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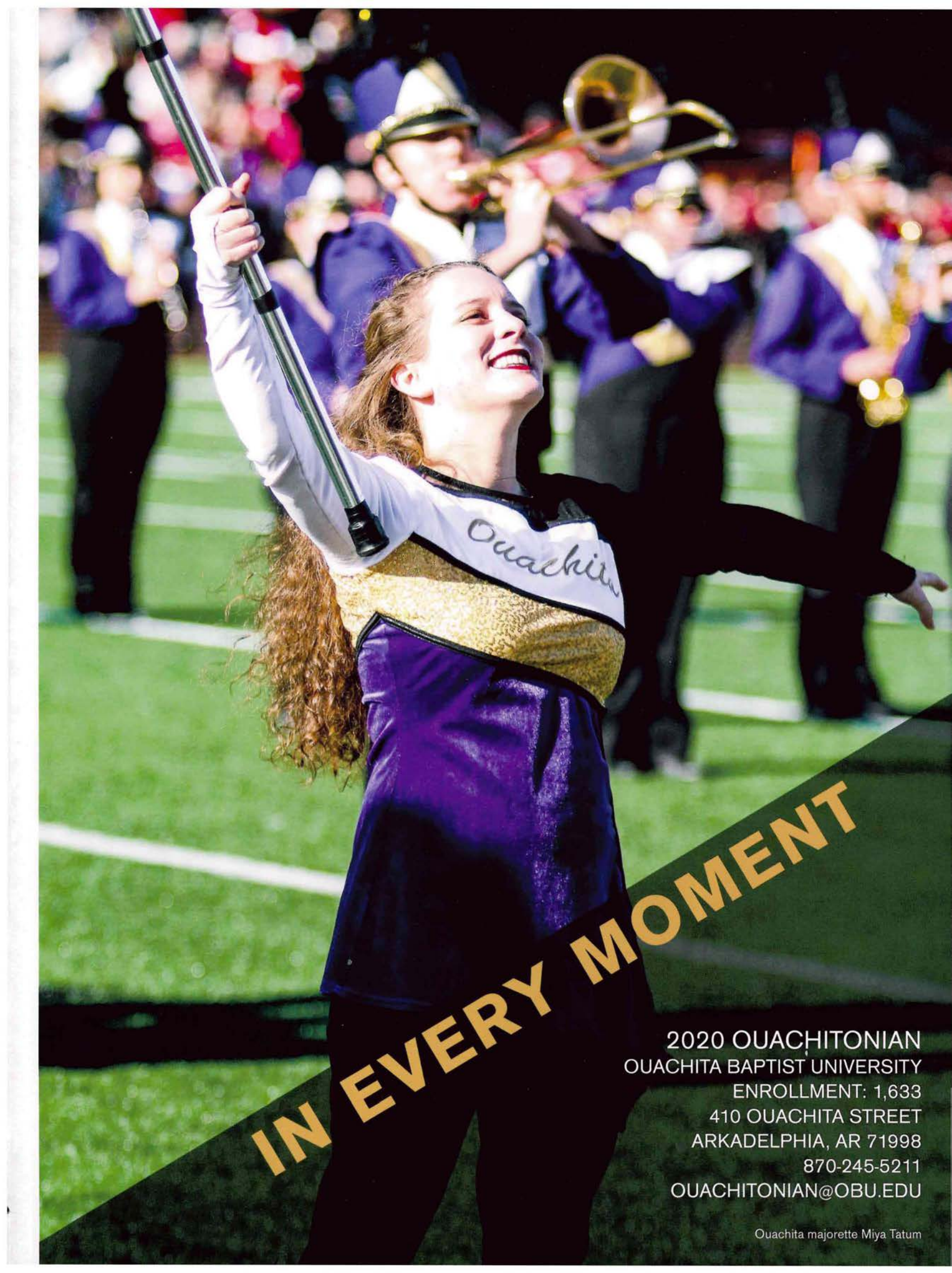
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IN EVERY MOMENT

