

People





Faces. On a campus the size of Ouachita most of the faces are familiar. The people and stories behind these faces are what come together to make the Ouachita community. From the girl who works at her grandmother's famous costume shop to the boy who saved a young man's life, the senior whose summer internship earned him a job offer after graduation to the girl who spends her summers working multiple summer camps, the girl who travels the state in search of small town adventure to the administrative assistant who has aided four different university presidents. All of these people come together to make the **Ouachita State of Mind.**

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 Devin Austin | Hot Springs, AR
 BJ Avant | Little Rock, AR
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 Haley Bates | Lancaster, TX
 Morgan Baugh | Monticello, AR
 Hannah Bauman | Tyler, TX
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 Jonathan Dixon | Benton, AR



Ali Kinsey

While many students shuffled through their own closets to find the perfect outfit, Ali Kinsey, a freshman business administration major from Hot Springs, spent her time shuffling through vintage clothing to fill costuming requests for Hollywood films.

Kinsey's grandmother, Kathy Kinsey, owns an antique store and shopped at estate sales as well as a variety of other places to find unique pieces. Doug Hall, a costume designer from Hollywood, found out about her collection and began inquiring about her inventory to possibly use some of her collection for smaller movies. Through some of the smaller films, Kinsey's grandmother became well known in Hollywood's costuming industry. This led to her participation with some of the larger films.

"I got involved because it became too large for my grandmother to do on her own, and I was excited to become a part of something so unique," Kinsey said.

Kinsey began helping her grandmother with the costumes when she was 10 years old. Since most of the clothing was stored in a warehouse, her job was not only to organize everything by decade, but also to keep with the costume orders as well. She kept inventory of each order placed, took pictures of the items and tagged each piece of clothing or accessory piece with a selling price.

When Hall needed something for a specific movie, he let them know what time period and what articles of clothing or accessories needed to be supplied. "We go through the jewelry, hats, pants, shirts and dresses and send pictures of each thing to Doug. He will say yes or no and from there, we must pack everything up carefully and ship them off to the movie sets," Kinsey said. "Each item is extremely delicate."

The process had to be rushed sometimes depending on the costume designer's requests, budget and time span.

"Those times can be hectic," Kinsey said. "The process of taking inventory and pricing can be very tedious."

Kinsey's grandmother's pieces were in movies such as "Crazy Heart," "A Walk to Remember" and "Olympus Has Fallen." "It is really neat to think that so many famous people have worn such unique clothing that I helped pick out," Kinsey said.

"In the movie 'All the Pretty Horses,' Penelope Cruz wore my grandmother's pearl drop necklace. During the play scene of 'A Walk to Remember,' Mandy Moore was accessorized with a rhinestone pin displayed on her dress. Jeff Bridges, actor of 'Crazy Heart,' was dressed head to toe in distressed jeans and denim button ups from my grandmother's warehouse," said Kinsey.

Gerard Butler, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Ashley Judd, Tom Hanks and Logan Lerman were among other stars to wear Kinsey's costumes. "Ellen Barkin has even been to the store in Hot Springs to buy jewelry," Kinsey said.

The costume designers from the movie 'Mud,' starring Matthew McConaughey and Reese Witherspoon, requested clothing, but it ended up not working out due to the extreme rush placed on the order.

"My grandmother is becoming known in Hollywood for her collection," Kinsey said. "Many of the designers contact her because of the prices. It is much cheaper to rent clothing and other accessories from a small business in Arkansas than it is to rent from a major company in the Hollywood area."

Kinsey's grandmother was able to travel to different movie sets to help with the wardrobes. "I, personally, have not had the



chance to go to any movies yet because of school and other previous engagements. I really would love to go one day though," Kinsey said.

As her grandmother's name spread in the movie industry,

Kinsey gained more experience. Not only did she get to help with the costumes and spend time with her grandmother, she also gained insight on cultures and how they were so different from one another. "I have even had the opportunity to learn more about the gangster days of my own hometown, Hot Springs. Rummaging through things at estate sales, my grandmother and I have collected many cuff links from the famous gangster Owney Madden," Kinsey said.

Kinsey had a passion for the fashion industry. She was able to learn how fashion evolved over time. "Seeing how older fashions influence so many aspects of modern style is incredible," Kinsey said. "It's really interesting to see differences in the collections as I explore the warehouse one decade at a time."

Through the knowledge she gained while costuming, Kinsey learned things about herself and the business world. "The experiences I have had enabled me to see the benefits of being in the business industry. I have gained a better understanding of entrepreneurship, which has given me a little insight as far as running my own business, which I hope to do one day. These things are what inspired my decision to major in business."

by Abbey Little

Mari Bednar

Mari Bednar, a freshman kinesiology major from Stuttgart, spent her summer drilling wells with her grandfather and his company Ruffin and Sons and Daughters Well Drilling.

"I started out the summer by babysitting, but I got really bored," Bednar said.

Certain circumstances within her grandfather's company called for her help, and she agreed to join the business. "Most people think that drilling a well is a boy's job, but most of the women in my family have done it at some point," Bednar said.

Usually, Mari and her grandfather went wherever they had an appointment, except in the event of the occasional harsh weather conditions. However, sometimes they found poor people who were in need of clean water.

"My grandfather and I try to be very generous when working, because there are people who can't afford water any other way," Bednar said. "He has always been willing to help anyone in need."

They were ready to travel wherever they were needed, but their main service area was within Arkansas County and Prairie County. Since her grandfather's company was privately owned, they were able to do whatever they felt necessary to serve their customers. "The only drawback is definitely the competition with the larger companies. It can be challenging to keep up with them," Bednar said.

When on the job, she did everything from drilling holes and installing pipes to completely fixing broken wells. The company installed and fixed both rice wells for rice fields and regular wells for home use.

"The most dangerous part of the process is the drilling. If you fall into the hole, you're dead. The holes can range anywhere from 160 to 500 feet deep. So basically, there is no coming back from that," Bednar said.

The process of drilling a well took about four to five hours, but Mari enjoyed every minute of it. "When drilling a well, it means

we are actually putting it in the ground. First, we have to dig through the clay and gravel layers. Then we hit another layer of clay. That's when we stop to install the pipes. The first day we lay the outer layer of piping and the second day we lay the inner layer," Bednar said.

The most memorable experience Mari encountered was the day she and her grandfather were installing a motor in a well. The wire snapped and the motor fell off. "My grandfather saved my life by pushing me out of harm's way," she said.

Bednar was able to share the love of Jesus with others while on the job. "We pray before every job for the safety of each other and for the family we are working for," she said.

Their biggest witnessing effort was through their actions while working. Through positivity and constant encouragement, they had high hopes that the families noticed that God was with them.

"We also look for small details that we can expand on when working. For example, one day while digging the hole we found an entire tree in the third layer of mud deep into the ground. We were able to tell the people about Noah, the ark and the flood that God sent to destroy the earth," Bednar said. "You'd be surprised at how many possibilities there are to put your foot in the door to share the gospel. It's our number one priority."

Over the course of the summer, Bednar learned she really enjoyed drilling wells. She loved it not only because of the chal-

lenge drilling the wells presented, but for the many learning opportunities it enabled her to have. Bednar was able to gain new experiences sharing Christ and she realized how easy it was to incorporate the gospel through everyday, normal conversations.

"I also love being able to spend quality time with my family every day and constantly getting to meet new people," Mari said.

One of her main goals was to build as many relationships with as many people as she could. "I want to be able to connect with others on both a friendly level as well as a spiritual level," Bednar said.

She hoped that people would be able to see that she truly loved what she did and through that, more people would receive Christ.

"While working, I have learned the tremendous need for patience in every situation I encounter through life, as well as serving the Lord wholeheartedly," Bednar said.

Bednar gained the knowledge she needed in order to truly serve the Lord in everything she did and every word she said.

"I have learned that no matter what task I am trying to accomplish, it's extremely important to put God first. It's not just about drilling wells. It's about sharing the Gospel. I really enjoy what I do and am planning to continue next summer," she said.

by Abbey L

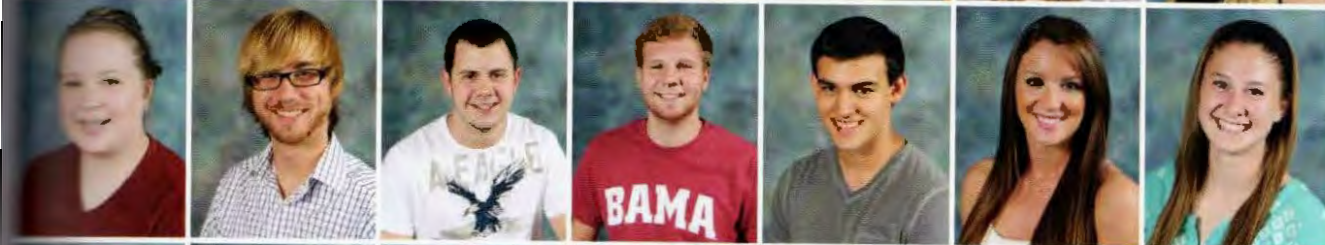




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Blake Bowen



What was meant to be a time of bonding and relaxation for honors students turned into a life-changing event for Blake Bowen, a freshman psychology and history major from Springdale.

Bowen was attending the Corl Goodson Honors Program retreat at the Eubanks' house when he and Shelby Spears, a sophomore English major from El Dorado, decided to explore the land surrounding the lake on the property. After canoeing across the lake and walking around the shore opposite of the Eubanks' dock, they stumbled upon a series of trails that led up to and alongside the Caddo River.

While Bowen and Spears were standing on the riverbank, a group of teenagers paddled past them on inner tubes and air mattresses. The group yelled to Bowen and Spears asking that they go upstream to help their friend who had lost his float. They followed the directions of the teenagers, which led to a bend in the river. The current there was much stronger than in other parts of the river.

There they found a boy clinging to a tree limb, which was protruding from the middle of the river. He did not have on a life jacket and did not know how to swim.

"This puzzled me because he looked to be about 14 or so," Bowen said.

Bowen swam out to the tree and got on the limb alongside the boy. Bowen then

gave him the life jacket that he was wearing and told him to hold tightly to his shoulders.

"I didn't know anything about lifeguarding or such so I just tried to use common sense as I pulled him behind me back to shore. I continually reassured him that the life jacket would keep him safe and that we would reach the shore," Bowen said.

The boy was so terrified that he wouldn't grab Bowen's hand in fear. Bowen struggled to keep them both afloat. Although he explained to the boy to just hold on to his shoulders, the boy continued to try to grab his hand, which made the task even more difficult.

Eventually, Bowen, Spears and the boy reached the shore and made their way back to the lake where their canoes were beached. The boy sat in the floor of Bowen's one-man canoe as they paddled back to the dock where the other students attending the retreat were.

"You know, it started to inflate my ego just a bit. I had the sense of being a hero straight out of the storybooks from childhood. But there are more serious implications," Bowen said.

They had no way to contact the friend who had initially asked for the favor. Bowen decided that the best course of action would be to drive him to where the boy and his friends started on the river and wait for them

to come back. After deciding what to do, Alex Nelsan, a senior business finance major from Frisco, Texas, drove him to where the boy and his friends began their float. That was the last time Bowen ever saw the boy.

"It was a little bit sobering. I felt fear. Not while I pulled him from the water, but afterwards, once I had a moment to think. I did my best to get involved again in the activities at the retreat and thought about it little else that day," said Bowen.

The whole event had an impact on the way Bowen viewed helping others.

