Dear Friends of the Grant Center,

The first international student enrolled at Ouachita in 1923, coincidentally, the year that Ouachita President Emeritus Daniel R. Grant was born. Nearly 90 years later, Ouachita’s programs for international students and overseas studies are stronger than ever, and so is Dan Grant!

Our amazing former president and—along with his wife Betty Jo—the namesake for the Center for International Education, will turn 90 on August 18. Also in August, Ouachita will embark on another year of outstanding educational opportunities for students who come to this very special place from nearly 30 states and 30 nations.

Thank you for your interest and continued support of our international students. We look forward to another great year working together, serving our Lord through international ministries.

Mel Thrash
President, Friends of the Grant Center for International Education

For Catarina Figueiredo, August 2011 changed her life. That month, a recruiting team from Ouachita visited her Rio de Janeiro high school, and that meeting, along with the generous support of OBU’s Grant Center for International Education, put her on the path to becoming a Ouachita Tiger.

“I had never thought about coming to study in a different country,” Catarina said. “I was kind of afraid, but after this amazing semester I can say that I have no regrets. God really knows what is best for me. Ouachita is the dream that God has dreamed for a long time for me, and I had no idea until 2011.

“I thought it would be impossible to come here because it would be really expensive to my family,” Catarina added. “However, I received the honor for being blessed by the Grant Scholarship. This scholarship has been the way to make it possible and real every day in my life.”

Catarina is entering her second semester at Ouachita and is one of two international students benefiting from Grant Scholarships. Nearly 30 OBU students are supported by other scholarships from the Grant Center this year.

“OBU has been a gift,” Catarina said. “Words cannot express how thankful I am for this opportunity, so the only thing I can say is thank you so much for trusting, for giving me the chance, for blessing me!”

“I never thought I would go to another country,” Catarina said. “I had never thought about coming to a different country, making new friends; in other words, I can say that now I see the world in a completely different way because of Ouachita.

Thank you for your generous support of the Grant Center and students like Catarina. We hope you will continue to help us bring Ouachita to the world. FIND OUT HOW INSIDE!
From the desk of Director Ian Cosh...

Teaching a global business course in the Hickingbotham School of Business this semester provided fresh insight into the rate at which our world continues to globalize. The two driving forces behind globalzation are advances in technology and falling barriers to trade and investment. The accelerated growth of communications and the availability of products from every corner of the globe are not, however, evenly distributed. We still live in a world where there are digital divides and where we continue to deal with poverty, war and hunger. This reality means that, as a university, must constantly re dedicate ourselves to the task of graduating students who are dual citizens. I use that term in the non-legal sense as defining men and women who accept responsibility for the betterment of their global neighborhood as well as their local and national neighborhood.

Global leadership will continue to be a growth industry, so every student who has an international experience is better equipped to embrace the future. God is working out His redemptive purposes in the world, and we are called to be active partners with Him in that process. At Ouachita we believe that a commitment to global Christian and academic excellence will be part of the character of our graduates.

Matt Douglass, instructor of the American History and Culture class, worked with ESL Coordinator Sharon Cosh to plan the trip. Grant Center staff members who accompanied the students included Ian and Sharon Cosh, Douglass and his wife, Angela; Nathan Fayard, ESL instructor; and Tanya Jackson, administrative assistant. A charter bus provided safety on the road and allowed faculty, staff and students to interact during the travel time.

The group visited the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis and ate at the original famous Corky’s BBQ restaurant for a taste of the delicious cuisine in the area. Dinner in downtown Nashville at the Wild Horse Saloon allowed students to be introduced to “boot-scooting” for the first time.

On the final morning, the group returned to downtown Nashville where some visited the Country Music Hall of Fame and others shopped. The students particularly enjoyed the fascinating culture of cowboys and country music.

International students travel to Memphis & Nashville
Over Fall Break this year, the Daniel & Betty Jo Grant Center for International Education and the English as a Second Language Program sponsored a 3-day trip to Memphis and Nashville, Tenn., for 24 students. This annual field trip primarily targets ESL students who take the American History and Culture class. International Club students and MKs are also always invited and eagerly respond.

Zach Zucha, senior business administration/finance major from Sachse, Texas

Study Abroad
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Friend of the Grant Center Meeting
The meeting will start at 4 p.m. in the Alumni Room above Walker Conference Center. Those attending the meeting will be given free early admission into the International Food Festival.

Friends of the Grant Center Meeting
Thank you to the Friends for providing scholarships to the various program initiatives of the Grant Center for International Education.

Please remember that the next FGCE meeting will be held FEBRUARY 19, 2013, before the International Food Festival. The meeting will start at 4 p.m. in the Alumni Room above Walker Conference Center. Those attending the meeting will be given free early admission into the International Food Festival.

Welcome Dr. & Mrs. Lee Miller
Lee is a native of New Jersey, and Deb is from Missouri. They have two married children and three grandchildren.

They have been career missionaries for 21 years in South America and the Eastern Caribbean. Lee has been a pastor for 25 years.

The Millers will be living in the Ouachita MIR house and will have an office in the Campus Ministry suite.

Friends of the Grant Center for International Education
Ouachita Baptist University

The FGCE 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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SAVE THE DATE
International Food Festival • FEBRUARY 19
The theme for this year’s International Food Festival is “GLOBAL JUNCTION.” Come join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship on FEBRUARY 19, 2013, in OBU’s Walker Conference Center.

Doors open at 6 p.m.

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“I cannot thank you enough for paying for my flights and making it possible for me to go to Liverpool with the jazz combo. The trip was outstanding. We had an absolute blast playing, conducting clinics and sight seeing around Liverpool. My favorite thing from the trip was the countless conversations I had with students; just getting to know them and discuss our cultures was something I will never forget. Thank you!”

Zach Zucha