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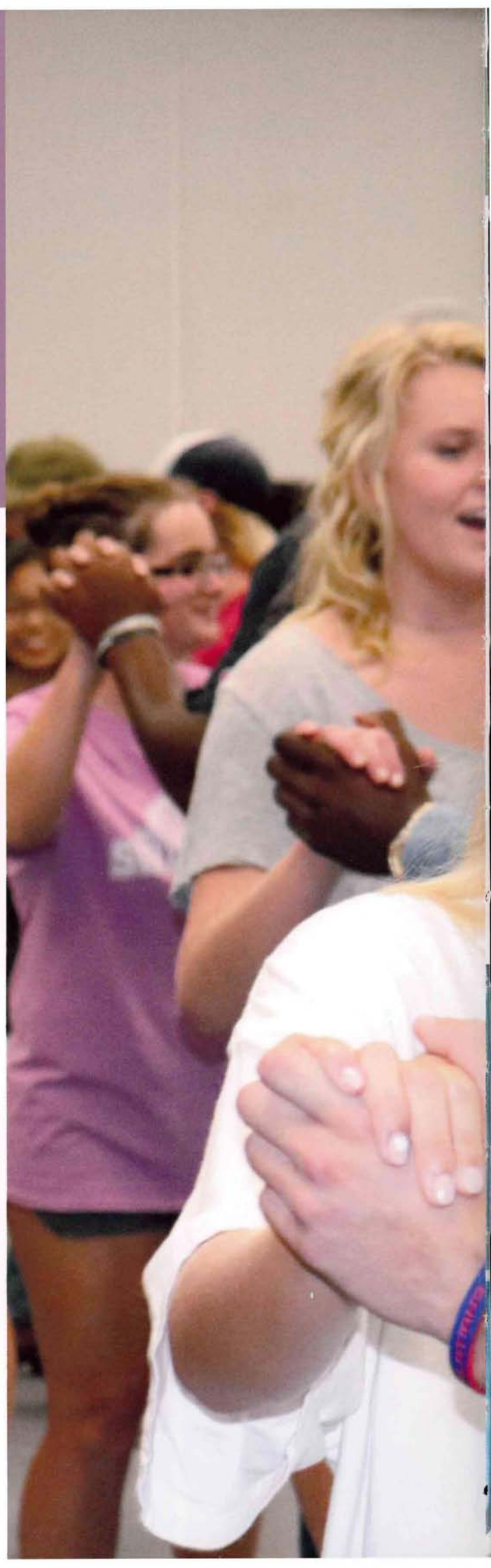
Junior Makeilah Turner and sophomore Haylee Cannon high-five during a tennis match. The women's tennis season was cut short because of the spread of Coronavirus, causing students to move back home in March.

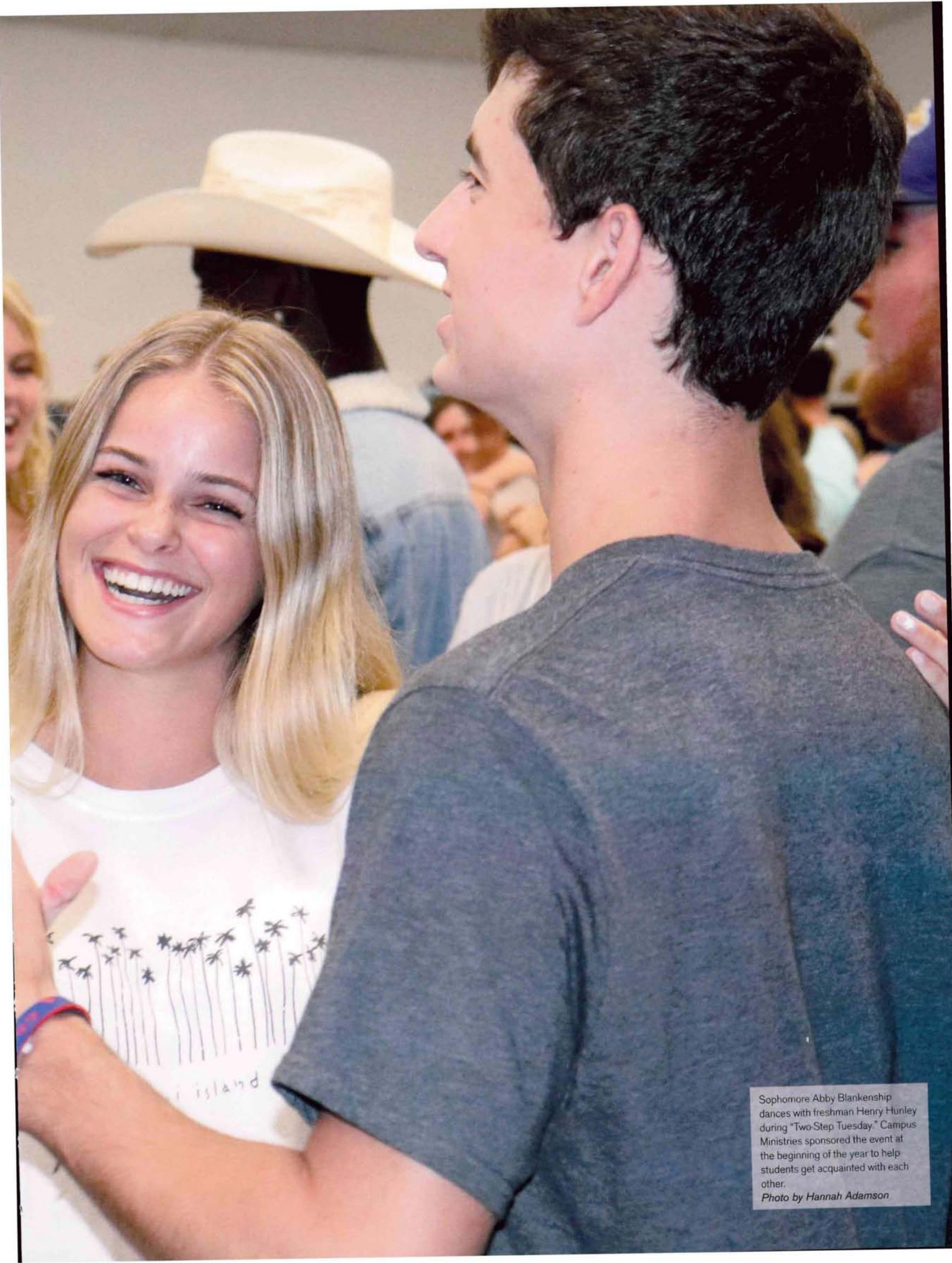
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It is the times we laughed together, that we cherish. It is the times we cried together, that we remember. It is the times we shared burdens together, that we grew. These **MOMENTS** molded us into who we are today. No matter how old you are when you read this, we all shared **MOMENTS** from our time at Ouachita – exciting moments, challenging moments, maybe some moments you wish not to remember. However, the beauty behind these *moments* we shared is that no one or nothing can take away the memories made. The people whom we met helped build what our memories are now - the friends we shared a dance floor with; the brothers and sisters we sang next to; the awkward chapel buddy; the peer that was the perfect study partner, the freshman-year roommate; the professor who never gave up on you. In every **MOMENT**, it's important to remember the details in between.