"Opportunities like this do not occur every day, but I wish that it happened more often that I found myself in situations to help others in need. And the troubling thing is, I know that there are people around me that do need help. It is my fervent prayer that God opens my eyes to see the needs of others and that I will have the courage to meet them," Bowen said.

by Tori Abellera

Jamie Abbott

It's easy to minister to a different population when traveling with several group members. It's easy to travel to unknown cities with known faces. It's easy to stay close to home and relax on the couch all summer long in the familiarity of everyday life. But the easy was not the extraordinary, the easy didn't change lives. Jamie Abbott, a freshman Christian studies major from Springdale, didn't settle for easy.

Ten weeks during the summer was all it took to change Abbott's life. Stepping out of her comfort zone into unknown Californian territory, she embraced the heart of the gospel and ministered to the homeless population in the San Francisco area. It was just what she needed.

"I was scared to death because I had never done anything by myself," Abbott said. "You grow as a person, and you learn that it's OK to be alone. Sometimes you just have to fully rely on God."

Jamie heard about the opportunity in California through her mom, who had previously served with the North American Mission Board as a missionary when she was younger. The previous summer, her mom saw something about the opportunity and encouraged Abbott to look into it. She knew this would be a growing experience, being thousands of miles away and venturing out on her own.

"It was the farthest thing that was away from my home, and California is such a big state," Abbott said. "The area I was in was so diverse. It was like you were leaving the country, but you were in the country at the same time."

Abbott stepped out in faith, leaving her

comfortable life in Northwest Arkansas, no group to accompany, and headed to California for 10 weeks to work for the first time on her own. "My first summer I had two partners, but this past summer I did not have a partner at all. I was by myself," she said. "I was very, very nervous."

Though it wasn't her first summer in California, the mission was different than before. "The summer before, I was in a different association. I was way up north. It was called the Feather River Baptist Association. It's little mountain towns and you go in and pretty much help a dead church come back to life," she said.

Over the summer, Abbott embraced her new nomadic lifestyle. Through the North American Mission Board she was assigned to the East Bay Baptist Association in the San Francisco area where she traveled to different churches on a weekly basis. With each passing Saturday, Abbott ended up in a new city. "I traveled on what they called the BART system, which is like a subway. Each Saturday I would get on there and travel to a new town."

In each town, she worked with churches, led Vacation Bible Schools and reached out to local homeless communities.

Though her ministry spanned a variety of things, Abbott often worked with the homeless population, serving and minis-



tering to those with whom they come in contact. "I went in to San Francisco for a weekend and worked with homeless people. Just seeing how appreciative they were of everything we were doing for them. The looks on their faces made everything worth it," she said.

Abbott not only witnessed to the homeless community, but she also experienced several new situations that changed her perspective, and she learned to minister in circumstances that were not easy. One of the experiences was interacting with the gay community while laws passed in California and seeing what it was like.

God changed Abbott's life through her California experiences. "I just learned so much, getting to go into different cultures and just learning about them," she said.

Abbott spent two summers ministering on the west coast and plans to spend many more there. She took a leap of faith and grew beyond what she imagined.

by Kristen Barnard



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 Abby Root | Arkadelphia, AR
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 Reagan Rucker | Maumelle, AR
 Ruth Russell | Columbia, MO



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 Bret Sanders | Jonesboro, AR
 Venesha Sasser | Lewisville, AR
 Shoko Sato | Fukuro, Japan
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 Hanna Schulz | Sukkur Springs, TX
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 Joh Sivils | Arkadelphia, AR
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Kyle Osmon



By 20 years old, Kyle Osmon, a sophomore musical theater major from Rogers, had lived in four different cities, in two different states, two different countries and on two different continents.

Osmon was born in Seoul, South Korea, May 26, 1993. Thousands of miles away, Osmon's parents were looking to adopt. They had always wanted more children and felt a strong pull on their hearts to adopt, and they felt that God was directing them toward South Korea," Osmon said.

Even months later, their dream became a reality. "My parents were actually on the way to Disney World when they got the call to pick me up from the airport. They always joke with me about how I ruined their trip to Disney World," Osmon said.

A year later, the Osmon family moved to Rogers to be closer to family. "The first thing I can remember is my house in Rogers," Osmon said.

Just two years after that, the Osmon family was on the road again. Osmon's dad's job took the family across the Atlantic to the German city of Düsseldorf where Kyle spent the next five years of his life.

It was in Düsseldorf that Kyle began to learn two new languages at once, English and German. "It was easy to pick up German, because I was learning English at the same time," Osmon said.

Osmon attended an international school that was comprised of students from across the globe. He never experienced any conflict for being different. "I think because I went to a very international school, with a very diverse student population, there were never any hardships or problems with being

Asian-American. There were many Asian-American kids at my school, but I was the only one with an American accent," Osmon said.

It was there when Osmon first learned that he was adopted. "My parents were very straightforward with me, and I handled it very maturely for my age. I kind of enjoyed being different," Osmon said. "They made it like a celebration. I was adopted on April Fools Day, and it has always been a celebration on the day I was adopted, almost like a second birthday," Osmon said.

After living in Germany, the Osmons moved back to Rogers. What was a homecoming for his parents was a complete change for Osmon. "Moving to the United States was the biggest culture shock. I was used to the private school rigor and lifestyle," Osmon said.

Osmon attended a Rogers public school. He had to get used to the different learning pace of his new school. "I remember asking for math homework on my first day of class, and I was met with quizzical looks from everyone in the room, including the teacher," Osmon said.

Aside from academics, the eating habits of people in the United States took some getting used to for Osmon. "In Germany, for a snack, I'd go with my mom and get bread or cheese. Fast food was very foreign. The closest KFC was 60 miles away. When I came

back, all my friends would be eating junk food and I would be appalled," he said.

When asked about his childhood abroad, Kyle always had a quick answer. "I love that I get that a lot, 'Do you remember anything about Korea?' when I was basically a newborn. I just want to ask them back 'da you remember anything when you were 11 months old?'"

After graduating from Rogers High School, Osmon spent a year at the University of Arkansas before transferring to OBU his sophomore year. "A combination of the music program and family ties brought me to OBU. I've always looked up to my older brother and remember all the good things he had to say about the school," Osmon said.

Osmon was indifferent about moving back to South Korea. "If my job or travels ever take me back to Korea, I would probably visit. But I don't believe that I would voluntarily return to Korea."

From Seoul, South Korea, to Rogers, Arkansas, Osmon and his family experienced many different cultures, languages and lifestyles and were not strangers to change. No matter what changes were in store for the Osmons, one thing will always remain a constant, their "liebe," or love that they have for each other.

by Ben Cline

Emily Harris



Five days before her high school graduation, and five days before she turned 18, she broke her hip.

"A lot of it was just shock because I wasn't aware that my bones were in that much stress. Physical pain was extreme," said Emily Harris, a sophomore biology major from Benton. "I broke my hip at 10 o'clock in the morning and didn't have surgery until 4. For about six hours I was in a whole lot of pain."

For someone who enjoyed running, hiking and being outside, a broken hip meant more than just physical pain. One day while Harris was enjoying a run for exercise, her hip started hurting, but she kept running. Not long after that, her hip crippled her walking ability, encouraging her to get x-rays.

"I went to the doctor and they took x-rays and they didn't see anything. They put me on an anti-inflammatory for joint pain," Harris said.

Unknowing to them, it was much more.

Two weeks later at a car wash, Harris lifted her leg on the car, pulling the fracture and splitting it open. She broke her hip.

Six hours later, she finally had surgery, but little did she know the hip injury would change her life.

"After I woke up from the anesthesia and kind of got my bearings a little bit, my doctor and my parents had to tell me I couldn't do anything that summer. I had planned to go on my senior trip that weekend that I broke my hip with my church group," she said.

The road to recovery began. Harris spent time recovering the summer after graduation with the comfort of her friends and family and reading God's word. She explained she felt comforted by Scripture and how she related to some of the stories.

"Job had a lot of unfair things that happened in his life, so I was able to read that whole book. That was the first time I read a

commentary on a book of the Bible," she said. "I learned about Job's struggles and what his friends were telling him, but also just the character of God through it and how vast and how sovereign He is."

After a growth-filled summer of recovery, Harris came to Ouachita. She made friends, joined a social club and went to classes. However, life was once again halted during the summer after her freshman year of college. She had a second surgery.

"What they did was they went in to take three screws out, and when they went to drill in my bone, half of one didn't come out, and they broke four different surgical instruments trying to get the screws out," Harris said. "I had a massive hole in my hip that they had to put a lot of bone graft in."

Harris didn't realize the severity. The surgery took a toll on her body, but since she didn't feel much pain, she continued walking on it without much help.

"I was put on four to six weeks crutch recovery with some weight-bearing, but not a lot. With that, in my mind it wasn't a major surgery because I didn't feel that much pain," she said. "That kind of led me to do too much. I just got really stubborn and told myself that I was going to do whatever I wanted to, which was wrong."

A few months into the first semester of her sophomore year, Harris didn't let a broken hip stop her from participating in Tiger Tunes. She was active in practices and

performances until she broke her hip again.

"I went to the doctor the Wednesday after Tiger Tunes and it re-broke in the same place. That day, it wasn't so much of being mad that it happened, it was more of guilt with myself, that I had done too much," Harris said. "But my doctor was really reassuring in telling me that he had done too much in the second surgery."

Her Tiger Tunes incident led to a third surgery. This time, she was given a wheelchair. "I didn't have as many problems with the crutches as you think that you don't have a lot of independence when you have crutches, and then you're put in a wheelchair and you really know you don't have a lot of independence," Harris said.

Though Harris has gone through a wave of surgeries and emotions, her friends and family supported her along the way and many positive things resulted. She grew in ways she could have never imagined and still remained positive through it all.

"I've also, in the process, chosen my career path, which is good," Harris said. "Out of all the surgeries I've had, I've chosen physical therapy. I think it's been made pretty clear that that's what I can be good at and that's what I can share my testimony through and minister to people through."

by Kristen Barron



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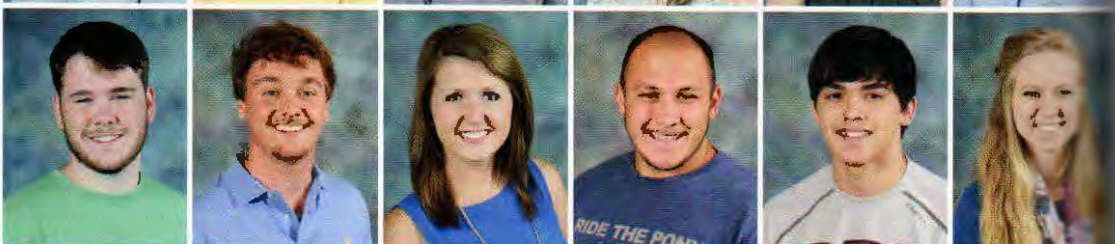
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Fall break marked the changing season. While some people went on road trips with friends and others took to the outdoors, Abbey Ogier, a speech pathology major from San Antonio, Texas, welcomed her new siblings home for the very first time.

For years, the Ogier family went back and forth on the possibility of adoption. Following the earthquake in Haiti, they knew it was time to pursue adoption. "It's definitely a God thing, because He allowed my parents to both want to adopt at the same time," Abbey said.

Later, the Ogier's discovered that other families in San Antonio felt the same burden on their hearts and decided to adopt children from Haiti as well. Those families became a close-knit support group for each other, encouraging and praying for one another during hard times.

A year into the adoption process, Ogier's mom was diagnosed with cancer. However, through the adversity and setbacks, God provided, and Mrs. Ogier became cancer-free. The Ogiers felt that God's work in that season of life was confirmation that it was His plan to proceed to adopt Sofia and Watson.

