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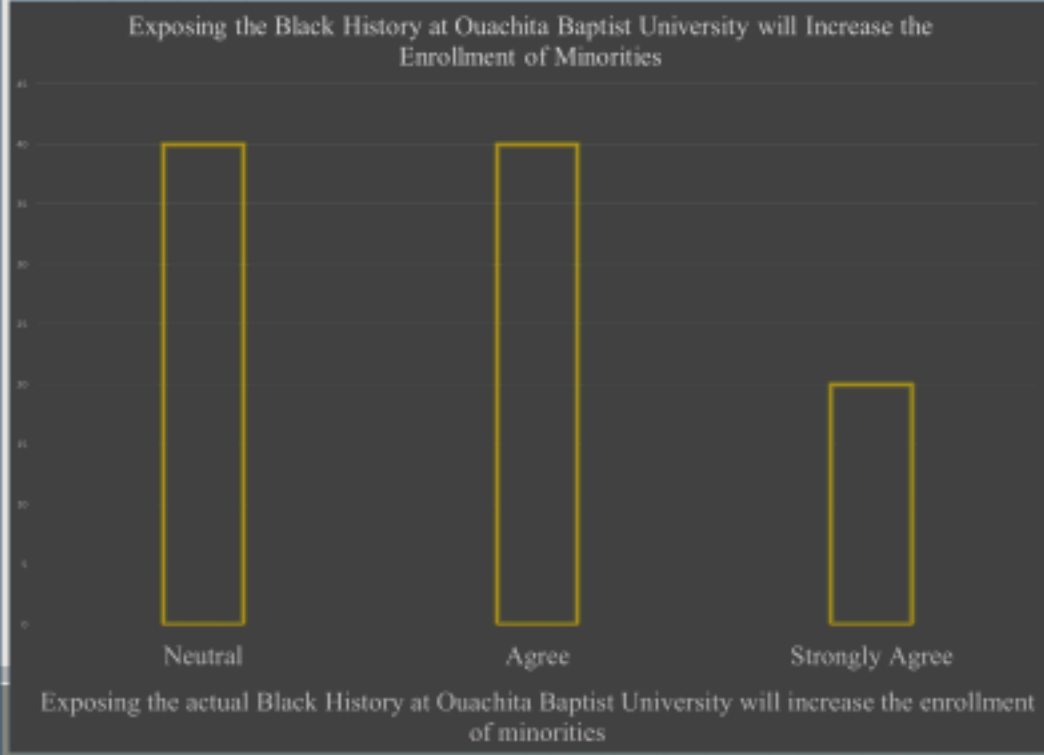
Mary Makosholo

# HISTORY REVEALED: BLACK ALUMNI AT OBU

Ouachita Baptist University is an educational institution that broke their color barrier in 1962 when allowing Michael and Mary Makosholo, from Southern Rhodesia to enroll. This research provides strong evidence that indicates Ouachita Baptist University has not changed their methods on embracing with care and love even when society doesn't consider it to be normative. "Ouachita Baptist University has prepared me for the real world. I thank OBU for helping me blossom into the successful individual I am today," Mr. Lucious Postell (OBU first Black school mascot).

## METHOD

Survey questions were presented to some Black Alumni of Ouachita Baptist University. The Blacks that are considered part of the Ouachita Baptist University Alumni, attended in different years. Some were involved with Civil Rights Movement that focused on equality and some were the first Blacks to participate in certain activities at Ouachita Baptist University while others were able to have the equal opportunity to enjoy the pathways that were created.



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## ABSTRACT

The actual truth and recognition of Black History is needed to be exposed in education institutions as well as the world. Many have different views about how to inform generations to come the opportunity they had experienced, not only being enrolled, but graduating from Ouachita Baptist University. In this project I am surveying the Black Alumni of Ouachita Baptist University on their experiences along with their opinions of exposing Black History by giving those during or before their enrollment at Ouachita Baptist University recognition. My survey shows how the Black Alumni of Ouachita Baptist University strongly believe exposing the actual Black History at Ouachita Baptist University will increase enrollment along with preparing them properly for the real world as it did them.

My skin color was the reason it was hard for me to adapt emotionally while attending Ouachita Baptist University



## INTRODUCTION

Not exposing the actual Black History is an issue. It affects the generation of our children by hindering their knowledge, the actual truth of who their ancestors really are, and the sacrifices that were made for generations after to be rewarded an equal opportunity to become who their destiny determines they deserve to be. No one can become someone if that no one lacks the knowledge of who they are along with where they come from. Exposing Black History at Ouachita Baptist University will produce generations after higher self-esteem, motivation, determination, and pride in personal responsibilities in their daily efforts, love, peace, and unity.