A professor once said that one of the most beautiful gifts that God gave His people is time. There is the hope of new day exemplified by a sunrise, and the rest of night revealed by a sunset. The common denominator is time. Time allows for process, which furthers growth and opportunity. As a college student, we often felt like we didn't have enough time. We didn't have enough time to finish the paper before it was due at midnight. We didn't have enough time to say good-bye when we left campus in March. On the other hand, we felt like there was too much time left. We thought to ourselves, "When will we be able to go to bed after this long night of voting during Rush week" and "when will the Zooming end?" Despite the perspective, time allows precious **MOMENTS** to turn into precious memories.






Sophomore Abby Blankenship dances with freshman Henry Hunley during "Two-Step Tuesday." Campus Ministries sponsored the event at the beginning of the year to help students get acquainted with each other.
Photo by Hannah Adamson



Ouachita students cheer on the Tiger football team during the Battle of the Ravine game against Henderson State.
Photo by Hannah Smith



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IN TIGER TUNES TO OVER 800
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THROUGH LIFE'S MEMORABLE
MOMENTS.

THAT *moment* **WE SHARED TOGETHER**
STUDENT LIFE

1. Sophomore Paige Fett enjoys a fun time with children in the Dominican Republic. She interned with Mission of Hope.

Photo by Paige Fett

2. Junior Will Guerra attends El Encierro, the running of the bulls during his summer abroad trip. Guerra took spanish classes while in Spain.

Photo by Will Guerra

3. Sophomore Tehya Hinkson and sophomore Cassidy Butcher enjoy ice cream in Siloam Springs. Both girls spent the summer working at Camp Siloam.

Photo by Cassidy Butcher

4. Sophomore Caleb West prepares to zip line across the jungle. West, along with other biomed, studied abroad in Coasta Rica.

Photo by Caleb West



THAT FRUITFUL *Moment*

"Knowing what people and God are doing in the world is important for anyone despite where you are from," said Kumpuris. "Being aware of the powers at play, and what we can be praying for and active in as Christians is important."

-Katie Kumpuris



SUMMERS OPEN FOR NEW EXPERIENCES

While summer can be a time of rest for many students, others use it as a time of adventure. Several OBU students spent their summers traveling, whether for leisure or studies. Jennifer Wallace, a junior from Cabot spent three weeks in Mantua, Italy, furthering her future career in medical science. Jennifer shadowed surgeons in a local hospital through the Atlantis Fellowship with other college students.

"I saw an advertisement for the program on Instagram and didn't really think it was legit, but I applied anyway," Jennifer said. "I ended up getting an interview which resulted in acceptance into the program."

She said she loved getting to fully embrace a new culture and watching interesting surgeries.

"I was definitely forced to grow through this experience because I had never been overseas before and I didn't know any of my fellows prior to embarking on the trip," Jennifer said. "The reward of getting to know people from across the world and actually connect with them made stepping out of my comfort zone completely worth it."

Sophomore Jack Burnham from Arkadelphia took part in a 30-year family tradition of camping in Minnesota. Burnham said his family drove 21 hours then paddled 7-8 hours from Seagull Lake to Alpine Lake. They slept in hammocks for the week and

relied completely on God-given sources of food and water.

"We take filter bags and drink from the lakes up there," Burnham said. "We catch smallmouth bass, walleye and pike." He said his favorite part about the trip was being able to do whatever he wanted every day and having a week away from worrying about his phone. This was Burnham's fourth time to embark on the family camping trip.

A senior from Jonesboro, Phoebe Huff, spent her summer traveling across the country with Fuller Center for Housing Bike Adventure. The organization was focused on combatting poverty-stricken housing. Huff traveled almost 4,000 miles in nine weeks from Seattle to D.C. as the team's intern videographer.

"Meeting so many people in so many different ways and hearing their stories of why they do this ride was really inspiring," she said.

Huff said the independence she took on as the solo videographer for the team gave her a sense of confidence heading into her career.

"I was definitely forced to grow through this experience because, I had never been overseas..."

- Jennifer Wallace

By Samantha Boyd

Junior Phoebe Huff spent her summer as a videographer and support intern for a cross country bike adventure. The team biked from Seattle to DC to raise money and awareness for poverty housing.

Photo by Phoebe Huff



THAT BITTERSWEET *Moment*

“All I was thinking was, ‘this could be my last selfie with Baba for a year.’ It’s great that I get to stay and study at OBU, but it also means that I will leave my family and friends for a long time. That’s why it’s bittersweet.”

