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ANNUAL FALL BREAK TRIP

The Grant Center sponsored a Fall Break trip to Shepherd of the Ozarks near Marshall, Ark., for international students, TCKs and other American friends. A group of around 40 spent time horseback riding, playing paintball, doing a ropes course, visiting the Blanchard Caverns, hiking and enjoying laughter and s'more-making around a campfire. This yearly trip remains a special time for students to develop new friendships and experience new facets of life in America. Special thanks to our friends from Campus Ministries, James and Amy Taylor, Hannah Ramsey and Lydia Stebbins for serving as sponsors alongside Amy and Brandon Gattis.



OUACHITA HOSTS 29TH ANNUAL CONSORTIUM FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Leaders from 44 schools across the nation and world gathered at this year's annual Consortium for Global Education conference, held on Ouachita's campus Sept. 14-16. CGE supports the development and programs of international education between member Baptist colleges and universities and partner institutions of higher education, especially in restricted countries. Keynote speakers and international presenters traveled from nations ranging from Cambodia, China, Myanmar and Thailand to Egypt, Lebanon and Thailand. Having been deeply invested in CGE from its start 30 years ago, Ouachita was honored to host the annual CGE conference this year.



RECRUITMENT: CATARINA YOUNG REPRESENTS OUACHITA IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

Recent OBU graduate Catarina Young represented Ouachita at a conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in October. Catarina and her mother, Zilmar, had the opportunity to highlight Ouachita at a conference in her home church of Victory in Christ, Rio. Catarina also visited several local schools and shared information with high school students about how accessible education at Ouachita is for them. We are grateful for the continued involvement and investment of our alumni who help continue to make a Ouachita education a reality for people all over the world. To learn how you can help recruit future Ouachita students, contact Amy Gattis at gattisa@obu.edu.



LIVERPOOL HOPE PARTNERSHIP THRIVES

Liverpool Hope University representatives Professor Gerald Pillay, vice-chancellor and rector, and Wendy Bignold, associate dean (international), visited Ouachita's campus this fall. Professor Pillay spoke in chapel, and Wendy was able to connect with Ouachita students who have studied at LHU in the past and those who plan to spend a semester there in the future.



The partnership between Ouachita and LHU is thriving on multiple levels. From faculty exchange to being one of our most popular study abroad sites, the friendship between the universities has proven mutually advantageous. Ouachita looks forward to continuing a strong relationship with LHU in the future.



WHAT DO THE FRIENDS OF THE GRANT CENTER DO AND HOW CAN YOU JOIN?

The Friends of the Grant Center began in 2008 as a way for alumni and other advocates to relate more closely to international education at Ouachita. Each February, the Friends gather for a special meeting before the annual International Food Festival to hear reports from students who have spent time abroad and to discuss business. The Friends of the Grant Center contribute financially to scholarships for international education.

If you are not already a part of this important group, and if international education was an important part of your experience at Ouachita, we invite you to join us! Complete and mail in the form below or join online at www.obu.edu/give by entering "Friends of the Grant Center" as instructions for your gift.



FRIENDS OF THE GRANT CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

The FGCIE supports the advancement of international education at Ouachita. Members receive a newsletter, invitations to events, opportunities for involvement and a complimentary ticket to the annual International Food Festival.

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 TICKETS \$5 AT THE DOOR • DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

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