The families in San Antonio organized trips to Haiti several times a year to visit the orphanage and deliver care-packages. During Ogier's first trip, her mom, her older brother Daniel, a senior business administration and finance major, and Meredith Hanson, a friend from home, accompanied her.

Although Hanson and Ogier knew each other previously, it wasn't until their trip to Haiti that they truly became friends. "It was such a blessing to be able to share such an awesome, crazy and heartbreaking trip with a friend that was experiencing the same thing," Hanson said. "Abbey and I have been there for each other through a lot of struggles and joys, both about adop-

tion and otherwise, and I truly am so thankful we went through the adoption together."

On that trip, Ogier saw how her new siblings, Sofia and Watson, would fit in with her family. "In the orphanage, (Sofia) really likes to start up things, get groups together and do activities, which is really neat," Ogier said.

Ogier said Watson was more shy and loved having a small group of friends.

Sofia and Watson, then 15 years old, were able to go home with the Ogiers in October. Ogier and Daniel drove to San Antonio, and the entire family was able to spend fall break together for the first time.

"(The Ogiers are) tight-knit, strong and most importantly, focused on Christ," Hanson said. "They always are joking around, having a blast and are a joy to be around."

There were still challenges to overcome once landing back in the United States. The language barrier and different foods were only a few examples of Sofia and Watson's adaptations to American culture. "When we have new foods, we have everything set out to sample and they try to see if they like them," Ogier said. "So far, whatever Watson likes Sofia doesn't. It's funny how different they are."

Sofia and Watson began each day with school. Mrs. Ogier organized a nine week, Christ-centered lesson plan to teach the kids basic English. Sofia and Watson also adjusted to having their own rooms and would even spend time sitting in their closets reading books.

The Ogier's fall break was filled with plenty of activities like visiting parks and watching their brother Caleb play in his high school drum line. On Saturday, the Ogiers headed to the zoo, something they did when



Ogier visited Sofia and Watson in Haiti. As fall break came to a close, Sofia and Watson experienced a family tradition, popcorn movie night.

Soon after, Ogier and her family anticipated Thanksgiving – their next reunion. In one month's time Sofia and Watson became acclimated members of the family. During the holiday, the Ogier family traveled to their lake house where they were met by cousins and grandparents. The Thanksgiving festivities also included a birthday party for all the November birthdays. Sofia, Watson and Ogier's little cousin got to celebrate their birthdays with presents, cake and a piñata. Sofia and Watson were introduced to another family tradition, the bounce house. "It was a good way for them to have fun without them having to understand much English," Ogier said.

Sofia and Watson finished their home-school lesson and began attending a public school refugee program. Learning English was a hard process, but Sofia and Watson improved daily.

"Over this break, I was able to learn more about their past and what their life was like before the orphanage. It is truly heart breaking," Ogier said. "I know we will learn more as the years pass, but for now, we are still putting puzzle pieces together. I know The Lord is doing some incredible things and hopefully soon the kids will be able to communicate that to us."

by Emily Coles

Aly Smith

Adventure. It's a word that often brings to mind images of pirates or Indiana Jones. It's shuffling off the burden of the day-to-day routine and heading off to strange new places in search of thrills and stories and treasures. For Aly Smith, junior mass communications and graphic design major from Sherwood, those strange new places happened to be in her own state and the treasures consisted of vintage finds, but to hear her tell it, her travels couldn't be described as anything but an adventure.

"It started off as just going to estate sales," Smith said. "That's where I found this glass. It was beautiful and different. After buying and researching it, I found out it was called carnival glass. The glass I got was blue and iridized all different kinds of colors, so it's totally me. It was made in the 1920s though, so you can't buy it in stores."

"After going to a bunch of antique stores and estate sales, it just so happened that my mom and I were going to Branson. We decided to take the most indirect route possible and stop in all the small towns along the way to check their antique stores for blue carnival glass. That's where this all got started," Smith said.

As she had expected, this trip became about much more than antique shopping. Seeing the unusual surroundings was one of Smith's favorite parts of her initial trip.

"The back road we were on looked like it was paved by fairies," Smith said, including sound effects for emphasis. "It was the curviest road we had ever been on. We stopped at a few antique shops along the way, but I really started to fall in love with all the small towns we saw."

Soon, the first trip turned into multiple trips. Smith was infatuated with the small town culture she encountered along her way. On top of that, she was still hunting to complete her blue carnival glass dinner set.

"I started looking into it and there are all these small towns across Arkansas that nobody even knows exist," Smith said. "So my mom and I planned a trip to Aly, Ark., because it's spelled just like my name. We hopped in the jeep, and again, routed out the most indirect way possible, only taking back roads so we could see all the small towns. When we'd see a sign for a town, we'd hop out, snap a picture, and then keep on driving to the next one. If the town had anywhere to stop, we'd go there, but most of the towns were under 250 people."

On the way back, Smith and her mom took a completely different route to squeeze as many small towns into their trip as possible. That was when the tradition was established. From then on, their adventures consisted of picking a town, taking backroads only, and then picking an entirely different way home, stopping to look for antiques and enjoy the local culture along the way of course.

"Hardy, Arkansas, one of the places we stopped at, was mainly just a strip that was barely longer than a football field," Smith said. "We spent hours on that little strip looking through antique stores for carnival glass and other vintage stuff. Then there was this old Grey Hound station that had been converted into a restaurant called the Corner Booth Cafe. It was tiny and full of antiques and the waitress sat right down in the booth with us and chatted. It was such a great small town vibe and I had a ton of fun."

After a while of uploading pictures of herself standing beside the small town city signs to Instagram and blogging about her adventures, "#SmallTownArkansas" as



Smith called it, started to gain a considerable following. Smith would brove ran getting last in a cornfield and even potential death to keep those followers updated.

"When we went to Little Dixie, Ark., we got out to take a picture near to the city sign which was close to this house on the side of the road," Smith said.

"As we're waiting to the sign, my mom turned around and said 'Don't panic, but they have a gun.' So I freaked out. When I turned to look I saw these three boys on a four wheeler, with one of them waving a shot

gun over his head and yelling that he had a gun. When he saw that we were just a bunch of women, he got embarrassed and just kept on driving."

Smith cherishes all the memories and souvenirs she's collected so far on her trips through small town Arkansas and thinks that every once in a while, everyone should stray from the highway and stop to take in some small town charm.

"I hope people who see my blog and Instagram posts will be inspired to do the same themselves," said Smith. "I want everyone to find their own little gems and meet their own characters. Take a back road and discover Arkansas." by Noah Hutchinson and Kacey Westerman



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Todd McNeel

Todd McNeel, a junior mass communications major from Grand Prairie, Texas, spent his summer living out his dream. McNeel stepped onto the stage of the Carbett Opera Center for the Cincinnati Opera Company. McNeel was interested in the opera, and his professor encouraged him to look for opportunities to get involved in an opera outside of school.

McNeel was originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, so he looked at the website for the Cincinnati Opera to begin looking at options for the summer. He realized that in order to audition he must do it the next day. Auditions for the opera were usually done in person, but that didn't stop McNeel. He called and explained that he was out of state and couldn't make it for the auditions, so the opera worked with him. They gave him a week to get some things together, and he found out soon after that he made it and would spend six weeks out of his summer performing in the Ethiopian slave chorus for the opera "AIDA."

Starting in June, McNeel spent the summer staying at his grandparent's house in Cincinnati. He got a day job doing marketing with the grocery store Meijer. He also performed cooking demonstrations. McNeel said he was a "marketing intern by day and an opera singer by night."

A typical day for McNeel consisted of taking the train, going to work, catching the bus and then going to rehearsal. He enjoyed the fast-paced city life and felt independent. McNeel said that when going through the city, it felt like people were going somewhere with a purpose.

When he was not being a marketing intern, he was rehearsing for the show. They rehearsed four days a week for four weeks and then performed six times in two weeks. McNeel was one of the youngest people in

the show and performed with opera performers and professionals from around the world. The conductor of the opera was from Italy. "Most were in grad school, this was their job, I was there for the experience," McNeel said.

He explained how the other performers took him under their wings and how they even went out to eat with each other after rehearsals. McNeel made connections around the United States and the world through these relationships that helped build his resume.

Being in the opera was not only a job-building and learning experience, it was a way for him to be an object of hope because where he came from people didn't really appreciate classical music. "Where you start isn't about where you end up," McNeel said.

McNeel was able to be an example for his younger siblings. His family also got to see him perform. McNeel's grandparents had not seen him perform since his 6th grade talent show. "They got to dress up and go, and they really enjoyed the show. If you asked them, I was the star of the show," McNeel said.

His parents also drove 14 hours just to see him perform.

McNeel got ready for his performances by drinking a little apple cider vinegar, eating a good meal, bringing a bottle of water, praying before stepping on stage, listening to music and focusing and doing vocal warm ups.

McNeel was able to do other things while experiencing his dream. One night he was walking downtown and he heard his favorite YouTube artist, Joseph Sama, singing and then saw his concert that night. He even got



to attend Jazz Fest, numerous concerts, try German food for the first time and go to the Newport Bridge.

McNeel's experience gave him perspective for his future. "It's a good way to make sure that's what you really want to do," McNeel said. "I got to wear a suit and tie and then totally change into something else. It was a neat opportunity."

Todd had some dream roles that he wanted to play. One of the roles was Porgy in "Porgy and Bess." Porgy and Bess was the first opera written for African Americans. "I would like to maybe just be in the chorus," McNeel said.

McNeel's dream was realized in the summer of 2014 when he performed as a part of the "Porgy and Bess" cast.

Other roles McNeel wanted to play were Count Rudolfo, or Las Sonnambula. He also wanted to be in "Showboat-Aria" and "Civil Wars" and to one day perform at The Met. McNeel's voice teacher helped him with his skill so he would be ready to perform. "I'm grateful that he sees a lot in me and pushes me," McNeel said.

McNeel planned to pursue a career in opera, but also kept an open mind about other opportunities. It is McNeel's passion, and in the end, wants to know that he did perform some in his life. "I'll always find a way to be on someone's stage," he said.

by Kacey Westerman

Day one of her summer break and she was up by 6:45 a.m. to begin putting everything in place for Camp War Eagle where thousands of kids would be for the next two months of summer.

Emily Payne, a junior kinesiology major with an emphasis in sports and recreation ministry from Eureka Springs, traveled a total of 2,000 miles and lived out of her car and at friend's homes over the summer. She was at home for a total of three days over the summer because a love for camp runs deep within her.

"I love the feel of camp because I like working myself to exhaustion, being ton and being outdoors," Payne said. "There is just something about Camp War Eagle though."

War Eagle was a Christian, sports, adventure and recreation camp that focused on introducing children to Jesus, helping them build confidence and teaching them skills they can take back home and to school. The camp recruited kids from Benton, Washington, Carroll and Madison counties in Northwest Arkansas to experience camp for one to two weeks.

"I love that they focus on recruiting kids who come from rough backgrounds or single parent homes. Seventy-five percent of the kids are on scholarships," Payne said. "Their goal is to impact Northwest Arkansas and change the culture. It is so important to let the kids know that there is so much more out in the world than the hardships they are going through. We want them to know that we love them and God loves them."

As a freshman in high school, Payne developed her love for camp through Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"At our last club meeting before summer, a lady from the regional FCA office came to

talk about summer camp to kids who were interested. I thought it sounded like fun because I liked FCA a lot, and it would be my first time of any type of summer camp," Payne said. "It was the best experience of my life. I would not be where I am today if it weren't for that camp."

Payne attended FCA camp for four years and discovered being some type of camp counselor is what she wanted to do in life. Those close to Payne know her passion and obsession with camp.