-Saba Esho



Freshman Wade Wilson sings in karaoke the last night of WOW weekend. Freshmen celebrated being Tigers for Life at the Purple and Gold party.
Photo by Justin Trostle



1. Freshman Joshua Ray plays CanJam with a friend. Saturday was spent at DeGray Lake beach.

Photo by Danielle Sourber



2. After saying goodbye to their families, freshmen find their WOW parents. Each parent made a sign for their family.

Photo by Justin Trostle

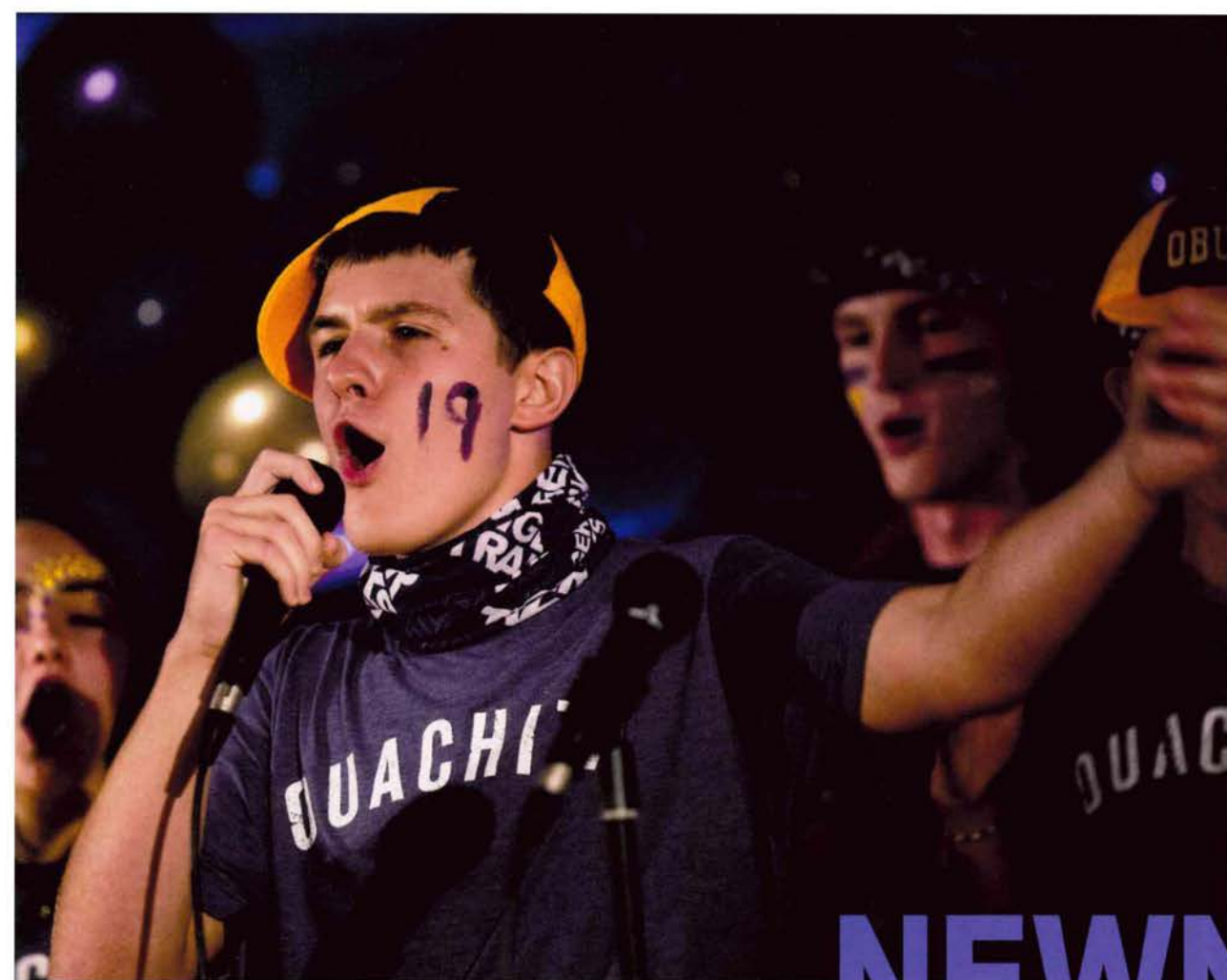
3. Sophomore Emily Tarr carries curtain rods into Francis Crawford. WOW parents helped freshmen move in.

Photo by Justin Trostle

4. President Ben Sells and his wife, Lisa, greet families at the legacy reception.

Photo by Danielle Sourber





A WEEKEND
HEAVILY
ANTICIPATED

NEWNESS

WOW, or “Welcome to Ouachita’s World” was all the talk with the incoming freshmen. This was the weekend that every new student could not wait to experience. Some had expectations, but many did not know what to anticipate.

“WOW is what we do to get students ready from transitioning from high school to college life,” said Tim Harrell, director of student life. “WOW is always really exciting, and a lot of fun. There is always good information that comes out of it. There is also a lot of silly things we do together, as well as meeting and interacting with new people.”

