



Official Ring Collection
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The OSU Ring Collection



OSU symbolism in your ring

Orange and Black – OSU's proud school colors since 1893



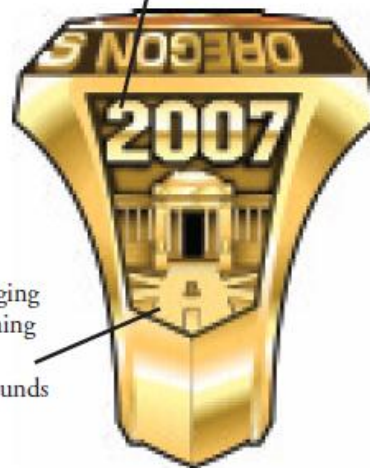
1868 – the year OSU was established as one of the nation's important land grant universities



Memorial Union – the heart of the OSU campus, common to every student's experience at OSU

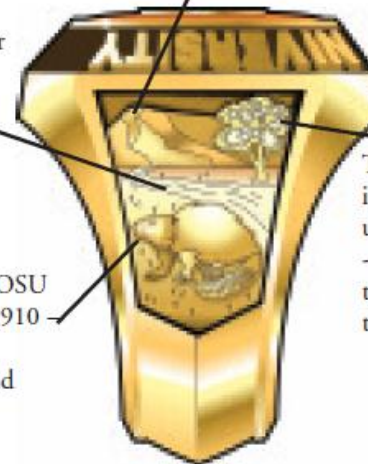
Choice of white or yellow gold

Graduation Year



MU Quad – The converging sidewalks signify the coming together of people of all nationalities and backgrounds

Willamette River – running through Corvallis, known for its beauty, natural resources, and recreational opportunities



Mary's Peak – The prominent backdrop of Corvallis "within a vale of western mountains"

Beaver – The OSU mascot since 1910 – hard-working, resourceful, and diligent

Trysting Tree – immortalized in the university's alma mater - "I love to wander on the pathway, Down to the Trysting Tree...."

The OSU Ring Story

Your ring was designed by alumni, students, faculty and staff who worked to ensure that the final product captured the essence of the University, as well as the spirit of what it means to be an Oregon Stater. As OSU's official ring, it is approved by the president's office, the Alumni Association and the Associated Students of Oregon State University. Introduced for the first time in 2007, the purpose of the ring is to serve as a permanent symbol of your academic achievement and lifelong connection to OSU.

Each ring tells the OSU story, using campus landmarks and storied traditions that have bound Beaver men and women together for generations.

The right panel features a beaver, representing the school, its students and alumni since 1910. Two of the other landmarks on the panel – The Trysting Tree, and Mary's Peak – were employed by alumnus Homer Maris in 1917 to compose key elements of the university's alma mater, Carry Me Back. Students walking across lower campus have wandered down to The Trysting Tree near Benton Hall since the 1890's. Mary's Peak sits majestically within a "vale of western mountains" and marks the location of Corvallis to travelers from afar. The Willamette River, the final landmark featured, is known for its beauty, natural resources and recreational opportunities.

The Memorial Union, which faces the larger of the university's two historic quadrangles, is on the left panel. This is the one building common to every OSU student's experience. The OSU quads were proposed by legendary landscape architect John C. Olmsted to President William Jasper Kerr in 1909 and are distinguishing features of the campus. For 60 years, graduating seniors have assembled in the MU quad for the march to commencement.

Sitting atop the ring's crown is the traditional "O," used for more than a century to represent the university, and "1868," the year OSU became the recipient of the provisions of the Morrill Act, designating it as one of the nation's important land grant universities. Best of all, the ring announces your school pride with the use of orange and black, the school colors introduced under the presidency of John McKnight Bloss in 1893.

To ensure the integrity and exclusivity of OSU's official ring, only students who have achieved junior class status or higher are eligible. Alumni of the University may purchase a ring at any time for all class years.

Congratulations on your academic achievement. You have earned the right to wear the official ring of OSU. Show the world you're proud to be a Beaver!

The Traditional

your choice of black or orange stone with contrasting "O"



Large (shown here with black stone & Orange O)



Medium



Petite

The Signet

your choice of black or orange "O" with degree letters and year on sides



Petite



Medium



Large

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