"There are people I have met who have loved War Eagle and kept going back for years who have said they loved camp, but often say that I really, truly love camp," Payne said. "Camp War Eagle just speaks to me and resonates with my soul. There can be kids there, no kids, pouring down rain, snowing or sunny. I just love being there."

Payne traveled around for the summer working at different camps because she was only able to work two weeks at War Eagle.

"My crazy summer schedule began in Rogers for three weeks attending training orientation and setting up for Camp War Eagle," Payne said. "I then made my way to Arkadelphia to work basketball camp for a week."

With open time and a craving for camp, Payne asked friends and made phone calls to see if any camps could use her help.

"A friend told me about a retreat center that she had previously interned at, so I called to see if they needed anyone for two weeks and sure enough I spent two weeks in Horriet at the Shepherd of the Ozark



Retreat Center," Payne said. "Then I drove to Shell Knob, Mo., for a week to work at Camp 11 Christian Camp. The same friend was the assistant director at her church's youth conference camp in Monett, Mo. at the Fundamental Methodist Youth Camp and asked I wanted to come be the recreation director for a week."

Now an experienced counselor with two years of camp behind her, Payne created a bond with a small age group.

"My 10-year olds are the best part of camp. They are not little kids, not completely, but they are not awkward teenagers either," Payne said. "Some bump their knee and cry like the world is ending."

Then, I have some kids who come to me with questions and discuss the book of Revelation and ask for my prayer requests and pray for me. Everyone says I am crazy, but the directors always tell me with this age group because I'm one of the few who love it."

Payne returned to Rogers to finish the summer as a counselor at Camp War Eagle for four weeks and helped clean up and put away camp for the winter, then to return next summer.

"It's pretty cool that I get to major in something I love so much," Payne said. "I'm basically majoring in camp, which is my life."

by Amber Eason



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 Sam Riggs (Mountainburg, AR)
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 Zach Thompson (Canton, TX)
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 Ivana Trouve (Vicksburg, MS)
 James Tucker (Benton, AR)



Jillian Turner (Fort Worth, TX)
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 Chelsea Villanueva (Bentonville, AR)
 Kaiti Walker (Benton, AR)
 Sara Walker (Sulphur Springs, TX)
 Dustin Walter (West Memphis, AR)



Caleb Warren (Spring, TX)
 Lydia Warren (West Monroe, LA)
 Taylor Wentz (Little Rock, AR)
 Chelsea Whelpley (Little Rock, AR)
 Zach White (Benton, AR)
 David Winkler (Little Rock, AR)

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 Danny Aday | Little Rock, AR
 Brynn Alford | Rogers, AR
 Emily Anderson | Bloom Springs, AR
 Teodor Anghel | Ploiesti, Romania
 TJ Bailey | Fort Smith, AR
 Elizabeth Baker | Grapevine, TX



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 Kristen Barnard | Grand Prairie, TX
 Cory Bennett | Benton, AR
 Jessica Bennett | Mesquite, TX
 C. J. Bernard | Sherwood, AR
 Baronger Bieger | Rockwall, TX
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 Molly Bowman | Greenbrier, AR
 Hannah Bridges | Clarksville, AR
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 Rickey Brown | Bearden, AR
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 Barrett Burger | Camden, AR
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 Harmony Bussell | Fayette, AR



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 Aaron Butler | Malvern, AR
 Rusty Butler | Little Rock, AR
 Chelsea Byers | Campbell, TX
 Korey Byrd | Cypress, TX
 Amy Campbell | Russellville, AR
 Ashleigh Canada | Rogers, AR



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 Krista Carlisle | Searcy, AR
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 Kirstin Changose | Little Rock, AR
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 Jake Coffman | Tyrone, AR
 Emily Coles | Plano, TX
 Kate Collins | Texarkana, AR
 Matthew Cook | Harrison, AR
 Rachael Cook | Perryville, MO
 Jennifer Coon | Conway, AR



Kaitie Scott

At 5:30 a.m., Kaitie Scott, a senior mass communications and Christian studies major from Little Rock, started her morning news stories and helping the radio hosts get ready for the morning show.

Scott worked as a morning show intern at the 88.5 radio station, owned by Cumulus Media, in Little Rock. She got connected with the station through her neighbors. "When I told them I was interested in a mass comm type internship they were excited about radio, and I was like well, I never really thought about that but it's something I'm interested in learning more about," Scott said.

Scott had several options of which radio station to work with under the ownership of Cumulus Media. Scott said she chose 88.5 because, "I was more familiar with it and more comfortable with that style and that audience."

Scott began work at 5:30 a.m. and ended at 10 or 11 a.m. The first thing she did was search for news stories to be reported on air. She pieced together news stories from the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, online sources, social media sites and TV. As the news was continually updated, Scott and the hosts would update their news stories. "Sometimes we would write a news story during our two minute breaks while songs were playing," Scott said.

Scott was also able to sit in on the radio show. "I was basically a fly on the wall," she said.

However, when the hosts came off air, Scott was able to ask questions and interact with them. She also helped take callers' questions.

Scott was no longer the fly on the wall when host Lisa Fischer went to Europe for two weeks. "That allowed me to get that experience which was fun. Scarey, but fun," Scott said.

During that time, Scott took Fischer's

place. "It was kind of nerve wracking," she said. "I recorded myself at home so when I got back I could listen to the things I said. You know how you are when you hear your voice recorded. You're like oh, that does not sound like me, so that was really interesting."

Scott said the most challenging part of being an air was having to think about what she was saying as she was saying it. Most of the time she had her news stories typed up and printed out, but the back and forth dialogue was more challenging for her. "I was able to be on air for two weeks, so by that time it was a lot more comforting to know what I was doing," Scott said.

Another challenge Scott was faced with was having to put her love of country music aside while working at a mainly pop radio station. "I love country music, so it was kind of hard to stray away from country news stories especially when the Country Music Awards were on during the summer," Scott said. "We really had to dig deep beyond the country elements and find stuff we could talk about."

Not only did Scott co-host the morning show for two weeks, but she was a guest speaker on Thursdays to talk about "The Bachelorette" TV show. "We would just talk about the drama that was going back and forth with Desiree and Brooks and everything like that, and we would play audio clips of her breaking down and the guys being dramatic. It just brought humor to the show," Scott said. "It was really interesting to see different people's perspectives and have people calling in to talk about it."

While working at the radio station, Scott met some famous people, her favorite being the stars of "The Jersey Bays." "I got to see their personalities outside of

their Jersey Bay act," Scott said. "They were so humorous and they loved to pick on you.

They were just like brothers all fighting amongst each other and picking on each other."

She also traveled to Magic Springs in Hot Springs with morning show host Jeff Matthews and passed out fliers to listeners. "It was fun to get to interact with the listeners and talk to them face to face and hear them say, 'I know who you are,' and, 'you're doing such a good job,' so that was rewarding," Scott said.

After her internship, Scott stayed in touch with the other hosts and was still able to send in news stories.

"It's good to know that they're still there and care, and just because I was an intern, they haven't forgotten about me," Scott said.

Since her internship, Scott considered the radio business as a career. "I love the (public relations) aspect of it. I think that just goes back to me loving to talk and my mass comm major," she said. "I want to begin my own ministry and do magazines and write books and hopefully be a motivational speaker. I think that's where that came from, just being on air and being able to talk about stuff in a way that puts a twist on things."

by Hannah Shull



Buck Schroeder



For many college students, the summer before senior year was a time to relax before joining the real world after graduating. Buck Schroeder, a senior accounting and finance major from Conway, had a different story.

Schroeder saw his last summer as an undergraduate as the time to score an internship that would put him at the top for planning his future career.

Schroeder was chosen from tens of thousands of applicants from around the world to be one of 250 Walmart interns.

Working specifically in produce replenishment, he learned all about restocking the shelves at Walmart, something Schroeder said was more complicated than it seemed.

"Replenishing is the idea of getting goods from the producer to the store and everything in between. So, in my case, I worked specifically in produce replenishment. My department's job was getting goods from the farm to the customer's hands. Everything in between is replenishment," Schroeder said. "It's the balancing act of 'do I have enough in the store for people to buy, or do I have too much that it's rotting on the shelves.' That's wasteful, and Walmart does not like waste."

His position, intern for the produce replenishment department within merchandising at the Walmart home office in Bentonville, was one that required hard work, creativity and people skills.

"Internships at Walmart are focused on achieving two main goals: completing your own individual internship project with an end of the summer presentation, and networking," Schroeder said.

Networking was nothing new to Schroeder; anyone who knew him knew that he never met a stranger. He found this trait to be exceptionally useful.

"One of my strengths is communication," he said. "I was really lucky with where I got placed just because it really gave me the opportunity to use my soft skills and

really learn how to talk to people on a professional level."

Walmart's home office was not what Schroeder expected it to be. "The home office is not nice at all. It's just a building with rows and rows of cubicles and blue carpet. You would expect it to be so nice since Walmart is the number one company in the world, but it's not," Schroeder said. "That's Walmart's core value. Don't spend money where it's not needed. Besides executive row, no one has an office with a door. Dean McKinney has a nicer office than the CEO, Mike Duke."

After a few weeks at Walmart, Schroeder began to realize just how top-notch every employee at Walmart was. "Everyone I met in the Walmart home office was intelligent and that was so cool. You don't have room for an ego up there because you know everyone is smart. Even if you meet someone who works at the banana desk, they are in charge of millions of dollars worth of bananas every day and you have to respect them. Everyone is important and treated as such," he said.

Despite the fact that he was working for one of the largest corporations in the world, Schroeder felt confident in his setting, attributing that to many of his experiences at Ouachita. "Walmart is a lot like Ouachita. It's very personable and welcoming and you can ask anyone for help. Because Ouachita is an environment where you can ask for help, I had the confidence to talk to my manager whenever I needed help with anything," Schroeder said.

Even though Schroeder was a summer intern, he was treated like a full-time employee with responsibilities that affected his department. "What I had to do was go through everyone's daily reports and decide which ones to get rid of and how that would affect their business. Would it make them mad? Would it make them incapable of

doing their daily business? Or does it need to happen, and they have to get over it? It was difficult to be the goad guy when I was changing how people did their job every day," Schroeder said.

Schroeder said he gained, "real world experience to match what I have learned in the classroom."

"It was so cool to see that everything I've learned in the Honoringbotham School of Business is applicable in the real world of business," Schroeder said.

His internship led to a full-time job offer at Walmart after his graduation. "I was

so lucky with where I got placed because it gave me great opportunities to learn how to communicate with any and everyone and that's so important to me," he said.

A salary, hands-on experience with a company that appreciated him, a job offer at graduation, confidence in his work and connections were just a few things Schroeder took away from his internship. "The experience at Walmart really was priceless to my future career. I would definitely encourage anyone to apply."

by Brittany N...