During this new season of life, making sure new students had an amazing orientation experience was at the top of the priority list for the student leaders and staff members that planned WOW. It was also important to make sure that Ouachita’s experience was different than any other college.

“The things that set Ouachita’s orientation apart from other schools is the duration of it, the intentionality if it and the community that comes with it,” said Harrell.

Although the office of Student Life sponsored WOW, the WOW steering committee played a substantial role in creating and executing WOW weekend. The WOW steering committee, a group of upperclassmen, helped organize events and lead students for the weekend. Not only were they in charge of planning, but also facilitating

the WOW family groups, led by “WOW parents,” more willing upperclassmen. They were very passionate about all things Ouachita, and were excited to help welcome new students to campus.

“There is a lot more meaning to WOW than just playing around with people. You get to know Ouachita, the campus, and your peers,” said Mallorie Svercauski, a senior member of the WOW steering committee and graphic design major from Hot Springs.

WOW was a weekend that freshmen will never forget, and the memories made were precious for all who were involved. It was a weekend that many people looked forward to.

“I had no idea what WOW was coming into college, and it ended up helping me understand community and what Ouachita is all about,” said Levi Dade, a freshman Christian Studies and Spanish double major from Senatobia, Miss. “The biggest thing i appreciated was watching the upperclassmen care for the freshmen, and it was really something special.”

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- Mallorie Svercauski

by Madi Darr

1. Tiger Blast performs during the Tiger Tunes show. They played songs by Queen and Demi Lovato.

Photo by Justin Trostle

2. Seniors Selby Tucker and Addy Goodman pose on the JPAC stage. Tucker served as the President of OSF and Goodman served as Tunes director.

Photo by Justin Trostle

3. Junior Abby Shourd performs during the Tunes show. Shourd was a member of the hosts and hostesses.

Photo by Justin Trostle

4. Sophomore Brennan Saunders practices his dance during rehearsal. Saunders participated in the Campus Ministries show.

Photo by Erica Wilmath



THAT REWARDING *Moment*

“Being a Tunes director (Rho Sigma, wrestlers) was so much more fun than I thought it was going to be. Developing a show from scratch, then hearing people laugh at your jokes is the most rewarding part.”

- Luke Roberson



MORE THAN JUST SINGING AND DANCING CONNECTION

Tiger Tunes was created for the purpose of bringing people together and raising scholarships for deserving students. Everyone involved in Tunes had a different role and that is what made everything run smoothly with the result of lasting friendships.

"I have gotten to see tiger tunes from all possible angles all the way from being in shows, to directing a show, and now to helping oversee the production as a whole," said Selby Tucker, senior accounting major and OSF president.

Felicia Valdez, senior psychology major from Terrell Texas, directed the Student Life show and expressed her heart about Tiger Tunes as a whole.

"I learned this year that God works a lot through tunes whether it be with friendships that we make, or the hard times that become stressful," said Valdez.

Felicia expressed that she was so thankful that she got to work with everyone involved in the Student Life show and loved getting the opportunity to direct. Tiger Tunes has always been one of the main events that freshman look forward to being a part of when they are at Ouachita. Some know about Tiger Tunes before starting college, and some do not.

Connor Bjerke, a freshman business administration major from Oak Leaf, Texas knew nothing about Tunes before coming to Ouachita and ended up having the time of his life. "Tunes was a really cool experience and I enjoyed

being in the Campus Ministries show," said Bjerke. "I got to connect with a lot of people that I had never met before and I also got to sing a solo which was super fun." Bjerke has gotten to live the ultimate Tunes experience and thinks that everyone coming into Ouachita should give Tunes a try. He expressed his excitement about some opportunities he had and his thankfulness for his directors.

"Singing a solo wasn't something that I was necessarily wanting to do, but I tried out and the next thing you know I'm walking around campus with super long hair dressed as Moses," said Bjerke. "I also appreciated that our directors actually cared about us as people, made tunes fun, and wanted to know us on a personal level."

Tunes has blessed so many and has brought about so many relationships.

Selby Tucker a senior Accounting major from Hamburg, stated that "Tunes and JPAC are home for so many people and I want that heart to stay for as long as Ouachita is here."

"I got to connect with a lot of people that I had never met before."

- Connor Bjerke

by Madi Darr

Junior, Ryan Lynch salutes his way through a winning performance. The Men of Kappa Chi won first place as the Leprechauns.
photo by Justin Trostle





Men of Rho Sigma / Wrestlers



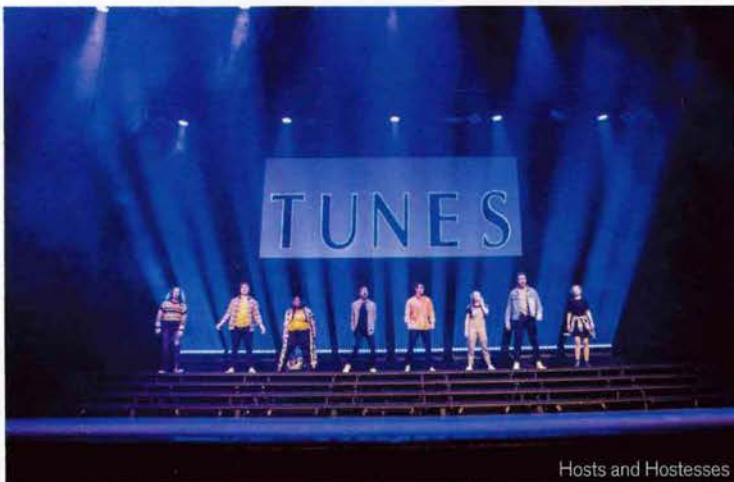
Men and Women of Campus Ministries / Time Travelers / Fourth Place



