members of ORUEF/ICAA Boards of Directors:

- Mr. Michael Pratt, Chairperson: Victory Christian Center School, Charlotte, NC
- Ms. Nancy Purtell, Vice-Chairperson: Lake Country Christian School, Fort Worth, TX
- Ms. Sue Tidwell, Secretary: Calvary Christian Academy, Fort Worth, TX
- Dr. Kim Boyd: Dean, ORU College of Education
- Mr. Hans Gabre: Livets Ord Kristna Skola, Uppsala, Sweden
- Dr. Thomas Mathew: Dean, ORU College of Theology and Ministry
- Dr. Jim Myers, Public Director-at-Large: Professor, ORU College of Education
- Ms. Alba Wilcox: Jesus Chapel School, El Paso, TX
- Mr. Bill Zehner: Abundant Life Christian School, Madison, WI
- Dr. Donnie Peal, ex-officio Executive Director, ORUEF/ICAA