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 Katelyn Cribb | El Dorado, AR
 Michael Crowe | Donaldson, AR
 Jonathan Curry | Little Rock, AR
 Cara Curtis | Stuttgart, AR



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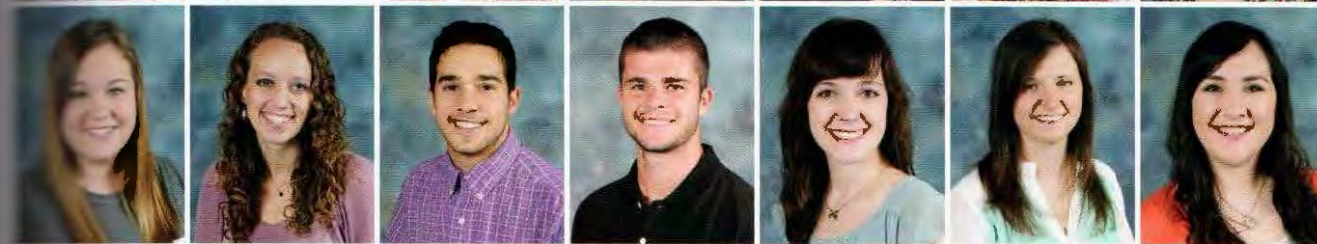
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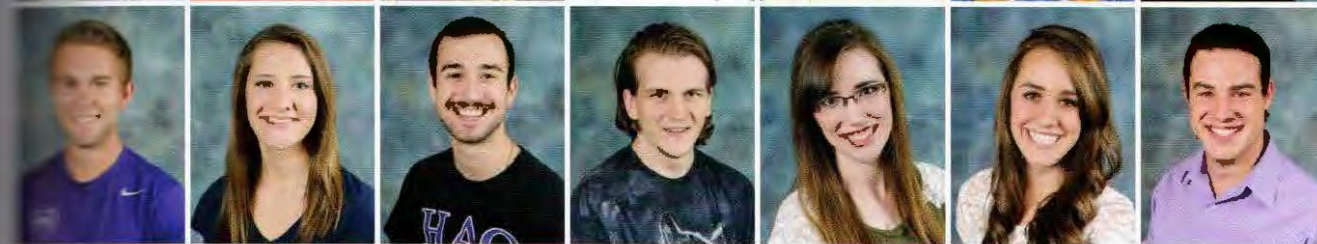
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 Megan Graves | Hot Springs, AR



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 Drake Hardy | Royal, AR
 Meg Hart | Little Rock, AR
 Andrew Hassell | Tyler, TX
 Emily Hastings | Leawood, KS



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Jessica Hillyard (Jokela) TX
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 DeCarl Jones (Rowlett) TX
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 Allison King (Fort Worth) TX



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 Victoria Mantooth (Sherwood) AR
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 Nicole Mattson (Rowlett) TX



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 Shelby McWhorter (Bearden) AR
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 Jordan Miller (Rockwall) TX



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 Danielle Moses (Texarkana) AR
 Savannah Motzko (Berryville) AR



Sean Nance (Richardson) TX
 Spencer Neblett (Little Rock) AR
 Taylor Neeley (Camden) AR
 Alex Nelson (Frisco) TX
 Amanda Nitcher (McKinney) TX
 Brittany Nolan (B Dorado) AR
 Hannah Nolan (Sherwood) AR



Arthur Johnson, a senior psychology major from Rockwall, Texas, spent his summer engaging the unlovable and lending a compassionate ear.

As a counseling intern, one of Johnson's main jobs was to sit with patients and fill out paperwork before they saw a counselor. He had the opportunity to connect with people who were sick and hurting, to love them and find common ground in his life and theirs. Sometimes the conversation would revolve around something as light-hearted as a famous actor.

"I remember one guy specifically that just talked to him about Jackie Chan movies because that is his favorite actor. So for 30 minutes we sat there and that's all we talked about," Johnson said.

Johnson worked with South African AIDS and HIV patients in a hospice care center created by a non-profit organization called Genesis, which had ministries in the communities of Port Shepstone and Durban.

He went to South Africa for seven weeks as part of a five-person team that worked with the non-profit as well as the Norwegian Settler's Church, founder of Genesis. Johnson spent four or five hours each day in the clinic, shadowing the counselors who worked with patients. At first he did not think he would be able to do much hands-on work, but was able to handle the initial assessment and paperwork process. "Even though I was just asking them basic questions, I felt like I still connected with those patients to some degree," he said.

The mission of Genesis was not only to treat the sick. "The counselors, the people that ran the office, or the caretakers, like the nurses and doctors, they are all really solid Christians and their purpose of treating the patients was not solely, 'I'm going to get you healthy enough to walk out this day,'

but their goal was for everyone there to get to know Christ, so even if they weren't able to walk out physically alive, they were able to go out spiritually alive," Johnson said. "It was just cool being able to be a part of that."

Johnson began looking for an internship after developing an interest in prison counseling. He had an internship in Dallas lined up for the summer, but had also been asked to go to South Africa and work with Genesis. When thinking about going to South Africa, he hesitated. At that time, he was not aware that he would have the opportunity to do counseling in South Africa and felt like the internship in Dallas would be more beneficial. However, when it took only four days for him to raise the \$4,000 necessary to go on the trip, he realized that it was an opportunity that he could not miss. On top of the way the funds rolled in, Johnson found out the week before he left that he would be able to intern with the counselors at the hospice facility.

"It was really a last minute thing, but I mean it just worked out. And it was just honestly a blessing in every way, shape, and form," Johnson said.

Johnson's interest in counseling prisoners was similar to the work that he did in South Africa, in that both involved serving people who were at the very bottom of society. Though as Americans we might not have thought of AIDS victims as the "scum of society," Johnson said that many times in the Zulu culture, AIDS victims were social outcasts. He saw many examples of the



Zulu culture including one teenage girl who had contracted AIDS after being raped and as a result her family completely wrote her off. Through the harsh social stigmas, Johnson was amazed at the genuine, unconditional love that the two Zulu counselors showed to the patients.

"I have never seen God's love displayed in such a real way up until last summer. I think as Americans we can say, 'I'm going to go feed these homeless people or I'm gonna go rake this person's yard, and that's great and all, but how much love does that require of us to do these things?'" Johnson said.

Johnson's main take away was learning how to better love all types of people, from his team members to the hospice staff, to the patients he worked with.

"Just to experience what it means and what it looks like to truly love on all types of people no matter what their problem was, but just loving on them, no matter what. It's something that I don't think I have done perfectly by any means, but honestly, I feel like it's a little bit easier to love on the people that it is hardest to love on, whether it be someone in class, one of my neighbors, or a complete stranger, taking myself outside of the center role and just showing Christ's love in any way possible."

by Bethany Peevy

Hein Hillmer

Who would ever have imagined that the American dream of success, prominence and possibility could come to life for an African city-boy living in small town Arkadelphia?

Hein Hillmer, a senior mass communications major from Part Elizabeth, South Africa, was not only in countless photo shoots, modeling events and a movie during his college years, but he also spent his summer break in New York working at an international modeling and talent conference.

"We were flooded with American culture in South Africa, and although I only started professional modeling in ninth grade, I have always aspired to one day travel and pursue the American Dream," Hillmer said.

Hillmer said that Ouachita had constantly prepared him for the professional world. "I love how OBU has professors with hands-on experience, who didn't just get stuck as teachers, but genuinely want to push their students to go as far as they can. And because they're experienced experts in their fields, they have real contacts and will point you in the right direction," he said.

Although Hillmer was happy simply working toward his major, he wanted more prospects and familiarity for his future profession. One day while watching TV in his Anthony dorm room he saw a commercial for a modeling agency in Little Rock called Excel Models and Talent. He sent in an email with some portfolio pictures and three weeks later he received a package in the mail with all the information he would need in order to work for their company. He preformed everything they required, and the rest is history. "I simply wanted help in developing my skills and abilities. Excel has not only helped my skills, but has given me countless opportunities to utilize them," Hillmer said.

Soon after signing with Excel, they informed Hillmer of an independent film titled "Sons and Fathers," which was sponsored by National Geographic and was to be filmed in Little Rock. When Hillmer went to the casting, there was no role suited for him. However, a week later he was informed that a role was to be written into the script specifically for him. The film was available on Amazon, Netflix and iTunes.

Hillmer was also given the opportunity to attend the IMTA (International Modeling & Talent Association) conference in both Los Angeles and New York. This conference assisted celebrities like Ashton Kutcher, Katie Holmes and Jessica Biel establish their careers.

Because Hillmer was a South African and German dual citizen, he could not legally obtain a paycheck. "As a result, Excel decided to make a business deal," Hillmer said. "They completely sponsored both trips to Los Angeles and New York so that I could help promote Excel's name and business as a staff member, and I in turn, would receive credentials like experience and contacts."

During the conference, smaller company personnel networked with the larger, established agency recruiters. Hillmer said, "I not only would market Excel models competing in the conference, but I was allowed to promote myself as well."

Many celebrities were there to motivate and instruct those competing in the conference. "It was inspiring to hear encouragement from individuals who are thriving in the industry and who know what it takes to succeed in the business," Hillmer said.

Although Hillmer encountered many public figures during the conference, he had two favorites with whom he became well acquainted. The first was Tom Logan, a producer and director for Paramount



Pictures. The second was Paul Weber, an actor, producer and director for movies such as "Stargate," "Spartacus," "Total Recall" and "Legally Blande." Hillmer said, "Not only were they incredibly well known, but they were also just genuinely good, realistic guys."

Hillmer said that Logan and Weber had given him the greatest advice regarding getting into the profession. "There's always a flight to L.A. so don't pack up and leave your home if you have nothing waiting for you. Everybody thinks they're the next Ryan Gosling, but in this industry you have to

balance the ability to be hopeful and the ability to be realistic."

Directly after advising him on level-headedness, both men offered him internships in public relations at their companies with promising career propositions.

After working in diverse social media roles, Hillmer had something to say about himself. "I'm definitely not your next GQ model, that's for sure, but I'm real. And something I've noticed in my brief time working is that although looks capture attention, character keeps attention. So it's important to work on both."

by Bekah Hill



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 Michelle Oliva | Hot Springs, AR
 Trey Oliveto | Secoy, AR
 Ian Olmsted | Perryville, AR
 Kaylee Parrott | Oconee, GA
 Emma Patterson | Garland, TX



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 Bethany Peavy | Rogers, AR
 Michelle Perez | Marabou, Venezuela
 Katie Pesek | Texarkana, TX
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 Lee-Anne Polk | Greenville, TX
 Sarah Pollock | North Richland Hills, TX



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 Dawson Pritchard | Denton, TX
 Jala Rainey | Little Rock, AR
 Jacob Ramaly | Longview, TX
 Matt Ray | Plano, TX
 Chris Redmon | Little Rock, AR
 Shelby Reed | North Little Rock, AR



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 Tyler Robinson | White Hall, AR
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 Joel Rogier | Glen Carbon, IL
 Kayla Roop | Moundville, AR
 Tyler Rosenthal | Little Rock, AR
 Chris Ross | Wynne, AR



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 Becca Rutherford | Bay, AR
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 Wayne Smith | Texarkana, TX
 Zach Smith | Batesville, AR



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 Bret Steed | Abbe, OK
 Jason Stevenson | Guy, AR
 Jessica Stewart | Mansfield, TX
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 Kelly Strickland | Arkadelphia, AR

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 Blaine Surber | Sulphur Springs, TX
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 Kaley Thompson | Hensley, AR
 Mary Lacey Thomson | Plano, TX
 Marissa Thornberry | Mabelvale, AR



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 Ryan Tibbets | Scurry, TX
 Carrington Tillery | Lonsdale, AR
 Charles Tillery | Lonsdale, AR
 Rachel Timokhins | Moberly, AR
 Jacob Tinklenberg | Adlington, TX



Alex Trevino | Hughes Springs, TX
 J.D. Trevino | Hughes Springs, TX
 Molly Anne Turner | Sherwood, AR
 Katie Vaughn | Hot Springs, AR
 Kirby Von Edwins | Little Rock, AR
 Jonathan Waddell | North Little Rock, AR



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 Davis Ward | Little Rock, AR
 Rebekah Ward | Little Rock, AR
 Tanner Ward | Benton, AR
 Natalie Way | England, AR
 Logan Webb | Benton, AR



Garet West | Bolivar, MO
 Lauren West | Hot Springs, AR
 Kacey Westerman | Royal, AR
 Alyssa White | Tyler, TX
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 Garrett Whitehead | Cleburne, TX



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 Bobby Williams | Tuttle, OK
 Rachel Williams | Sherwood, AR
 Stephen Williams | Roland, AR
 Cami Willis | Flower Mound, TX



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 Holly Wray | Eads, TN
 Justin Young | Springdale, AR
 Rebecca Zandstra | St. Charles, MO



Carrington Tillery



"I want to be you. I want to take care of you like they way you take care of me," said Toni after she was asked what she wanted when she grew up.