Women of Tri Chi / Diner



Men of Eta Alpha Omega / Mailmen / Third Place



Hosts and Hostesses



Women of Chi Delta / Fairies / People's Choice Award

TIGER TUNES 2019

Photos by Justin Trostle

- 784 participants

- over 8,000 tickets sold

- 600 cumulative hours practiced

- 40 judges

- Saturday early show sold out before opening to the general public

- All shows sold out before show week

- first Tunes meeting in March of 2019

- only two weeks of JPAC practices

- over \$100,000 raised for student scholarships



Men of Beta Beta / Danger Zone



Women of EEE / All-Stars / Second Place



Women of Chi Mu / Artists



Tiger Blast

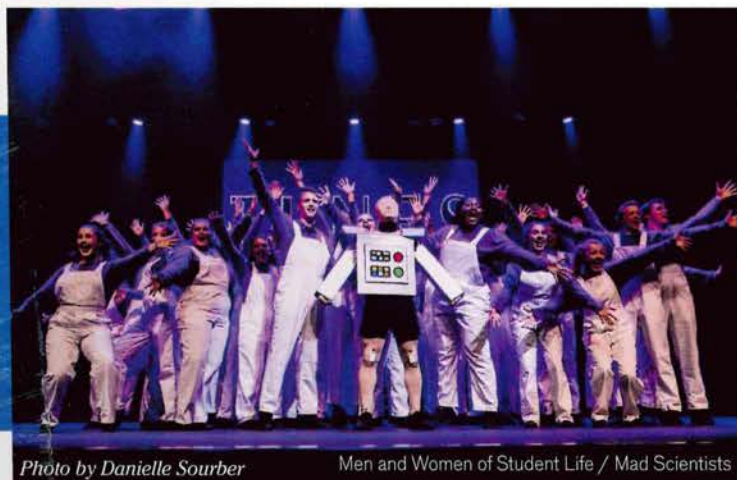


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Men and Women of Student Life / Mad Scientists



Men of Kappa Chi / Leprechauns / First Place

THAT EXCITING *Moment*

“That touchdown was in the third quarter to give us a 27-7 lead. This kind of sealed the game so I just remember being thankful to God for the team I played with. That win made us perfect halfway through the season, and from there we continued to be undefeated.”

- Brockton Brown



1. Senior Christian Gillium laughs with a Beta alumnus at Homecoming. Clubs hosted reunions in Grant Plaza.
Photo by Abby Blankenship
2. Sophomores Bailee Havener and Ashton Roots greet Gamma Phi alumni. Gamma Phi hosted its first Homecoming since being re-established as a club.
Photo by Abby Blankenship
3. Junior Elizabeth Ring and sophomore Madi Esch visit with alumni at the Tri Chi Tea.
Photo by Abby Blankenship
4. Sharing club letters, junior Abby Turner poses with her mom at the EEE Alumni Tea.
Photo by Abby Blankenship





Overcome with excitement, senior Betsy Patterson is crowned as Ouachita's Homecoming queen. Patterson was involved in many organizations on campus, including Campus Ministries.
Photo by Justin Trostle

EVENTS
HIGHLIGHT
CAMPUS

TRADITIONS

Ouachitonians came from near and far to participate in the chaos and joy that is Homecoming.

Director of Tiger Tunes for the Ouachita Student Foundation, Addy Goodman, a senior political science and mass communication double major from Arkadelphia, was in charge of ensuring the club shows were going well.

"I think this job was a gift from God, one that I wasn't expecting and one I didn't think I deserved," said Goodman. "I didn't think I was capable of doing such an important task, and so being able to hundreds of my classmates and be trusted by them left the impact of being capable and thankful."

Tiger Tunes provided a place for alumni to return and relive their college days once again.

"I think Tiger Tunes is the flagship of Homecoming weekend. I think it is the reason people come home, and that is beautiful," said Goodman.

The football team played Southeastern Oklahoma State University. The Homecoming victory continued the Tigers' undefeated season.

Hayden Waller, a junior kinesiology major from Telephone, Texas, experienced the Homecoming game personally for the first time. After being behind the starters for the last two years, playing in the game was special to him. Homecoming was especially meaningful to see a packed stadium of

students and alumni.

"We have a lot of alumni come back and watch us play," Waller said. "We wanted to show how hard we worked for the win."

The club alumni events were designed for alumni to come back and enjoy socializing, eating, and fellowshipping before the football game. Keleigh Shands a senior psychology, sociology, and political science major from Searcy, attended the Women of EEE alumni tea.

"I enjoy it because I get to see a picture of my social club through the ages people come back and are so joyful," said Shands. "They are home, and Ouachita means a lot to them."

