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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — On Saturday, Feb. 28, 13 women will take the stage for the annual Miss Ouachita Baptist University Pageant at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Performing Arts Center on Ouachita's campus. The 13 students competing will participate in the categories of talent, evening wear, onstage question, private interview and fitness.

Ouachita alumnus Justin Harper serves as the director of the pageant, which is hosted by Ouachita's Student Senate and Office of Campus Activities. The pageant is an affiliate of the Miss America Organization, which is among the largest providers of scholarship money to young women in the U.S. The winner of Miss OBU will represent Ouachita at the Miss Arkansas Pageant in July.

"My favorite aspect of the pageant is seeing young women who participate step out of their comfort zone and try something new," said Miss OBU 2014 Abby Lindsey, a senior business administration/management major from Van Buren, Ark. "I love seeing the diversity of girls who come to compete for the experience and the opportunity of winning scholarship money."

Hillary Hill, OBU assistant director of campus activities, works with both the pageant organization and students on campus to make sure everything is prepared for the event. She cited "getting to know each girl better and hearing their passions for their platforms" as her favorite aspect of organizing Miss OBU.

Tickets are \$12 each for the general public and \$7 each for current Ouachita students with a valid OBU ID. Tickets are available at the Jones Performing Arts Center Box Office from 1-5 p.m. weekdays or online at www.obu.edu/boxoffice. For more information, contact the box office during office hours at (870) 245-5555.