Toni took part in the Big Brother Big Sister program, sponsored by Campus Ministries. Carrington Tillery, a senior business management and marketing and political science major from Hot Springs, was Toni's Big Sister for four years.

"The time spent investing in Toni has been worth every second," Tillery said.

Big Brother Big Sister was an opportunity for students to serve in the community. Students were assigned an underprivileged child in the Arkadelphia community.

Fifty-three students were enrolled in the program. Kendall Calvert, assistant director of Campus Ministries, said that there was a need for more Big Brothers. At the time there were 13 unpaired little brothers, awaiting their opportunity.

"When I first heard about the program I thought, 'Oh that would be great. I love kids,'" Tillery said.

Later, she went to an interest meeting where she found out how the kids needed stability.

"I knew it was something I wanted to do, but I had no idea what I was getting myself into," Tillery said.

The first time Toni and Tillery spent time together was at a Christmas party where they painted ornaments.

"I remember the first time we hung out. She was super excited and nervous all at the same time, and so was I," said Tillery. "She put the paint in her mouth when we were decorating them. I thought I was the worst big sister ever. It was all okay. I still have the ornaments to this day. Toni and I

put them on the tree together as a memory," Tillery said.

Tillery knew from the beginning that she needed to build a relationship with not only Toni, but her mom as well.

"It was hard at first. She was pretty stand-off-ish. However, now I find her confiding in me when Toni has bad grades or misbehaves," said Tillery. "I like having that bond."

Tillery was able to see a lot of change in Toni through the years. She saw the change through her actions, being respectful, using her manners, helping her younger siblings and excelling in school.

"She gets so excited to tell me about her good grades or how she helped her siblings that week," said Tillery. "I love hearing those things."

Tillery understood the importance of her conversations and time spent with Toni.

"Halfway through my time of hanging out with Toni I would find myself crying after I dropped her off," said Tillery. "I just didn't want my time with her to end. The time I have with her needs to be meaningful. I share with her about my relationship with Christ and she does the same. Nine years of age may seem young, but you would be amazed to see what she understands," Tillery said.

Through the years Tillery's role with Toni switched from a fun big sister to more of a mentor.

"I spoil her all the time, but we still are learning life lessons," said Tillery.

She made it a point to have fun, but also have serious moments. Tillery said she would call herself a "Big Sister Mentor."

Tillery admitted that it was hard sometimes. She would be pouring into Toni, but she wouldn't always see a reward from it.

"There were times that I didn't want to go get her, but I had to push through anyway. Toni is my little sister none the less, she needs that stability," Tillery said.

When Tillery got engaged she knew she wanted Toni to be a part of her big day.

"I picked her up from school one day and brought her a flower. I told her that I had gotten engaged and then I asked her if she would want to be a flower girl," said Tillery. "She said yes and we just hugged for a few minutes after."

Tillery knew that her time with Toni was coming to an end. During the last of their time together, Tillery taught Toni how to write letters.

"I have stationary to give her so she can write me," Tillery said.

She also made Toni a scrapbook. It was filled with pictures and memories that they shared.

"Big Brother Big Sister is a very selfless thing that is very worth it," Tillery said. "I want to keep my relationship with Toni forever."
by Hailee Bezet

Jacob Catlett

Christian Studies & Pre-theology major



Involvement | Kappa Chi Men's Social Club President, OSF Special Events Committee, Student Senate Treasurer, Campus Ministries Men's Discipleship Co-leader, EEE Beau

PostGrad | "I plan to enter missions, teaching or ministry."



Amy Campbell

Business major



Involvement | ElderServe, Member of The Women of EEE - chapter, WOW steering committee, FFG Ministry Leader & mom, TranServe, Intramural Sports

Brags | President's List, Dean's List, OSF Scholarship Recipient, Jones Science Center Edna Linn Scholarship Recipient, Freshman Class Homecoming Representative, ElderServe Award, Tiger Tracks 3rd place award

PostGrad | "I plan to become a dentist."

Michelle Perez

Business Administration & Political Science major

Involvement | Hickingthorn School of Business Student Advisory Board, International Club President, International Food Festival - student director, Donors Banquet Volunteer Coordinator, International Student Recruiter, ENACTUS

Brags | President's List, Beta Gamma Sigma, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, International Service Award

PostGrad | "I plan to enter the field of international relations and diplomacy as an ambassador for an IGO, since I would like to be involved in economic development of third world countries."



Will Wooten

Biology major & Chemistry minor

Involvement | Kappa Chi Men's Social Club Special Events Director, Vice President, Ouachita Student Foundation Co-chair of Fundraising and Finance, Refuge Band Bass Guitar Section Leader

Brags | President's List, Dean's List, Walker Pre-Med Scholarship, J.D. Patterson Summer Research Fellowship

PostGrad | "I will be attending Southern College of Optometry next fall in Memphis, Tenn., to pursue a career in optometry."



Johanna Casey

Kinesiology major & Spanish minor

Ryan Strebeck

History & Spanish major

Involvement | The Men of Kappa Chi Tiger Times Director, EEE Beau, College Republicans, Student Senate, Alpha Chi, Tiger Times Host

Brags | President's List, Dean's List, Spanish Major of the Year 2013

PostGrad | "I plan to attend medical school and eventually become a surgeon."



Involvement | Lady Tigers Soccer, Off The Broadway Drama Team, CM, Noonday Ministry Leader, Campus Ministries Women's Discipleship Leader, International Club, CM Tiger Times Music Director, Concert Choir, OBU Women's Chorus, FFG mom, Intramurals

Brags | NSCAA Women's Team Academic Award, President's List, Dean's List, Healthy Relationships Women's Panel, International Photography Contest Winner, 2013 Homecoming Queen

PostGrad | "I want to mold young minds and inspire creative imaginations through early childhood education."



Kelsie Frisbie

Early Childhood Education

Rusty Butler

Involvement | FFG dad, CM Tiger Tunes Music Director and Head Keyboard Player, Refuge Keyboard Player, NSR leader, NSR leader, International Club, Chapel Worship Leader

Brag | Dean's List, President's List, Tiger Network Leadership Award, Friends of the Fine Arts Scholarship, Queen Piano Competition Assembly Mention

PostGrad | "I plan to work full time in music ministry."

Involvement | FFG Mom, Veritas leader, Cross Country, CM Tiger Tunes, Intramurals, Tiger Serve Day, The Epsilon Kappa

Brag | Runner of the Year 3 years, GAC cross country 2nd team all-conference, President's List, GAC Academic Team

PostGrad | "I plan to enter the female student ministry."



Justin Young

Management & Business Administration major



Jenna Hurst

Christian Studies & Spanish major



Involvement | Student Senate, Freshman Class President, Sophomore Class President, Student Senate-President & Chairman of Finance Committee, Beta Beta - Pledge Class President - Special Events Coordinator - Secretary - Vice President, ENACTUS Officer, Project leader for Honduras project, Hickingbotham School of Business Student Advisory Board, Arv Investment Fund Management Team

Brag | President's List, Dean's List

PostGrad | "My fiancé and I plan to get married in July of 2014. We plan to open, operate, and manage a coffee shop in Fayetteville, Ark., that can be franchised over time. We will import coffee from around the world, and portion of our profits will go back to different orphanages around the world. The end goal is to have multiple stores, and be able to build an orphanage one day."

Emily Anderson

Psychology major

Involvement | CA Tiger Tunes Leadership Team, RA, Intramurals

Brag | President's List, Alpha Chi



Gareth West

Mass Communications major

Involvement | Tiger Serve Day leadership team, Tiger Tunes host, senior class president, intramurals, Backyard Bible Club, Campus Ministries, Operation Christmas Child fundraisers, Big Brother Big Sister

Brag | President's List, Dean's List



David Sypult

Accounting & Business Administration major

Involvement | OSE Hickingbotham Student Advisory Board, Ouachita Student Ambassador Program for the Chamber of Commerce, President - Alpha Chi, Enactus High School Tutor Program Project Leader

Brag | Alpha Chi, Presidential Service Award

PostGrad | "I have taken a full-time position with Ernst and Young as a staff auditor in their Rogers office to begin in fall of 2014."



Bushey

Early Childhood Education major

Involvement | Women of EEE, OSF, Panhellenic Council - Vice President, Veritas Discipleship Small Group Leader, FFG Mom

Braggs | Ouachita Scholars, Paul E. Kannis Scholarship, Michael A. Davis Scholarship

PostGrad | "I plan to be kindergarten teacher."



Involvement | Tiger Serve Leadership Team, Student Senate - Sophomore, Junior & Senior Class Vice President, Tri Chi Beau, New Student Retreat Steering Committee, Eddie Ary Student Investment Fund, Enactus, OSF Communications Director & Student Recruitment Committee, FFG, CM Tiger Team Finance Director, Men's Disciplined Student Dining Committee, Learning & Technology Committee

Braggs | 125th Presidential Service Award, Dean's List, Henry D. Post Scholarship, Ouachita Student Foundation Scholarship

PostGrad | "My immediate plans are to take the CPA exam and begin a career as a business analyst at the Wal-Mart headquarters in Benton, Arkansas."

Carli Sasser

Classical Music Education major

Involvement | Sweet-heart for The Men of Eta Alpha Omega, President of Ouachita Singers, Campus Ministries Tiger Tunes

Braggs | First runner up for Homecoming 2013, Tiger Tunes Hostess for 2012

PostGrad | "I want to be an elementary music teacher. I love kids and want to teach them to love music. But I may want to travel for a little while first."



Tim Horton

Chemistry and Physics major

Involvement | American Chemical Society - Special Events Coordinator, OSF, Alpha Chi - President

Braggs | 1st place at Regional IDEA conference, Moses-Provine Outstanding Senior in Chemistry, Rowland Memorial Outstanding Senior in Physics, 1st place Chemistry presentation at Alpha Chi National Convention, Presidential Service Award, Freshman Chemistry Award, President's List

PostGrad | "I plan to pursue a PhD in Chemistry or Biochemistry and establish my own research lab in the biomedical sciences."



Mary Rachel Wolf

Biology major & Chemistry minor

Involvement | OBU Women's Tennis Team, Women of EEE, Backyard Bible club, FFGnom, American Chemical Society

Braggs | ITA Scholar Athlete Award, President's List, Dean's List, JD Patterson research grant

PostGrad | "I plan on attending physician assistant school and becoming a PA."



Involvement | FFG Ministry Leader and dad, Eta Alpha Omega Social Director, America Counts Tutor, Student Senate, Big Brother Big Sister, Enactus, intramurals, Tiger Tunes, TigerTraks

Braggs | Dean's List, President's List, George Fay Young Scholarship, Victorian Martin Scholarship, Charles R. Baker Scholarship, OSF Scholarship

PostGrad | "After graduation, I plan to move to Northwest Arkansas and hopefully gain employment at a Fortune 500 company."



Jake Coffman

Music major & Music Communications minor



Clay McKinney

Management and Finance major

Kristen Barnard



Involvement | Cheerleading, Women of UCA, Public Relations Chair of Student Senate, Photo Editor for Ouachita, Elderserve, Presentation Team Director in Enactus, Boys and Girls Club project in Enactus, campus photographer, Homecoming Committee, Campus Ministries, Tiger Times, Intramural team, Tele-counseling for Admissions Office, Phoneathon caller

Braggs | Dean's List, multiple photography awards from the Arkansas College Media Association, elected to Homecoming Court

PostGrad | "I'm getting married! We are most likely moving to North-west Arkansas and buying a coffee shop to run, eventually intersecting it with missions, importing from overseas and giving a percentage of the profits to orphanages around the world."