Student Senate remained busy facilitating the Homecoming queen nominees and crowning of the queen. Betsy Patterson, a senior secondary education and math double major from Richardson, Texas, was crowned Homecoming queen.

"It made me feel really loved and everyone talked to me before and after," said Patterson. "Receiving text messages of encouragement was nice. It was a really encouraging and affirming experience."

by Ana Oelenburger

"I enjoy it because I get to see a picture of my social club through the ages... and it is so joyful."

-Keleigh Shands

1. Sophomores Carrie Jo Harville, Celeste Pinkerton, and Emma Kelley make memories at the Gamma Phi TWIRP night. The night consisted of games and dancing.

Photo by Grace Talley

2. Freshmen Jack Webb and Pietra Camago hide behind their masks at Chi Mu's Masquerade. This was Chi Mu's first year to hold a masquerade theme.

Photo by Hannah Adamson

3. A group of sophomore guys pose next to a tractor at CM's Barn Bash. The night consisted of line dancing and a meal.

Photo by Mitchell Waite

4. Sophomores Cade Haynie, Jessa Bryant, Alyssa Price and Jonathan Sandy enjoy Tri Chi 80s TWIRP night. Students wore their best 80s costumes and participated in a costume contest.

Photo by Michaela Allen



THAT LOVING Moment

"My first and last barn bash was bittersweet. I loved spending time dancing with my best friends, but I am sad to see it go. It was definitely the best TWIRP night!"

- Mercedes Svercauski



BEYOND COMFORT ZONES TRADITIONS

Leading up to TWIRP week, Ouachita's campus was buzzing with excitement. Each year, students looked forward to shopping for creative outfits to wear to fit the themes of the events and securing a date or a group of friends to attend them with. TWIRP was enjoyed by students of all classifications, but was an especially valuable experience for freshman. These events were some of the first activities of the year that gave new students a chance to interact with their classmates and meet people they may not have otherwise.

"I decided to participate in TWIRP week because I hadn't really been involved in anything at Ouachita yet, and I wanted to start branching out," said Sophia Meryhew, a freshman art education major from The Woodlands, Texas. "I really enjoyed it because it got me out of my comfort zone in a fun way and helped me meet a lot of new people." Since its inception in the 1970s, tradition has been an important part of TWIRP, which is an acronym for "the woman is required to pay."

Each event is based around a particular theme, and hosted by a different women's social club or organization. Over time, some themes have changed. This year, new traditions were formed that will carry on for years to come. Emily Johns, a junior communications and media major from Amity, served as the Event Chair for

Chi Mu and helped plan the club's event. This year, the members of Chi Mu decided on a new theme: Masquerade.

"We thought it would be something different because there's not really a formal night during TWIRP week," said Johns. "We thought it would be fun to start the week off with something really formal and different." Ouachita's newly reestablished social club Gamma Phi held their first campus event in almost 20 years during TWIRP week. Their event, which was themed "Angels in the Outfield," served as an introduction of the club to the rest of Ouachita.

"Planning the TWIRP dance from scratch was an exciting process," said Lauren Williams, a junior graphic design major from Hensley. "We had fun sharing our different thoughts and ideas with each other. It was a great bonding experience for us as a group."

The chance to dress up, spend time with friends and meet new people is what makes this long-held tradition a favorite part of the fall semester.

"I really enjoyed it because it got me out of my comfort zone in a fun way and helped me meet new people."

-Sophia Meryhew

by Abby Leal

The Women of Gamma Phi welcome students at their Angels in the Outfield party Saturday night of TWIRP week. This was the first event Gamma Phi hosted since being re-established.
Photo by Grace Talley





Students use talents to start

small businesses

From different walks of life, one thing bonded these four students. They were all small business owners, taking the initiative by being creative and making a brand for themselves.

“I realized I loved making earrings, and it was a great way to relieve stress,” said Faith Briggs, a sophomore music industry major from Little Rock, AR.

“It was amazing how fast it has grown and all the support I have gotten,” said Briggs. She started her own business, “Shaped by Faith,” where she personally designs and makes clay earrings.

“I have gotten opportunities, like having a local bakery in Bryant want to display my products. It was a special moment having them pray over my business,” said Briggs.

Each business owner finds their own balance of

business and schoolwork.

“I go once a week to Hot Springs thrift stores, and I sell an average of 10 things a week online. On breaks, I spend a lot more time going to thrift stores,” said Ben Swanger, a senior communications major from Forney, TX.

In high school, thrifting was a hobby Swanger and his friends pursued until he realized he could make money doing it. He has gone to thrifting conventions and hosted pop up shops on campus.

“I walked into the convention wearing an Astros jersey, and a really famous thriftier from Houston bought it right off my back,” said Swanger.

From street wears to studio art, these small businesses owners use their outlet to share their passions with the world.



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- Faith Briggs

(left to right) Junior Ben Swanger, sophomore Faith Briggs, senior Mandy Berry and sophomore Adeline Boyd hold items included in their small businesses. Students worked hard in their studies, and also building their entrepreneur etiquette. Photo by Justin Trostle

“I sold my first commission when I was 12, and since then by word of mouth and Instagram it’s kind of snowballed into what it is today,” said Mandy Berry, a senior studio art major from Nashville, TN.

