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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — Anna Sikes, a senior Christian studies/Biblical studies and Christian studies/Christian ministry double major from Greenbrier, Ark., was crowned Ouachita Baptist University's 2014 Homecoming Queen during Ouachita's pre-Homecoming game ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Sikes and other members of the court were presented at Cliff Harris Stadium in front of more than 3,000 students and alumni in attendance for Ouachita's Homecoming football victory over Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Ouachita President Rex Horne and OBU's 2013 Homecoming Queen, Kelsey Frink, crowned Sikes. The 2014 Homecoming Court includes Roxanne Easter, Hannah Pinkerton, Victoria Williams and Katie Theriot.

The 46 Homecoming Court nominees represented numerous campus clubs, academic departments and organizations at Ouachita. After the nominees were presented to the student body at the weekly chapel service, students were given the opportunity to vote for the court. The results were announced at the Oct. 4 ceremony.

"It was a mixture of surprise and excitement when they called my name," Sikes said. "Everyone has been so gracious to me, and I am so thankful!"

Sikes represented the Eta Alpha Omega men's social club and was escorted by her father, Marty Sikes. She is a member of the Tri Chi women's social club, the Ouachita Student Foundation and the Tiger Serve Day leadership team.

"I felt so honored to represent the men of Eta Alpha Omega. They are a genuine group of friends who are so fun and down to earth," Sikes added. "Homecoming is very magical at

Ouachita because it brings the whole campus together to celebrate the school we hold so dear. I love being a student at a place that becomes home."

First runner-up was Roxanne Easter, a junior history and secondary education double major from Sheridan, Ark., representing the junior class. She is a member of the Tri Chi women's social club and the Ambush Steering Team, and is a Resident Assistant in Georgia Hickingbotham Hall. She was escorted by her father, Clark Easter.

Second runner-up was Hannah Pinkerton, a senior communication sciences and disorders and Spanish double major from Benton, Ark., representing the Panhellenic Council. She currently serves as president of Panhellenic and also is involved in the Ouachita Student Foundation and Freshman Family Group leadership. She was escorted by her grandfather, R.H. Pinkerton.

Third runner-up was Victoria Williams, a sophomore mass communications major from Spring, Texas, representing the sophomore class. She is a member of the Tri Chi women's social club, serves as a Resident Assistant in Francis Crawford and supports the Tigers as the Tally the Tiger mascot. She was escorted by her father, Bryan Williams.

Fourth runner-up was Katie Theriot, a senior communication sciences and disorders and Spanish double major from Alexandria, La., representing Campus Ministries. She is active in Backyard Bible Club, the Big Brother/Big Sister program and the Ouachita Student Foundation. She was escorted by her father, John Theriot.

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