Involvement | Ouachita Singers, Concert Choir, Ouachita Sounds, Tiger Times Director of CA, Tiger Times Host, OSF, CAB, Ouachitanian Facebook Staff

Braggs | Dean's List

PostGrad | "My plan after graduation is to either attend a graduate school for music business, or move to Nashville, Little Rock, or Northwest Arkansas to pursue a career in music."



Involvement | Soccer Team Captain, Enactus -vice president, Refuge speaker, EEE, Beau

Braggs | All conference academic soccer team 2010, 2011

PostGrad | "I begin work for the accounting firm BKD after graduation."

Jared Carlin



Amelia Lindsey



Involvement | Alpha Chi Honor Society, Women of EEE, Kappa Chi Little Sis, Former OSF member, Mat Maids, Student HPAC member 2014, American Chemical Society

Braggs | President's List, Dean's List, Governor's Distinguished Scholar

PostGrad | "I plan to pursue a career in dentistry."

Logan Web

Director | Studies major & Spanish minor

Involvement | Member of Eta Alpha Omega, FFG dad, Intramurals, Theta Alpha Kappa

Braggs | President's List, Dean's List

PostGrad | "I plan on going to seminary at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and pursuing a career in international church planting."



Megan Scarbrough

Biology major & Chemistry minor

Involvement | Student Senate - Secretary & at Large Position 3, Freshman Class Treasurer, The Women of EEE Sergeant At Arms, American Chemical Society, Enactus, JD Patterson Summer Research Program

Braggs | Richard H. Brown Scholarship Award for Biology, Edna Lin Scholarship

PostGrad | "I hope to go on to medical school at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. I plan on becoming a physician."



Asaf Moreno

Spanish & English major

Involvement | International Club, Eta Alpha Omega Men's Social Club, Tri Chi beau, CAB, Tiger Times

Braggs | Dean's List

PostGrad | "I plan to pursue a career as an interpreter or a translator. If that doesn't work I'd like to teach Spanish or ESL at a college level."



Barret Burger

Biological major
 Involvement | Student Senate Internal Vice-President, Beta Beta Beta Men's Social Club Vice-President, OSF Student Ambassador to the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce

Braggs | Dean's and President's Lists

PostGrad | "I plan to attend medical school upon graduation."



Hannah Bridges



Involvement | Tri Chi Women's Social Club, Kappa Chi Lil' Sis, OSF Sigma Tau Delta, Theta Alpha Kappa International Club, Pruet Sisterhood, FFG, Women's Discipleship

Braggs | Dean's List, President's List

PostGrad | "I would like to pursue higher education and then have a career teaching high school English."

Tim Ferris

Business Administration major
 Involvement | Ouachita Swimming, Hickingbotham School of Business Student Advisory Board, International Club Treasurer, Alpha Chi

Braggs | President's List, Two-time Academic All American, Three-time Academic All Conference, Division II National Champion 200 free relay team

PostGrad | "I hope to attend the 2016 Olympics for swimming, then MBA studies, social and environmental enterprise, and bi-vocational ministry."



Tori Abellera

Mass Communications major & Business minor
 Involvement | Ouachitonian Yearbook Staff Advertising Section Editor, The Signal Staff Writer, Comic Artist, OSF, Women of Chi, Rho Phi Tiger Times Director, IABC, Student Senate, VP of the Class of 2014

Braggs | Dean's List, Yearbook Academic Layout Honorary Mention, Yearbook Academic Spread, Third Place

PostGrad | "In the long run, I want to be a Director of Communications for a fun and unique brand that would be extraordinarily interesting to represent."



Ellen Eubanks

Laura Strossner

Biological major
 Involvement | Women of Tri Chi VP, OSF, Tri Beta, Alpha Chi, WOW leader, J.D. Patterson Summer Research Fellowship

Braggs | Walker Pre-Med Scholarship, President's, Dean's List, first place presentation in the cancer session at the regional IDeA Conference

PostGrad | "Next year I will be going into my first year of optometry school. I will be attending Southern College of Optometry in Memphis."



Involvement | OSF President, Student Recruitment Committee Co-Chair, Kappa Chi Men's Social Club Parliamentarian, Secretary, Vice-President, Special Events Director

Braggs | Alpha Chi, President's List, Dean's List

PostGrad | "I plan to attend medical school at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and receive my M.D."



Kirby Von Edwin

Michael Crowe



Involvement | Eta Alpha Omega Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, Two-Term President, Enactus Presentation Team Orator, Enactus Entrepreneurial Advisor, Clark Chamber of Commerce Advisor, OSF Senior Member, Hockingbtham School of Student Advisor

Braggs | Dean's List, Presidential Award

PostGrad | "After graduation, I plan to attend law school where I will focus on corporate law with an emphasis in mergers & acquisitions."

Involvement | Co-editor for Sigma Delta Delta, Assistant Director for Student Recreation, Alpha Chi, Honors Program, Philosophy Club, Internals

Braggs | President's List, Louise Bennett Scholarship Outstanding Junior English Major

PostGrad | "I would like to write or..."



Involvement | Refuge Speaker, Tiger Times Host, Student Senate, Member of Eta Alpha Omega

Braggs | Sophomore Ministerial Award, Robert Staggs New Testament Greek Award, Theta Alpha Kappa, Alpha Chi

PostGrad | "I would like to become a head pastor or a university professor of Theological and Biblical Studies."

Kyle Fischer



Involvement | Women's Discipleship, Tri Chi Women's Social Club, Tri Chi Homecoming Representative Sophomore Year, President of Theta Alpha Kappa, National Honors Society for Religious Studies & Theology Big Sister Big Brother, Campus Ministries Leader for FAITH Evangelism Ministry, Pruet Sisterhood Mentorship Program

Braggs | T. J. Connell Communicating the Gospel Teaching Award, Outstanding Student in Christian Ministries Award, President's List & Dean's List

PostGrad | "I plan to pursue women's ministry with primary interest in biblical teaching & discipleship."

Grant Novak

Involvement | Eta Alpha Omega Spiritual Director, International Club, Men's Discipleship

PostGrad | "I plan to start church planting through the North American Mission Board or the Evangelical Covenant Church. My desire is to plant effective Kingdom gospel-centered churches in Chicago, Ill."



Hunter Threadgill



Involvement | Eta Alpha Omega, Spiritual Director, Social Director, Assistant Resident Director, Student Judicial Council on Academic Honor, Association for Psychological Science, Student Affiliate, Research Assistant, Psi Chi President, Social Chair, Intramurals, Christian Focus Week Leadership Team, Healthy Relationships Week Leadership Team, FFG Dad, Philosophy Club, Honors Program, Backyard Bible Club

Braggs | Honors Research Grant, President's List, Zeitgeist Award, Psychology Faculty Award, Alpha Chi

PostGrad | "I plan on pursuing my Ph.D in psychology."



Ashley Briggs



Involvement | Onachita Singers, The Women of Tri Chi, Refuge Band, OSF

Braggs | James Harrison Scholarship, Dean's list, Tiger Network scholarship, Vocal Music scholarship

PostGrad | "I plan to work in student ministry and serve as a worship intern at Fellowship Bible Church of Little Rock."

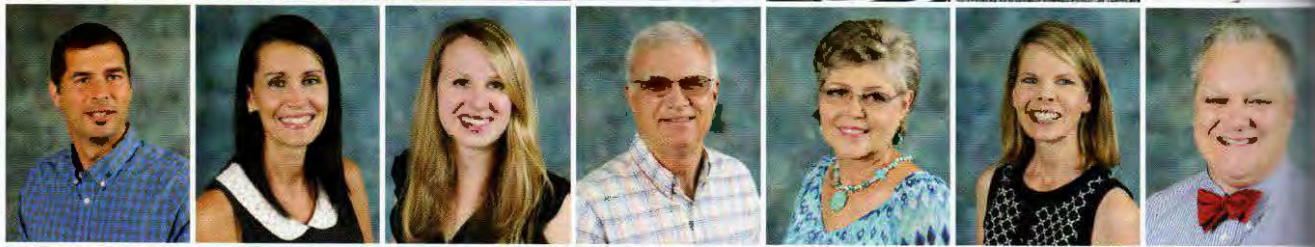


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Christian Studies major & Psychology minor

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of Payne Chair of Chemistry



Mark McGraw



What did Greece, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Mexico, Panama, Spain, Ecuador, Bolivia and Colombia have in common? Dr. Mark McGraw. The foreign language program said *bienvenido* to McGraw as a new Spanish professor, who brought with him 20 years of experience serving in 35 different countries with the US Marine Corps.

"I was 12 years old when I read a book in the junior high library about Marines during World War II. I remember thinking, 'Wouldn't it have been cool to be one of those guys and lived,'" McGraw said about when he first decided he wanted to join the Marines.

It was after joining the Marine Corps that McGraw was deployed to places like the Western Pacific, the Middle East, Europe and various locations across Latin America. He and his family then faced the sacrifices that come with military service.

"I almost missed my wedding in 1988 after my stay in Honduras was extended," McGraw said. "But she understood that it's just one of the sacrifices that come with being a Marine."

McGraw and his wife Mrs. Margaret McGraw, assistant athletic director, had their relationship tested again after the arrival of their two sons.

"Fortunately, our children were born when I was home," McGraw said. "Being apart just makes you appreciate each other more when you're together. I just remember being separated, wishing I could be back just to change a dirty diaper."

It was during his deployment to Honduras in 1989 that McGraw developed a personal interest in the Spanish language.

"I found myself faced with a level of poverty there that I had not anticipated," McGraw said. "I remember thinking that the problems I was seeing were not military problems, and maybe as a military guy, I could help those countries' militaries deal with those problems, but not without the

language."

Despite McGraw's interest, he had never taken a Spanish class before and had very little experience learning the language. McGraw, however, decided to travel to Guatemala to undergo immersion training.

"I sat down with a native speaker who quickly went through all of the grammar with me and found out that I didn't know much of anything," McGraw said.

According to McGraw, he went through two years' worth of Spanish class in just eight weeks.

"It was challenging and sometimes frustrating, because language takes a little time for the paint to dry before you apply another coat," McGraw said. "It was humiliating to ask questions in town and sound like an idiot, but it made me more attuned to a foreigner's experience in a different country."

McGraw spent the remaining years of his career in the Marines traveling around Latin America. He even brought his wife and two sons with him during his two-year stay in Chile as an exchange officer in the Chilean Marine Corps.

"Chile was a good experience for them because they saw what it was like to live in another person's culture and be the odd man out," McGraw said. "Those two years made me thankful for how the Chileans treated us and how happy they were when I threw my whole self into an activity. When you do that, you validate another person's culture."

McGraw described one instance in which he developed a deeper appreciation for the Chilean people and their culture. "There was an episode where we had a really bad house fire. The ones that helped us the most were the Chileans," McGraw

said. "I will never forget that level of care."

After returning from Latin America, McGraw began auditing Spanish classes at Texas A&M to retain the language. The instructors he witnessed there helped him see that Spanish was something he was really passionate about.

"I remember praying and asking God what I should do next in life," McGraw said. "Then I realized that I was praying in Spanish."

Those experiences were what influenced his next adventure of teaching Spanish. McGraw's military service and travels also tied into how he presented the material to his students.

"I teach a lot of my own experiences in the classroom," McGraw said. "My stories make the grammatical concepts stickier

because they're real stories that actually happened. I was armed with a whole bunch of exposure to Spanish-speakers, Spanish language, Hispanic heritage and Latin American culture—all of these opportunities afforded to me because I was a Marine."

McGraw's goal was to equip his students and make them "confident and capable" Spanish-speakers. Through his travels and service in foreign countries with the Marines, McGraw gave students real and practical lessons from first-hand experience with the traditions, values and customs of other cultures.

Charolette Allison

Jan. 1, 1986, Charolette Allison started work as then president Dr. Daniel Grant's receptionist. Twenty-eight years later she was still serving in the president's office as the executive secretary to President Rex Horne.

While first serving as Grant's receptionist, Allison witnessed the rebuilding of parts of campus including the library. During those years, international exchange programs were developed with other universities around the world and the honors program was strengthened. "It was an exciting time to work for the president," Allison said.

Sept. 1, 1988, Dr. Ben Elrod became president and one year later Allison became his secretary. The position brought with it the additional duties of preparing for and attending and recording minutes of the Board of Trustees' meetings in addition to day-to-day responsibilities of the President's Office.

"We all called Dr. Elrod 'Boss,' and he loved it. He was a gentle giant," Allison said.

Under Elrod's leadership, Allison saw undergraduate enrollment grow by over 30 percent. During this time, graduate programs were phased out to enable the school to concentrate on undergraduate education. There was even further development of international exchange programs through the Daniel R. Grant International Studies Program.

During the Elrod presidency, Allison saw the planning of several new building projects. "The icing on the cake for me was the renovation of Cane-Bottoms Hall that had been a residence hall for women from 1923 to 1985," Allison said.

Cane-Bottoms Hall became the home to the Grant Administration Center, replacing J.R. Grant Memorial Hall that had served as the university's administration building since 1953.

"Grant Hall was shaped like a crocker box," Allison said. "It had big windows that

were not insulated, so during the winter months the building was very cold."

Elrod also began the planning process for the CORE curriculum.

In October 1996, the Board of Trustees voted to take shared responsibility for trustee selection with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. "A very interesting time indeed," Allison said.

The Board of Trustees named Elrod Chancellor in December 1997, and Dr. Andrew Westmoreland was elected president. "Dr. Westmoreland was younger than the other presidents, and I watched him move up through the ranks of Ouachita," Allison said.

Under Westmoreland's leadership, the CORE curriculum was implemented, and the Board of Trustees approved the reorganization of the academic program into eight schools, each led by an academic dean.

June 1, 1999, an American Airlines plane crashed with members of the Ouachita Singers on board. Allison's friend, Kristin Maddox Cheng, was severely burned and spent many months recovering. Dr. Charles and Cindy Fuller's daughter, Rachel, died from her injuries. Another student, James Harrison, died trying to rescue others from the burning plane. "This event impacted the Ouachita Family as we coped with the losses and the emotions brought on by the crash and the injuries to our friends," Allison said.

Westmoreland resigned in May 2006. "The campus community had become very close to the Westmoreland family- Andy, Jeanne and Riley- and wished them well as they moved out of state after serving at Ouachita for over 25 years," Allison said.

Dr. Rex Horne became the fourth president Allison served under. "I was very nervous about who we might get to replace Andy, because I'd had these three great bosses before, and I thought oh how could we top this? And then when I learned that



Dr. Horne was being interviewed, I got very excited," Allison said.

Horne's focus was teaching students to be difference makers while in school, as well as in the years after graduating.

During this time new dorms were built, academic buildings were renovated and the

Tiger in the middle of campus was restored.

Allison was also able to get to know the first ladies and sample their home cooking. Her favorites included Mrs. Betty Jo Grant's chocolate fudge, Mrs. Betty Lou Elrod's angel food cake with seven minute

Westmoreland's brownies with Yarnell's ice cream. "Ms. Becky (Horne) makes a mean chocolate chip cookie, as many students can tell you, and wonderful homemade soups and Southern-style cornbread," Allison said.

"I can't say enough about how good all of (the presidents) have been, and if they had not been good, I probably would not still be hanging around. I've enjoyed it that much over the years, just watching them lead the school and seeing the changes that have taken place," Allison said.

by Hannah



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Mrs. Margaret McGraw | Assistant Athletic Director
Mrs. Leigh Anne McKinney | Coordinator of Public School Initiatives | Food Center
Mr. Jon Merryman | Alumni Director

Mrs. Emily Merryman | Development Office | Operations & Annual Giving
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Mr. Terry Nelson | Student Relations | Coordinator | Ed. Talent Search
Mr. Dennis Nutt | Head Men's Basketball Coach
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Justin Lsenhour



Deep brass music swirled through the hallways of the offices in the bottom floor of Mabee Fine Arts Center. Dr. Lsenhour was practicing

being second trombanist in the Arkansas Symphony meant that Lsenhour had to be up to par. Of course musically this meant practicing his pieces, but physically meant exercising the muscles in his back and his diaphragm. This required as much practice time as he

winning the spot in the symphony may be one of his proudest achievements, but it was preceded by a lifetime of devotion to music.

Justin Lsenhour, assistant professor, got his start with music during high school when many students pick up extracurricular activity that they will continue through high school. He described himself as a kid who could not find his place in athletics or in academics, but he found his place in band.

Like all the other students, the program allowed him to try all the different instruments to determine his best fit. His dreams of playing the snare drum were thrown out when it became obvious that the drum was not made for him. Instead, his director gave him a choice between clarinet and trombone. Years later Lsenhour still wondered how his life might be different had he not made the decision to play the trombone.

His extracurricular activity grew into a defining characteristic of Lsenhour's life and influenced him as a teacher later in life. He had an aptitude for the trombone and stuck with band through middle school and high school. In college, he began to perfect the craft as the discipline became much harder.

Lsenhour described music as being half

creativity and half craftsmanship. Finding the right balance between the two was the part that was often the most difficult, but enjoyable.

He spent his undergraduate studies working with a professor who focused on developing his creative skills, and his graduate school work with a professor who focused on the more structured side of the discipline. Having both sides shaped him into a well-rounded musician, able to navigate between the two aspects of music.

"Music is the greatest blend. There is a craft to what you do and there is an art to what you do. You can't really have one without the other," he said.

Lsenhour continued to grow in his skills, working with many different teachers and playing in various symphonies. Yet, Lsenhour was not afraid to break out of the orchestral scene and let loose a little.

While living in South Carolina, he toured with a Latin salsa band. Though he knew no Spanish and could not get the verbal cues from the other musicians during a show, Lsenhour said the beat of the music was all the communication he needed. He said that his funniest memory from that time was when the singer stopped her solo and turned and pointed at him in the middle of the song. He said in that instant he thought, "I don't know what that means, but I'm going to play a solo now!"

After years of pushing himself to be better by criticizing everything that came out of the bell of his trombone, Lsenhour said that he finally reached a point where he was able to feel good about any tune he played. However, this did not keep him from continuing the learning process.

"I try to teach myself how to play the

trombone every day," he said.

"The most difficult thing is sometimes just listening to myself. Being able to be still enough to just listen."

Through his journey, his passion for music always compelled him to keep pursuing the trombone. "You shouldn't just become a musician because you're good at it. Wanting to become a musician is something you have to do because you can't not do it. It's like a drug. You become addicted to it."

That same passion was what pushed him to invest in the learning of students and eventually to further his own education.

After teaching middle school band, he decided to go back to school to get his doctorate. He was compelled by a desire to create band programs that were strong and positive places for young musicians to grow and thrive. He wanted to pass on his passion for band to students and help them succeed. He said that his greatest dream for his students was to see them excel higher than he ever did.

"I really hope that they'll do things that I can't even dream of. I want to show them everything I can and they'll go out and do things that I can't even fathom. And then they can come back and show me what they can do," Lsenhour said.

by Bethany Peevy

Tom Auffenberg

1947-2013

A scholar, mentor, instructor and friend, Dr. Tom Auffenberg wore many hats. As the R. Voyt Hill professor of history and the chair of the history department, Auffenberg was a notable scholar and instructor. His ever-filled classes were evidence of his popularity on campus as students seemingly fought their way to hear his lectures and glean something from the knowledge that Auffenberg possessed. His 40-year tenure undoubtedly made an impact on the minds of students as well as the campus itself.

To Dr. Jahnnny Wink, Betty Burton Peck professor of English, Auffenberg was a brother. Wink and Auffenberg met as rookie professors in the early 70s, and their relationship grew from work colleagues to the best of friends. Wink said, "I have so many memories of him. He was so dear to me. I never have had a better friend."

Wink often wrote poems and made up myths about his friend. One of his most popular myths was about The Chinchilla, a myth created about Auffenberg. Wink said Auffenberg was "an affable, mild-mannered history teacher" on campus; however, once Auffenberg left campus, he turned into a feared mafia leader known as the Chinchilla. Such humor was a trademark of Wink and Auffenberg's relationship. In fact, Wink said that Auffenberg's humor was what initially drew the two men into such a strong friendship.

Wink said that Auffenberg was like a brother to him, and he compared the feeling of losing Dr. Auffenberg to when he thought he had lost his biological brother and mother to Hurricane Katrina. Wink said their relationship, "felt like magic to me. It truly felt like magic. It still feels like magic."

Auffenberg was not only a brother; he was a role model. Witt Wright, a junior history and philosophy major from Columbia, Mo., was spurred to do well by Auffenberg. Wright met him on his first day of class freshman year. He said, "Just about when I decided, 'You know what, I don't think college classes are going to be very exciting,' I walked into Dr. Auffenberg's World History I class, and the first thing we talked about was fossilized poop."

The acceptance and humor that Auffenberg brought to class drew students in and got them thinking about history. Wright explained that one of Auffenberg's favorite tactics to keep students engaged was assigning students a role in the history lessons he taught, such as a pope or a king. This got students thinking about what they would do in the historical situations they were learning about.

"In many ways I would consider him my academic mentor," Wright said. "He's the reason that I, you know, kind of stayed in the history program and stayed so engaged in history classes."

Paul Spann, a junior history major from Orlando, Fla., also praised Auffenberg's friendship and hospitality. Spann and several other students had the opportunity to spend time with Auffenberg at his home. Spann said, "He always invited a few of us history majors over to his house (Castle Park Monster) to watch movies and have pizza."

Most of the movies watched at these gatherings were somewhat historical, Monty Python's *Quest for the Holy Grail* being a favorite. Spann said that Auffenberg would make his guests cookies, and in return they would help him out with computer problems he was having. In addition to providing

food for his guests, Spann said Auffenberg showed his generosity by giving them nice clothes that he did not use anymore. Spann said, "Polos, jackets, pants - you name it he gave it."

The way that Auffenberg lived his life and conducted himself in the workplace not only affected his students, but also blessed the lives of his co-workers. Dr. Chris Mortenson, assistant professor of history, said, "His entire time here with me I don't think I came to work one day when he didn't make me laugh at something."

Mortenson said that Auffenberg had a "bizarrely wonderful" sense of humor and that it didn't matter how Auffenberg was feeling, he could always find a way to be something funny.

His colleagues were also captivated by his friendship. Martenson said, "I always felt like he was a ridiculously good boss and caretaker in a way."

Both Martenson and Dr. Bethany Hicks, assistant professor of history, said he was the best boss they had ever had. Hicks and Mortenson said Auffenberg cared for people and was genuinely concerned with how people were doing.

Hicks said, "He is one of these examples of somebody who just completely devotes themselves to their work and a place, not just a career, but to Ouachita."

With a pensive, and slightly sad look on her eye, Hicks spoke of the man Auffenberg was. "Somebody so completely devoted and selflessly, in a lot of ways, invested in his students. I think that's a very rare phenomenon."

by Ben Ch...



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