“I am passionate about creating art that starts a conversation and addresses things like mental health,” said Berry.

She has done some amazing commissions over the years.

Each entrepreneur took a leap of faith by sharing a piece of what they love to do with the world.

“I have always liked art and making things, and wanted the chance to share it with others,” said Adeline Boyd, a sophomore elementary education major from Fayetteville, AR.

“I learned I was capable to run a little business. I love sharing what I make, and being confident about it,” said Boyd. “When you share your art, you are sharing your heart with others.”

These students are using their talents to share their gifts with the world, while getting to make some money and bringing joy to themselves and others.

“I needed to find something I was passionate about to fully be myself. I have learned more about who God created me to be through this,” said Briggs.

by Emily Barton

THAT SPECIAL *Moment*

“After twirling for 14 years, I finally realized that this was the last game I would ever twirl at. Looking up in the crowded stands was a good way to end my twirling experience here at Ouachita.”

- Rachel Mills



Senior Allie Freeman leaps up in the corner of the endzone snagging a touchdown pass. Freeman was All-GAC First team and broke the conference record with over 237 career receptions.
Photo by Hannah Smith



1. The senior class locks arms as they take the field for the Battle of the Ravine. This senior class was the winningest class in school history.
Photo by Hannah Smith

2. Freshmen paint their bodies to cheer on the Tigers. The crowd filled the stands and areas around the stadium.
Photo by Hannah Smith

3. Students take part in the tradition of carrying the torches to the pep rally.
Photo by Hannah Adamson

4. Junior Kat Allen holds a sign in the student section. The crowd cheered on the Tigers to an undefeated season.
Photo by Hannah Smith





TRADITION
THROUGH
THE
YEARS

SUPPORT

After a Reddie touchdown, the Tigers found themselves down four points with 1:37 left in the rivalry game between Henderson and Ouachita. The only thing that stood between another Tiger Battle of the Ravine victory, Great American Conference Title and a position in the Division II Playoffs were 74 yards between them and the endzone.

Before the week even began, the campus was prepped for a week of Henderson pranks and vandalism. Each night of the week, members from each class dedicated their night to guarding the beloved Tiger statue. Tents were pitched, coffee was brewed and memories were made during the tradition like no other. With the leadership of the Ouachita Student Senate and dedication of the Men of Rho Sigma, the tradition and Tiger was safe throughout the week.

"Us Rho Sigs carry a lot of pride in making sure the Tiger stays safe day and night," said Justin Villegas, a junior engineering physics major from Allen, Texas. "We see it as our number one responsibility for Battle of the Ravine."

The rivalry continued with heated pranks and late nights for students guarding the Tiger in the middle of campus. At the end of the week students not only had the game to look forward to but also

the traditional pep rally. Walking down to the pep rally with fire torches in hand, students cheered on their Tigers as they prepared for another great game.

Along with guarding the Tiger, players and students came together to participate in another cherished tradition, the bonfire of the burning "H" and pep rally performed by the band and cheerleaders. Dr. Casey Motl and Jacob Roberts, a senior football player and history major from Sherwood, Ark., delivered their pump-up speeches as fireworks capped off the night.

"I feel like this year was one of the best years as far as support goes for the team," said Roberts. "Having that support from all over campus played a big role in the confidence we had going into the game."

As for the game, with 35 seconds left, and facing third-and-goal from the Henderson State one-yard line, senior Brockton Brown plunged into the endzone for another Tiger Battle of the Ravine victory. The Ouachita stands were elated as the referee declared, "game."

by Madison Cresswell

"Having that support from all over campus played a big role in the confidence we had going into the game."

- Jacob Roberts

1. Members of the Tiger Serve Day leadership team celebrate the beginning of TSD. The team arrived early to set up for the event.

Photo by Abby Blankenship

2. Freshman Anna Holiman sorts clothes at Lighthouse Ministries for Tiger Serve Day. Groups were assigned different projects at various locations.

Photo by Abby Blankenship

3. Big TSD balloons were strung onto a truck for the event. This area served as a photo booth for teams to take pictures.

Photo by Abby Blankenship

4. Senior Madison Burch grabs supplies with the help of sophomore Able Kusaloka. Kusaloka served on the leadership team.

Photo by Abby Blankenship



THAT FRUITFUL *Moment*

“Serving my grandfather (Bill Vining) on Tiger Serve Day has always been really special to me,” Madeline Wallace said. “He has given so much to OBU, and I love being able to give back to him, alongside my friends and classmates.”



SERVING OTHERS IS A **LIFESTYLE**

Tiger Serve Day has been a day students, staff and faculty all look forward to. The service and sacrifice put forth by those involved is a perfect representation of what it looks like to spread Christ's love.

Judy Duvall is the Associate Director of the Elrod Center and is in charge of organizing Tiger Serve Day. She loves everything TSD and loves the acts of service displayed by the participants.

Duvall said, "Tiger Serve Day allows our student body, faculty and staff an opportunity to gather collectively and give back to our local community. This day gives us a tangible way to put our faith into action and serve others by meeting needs."

Unfortunately, the spring installment of Tiger Serve Day did not take place in Arkadelphia, but Ouachita still urged students at home to serve in some capacity.

"Because of the pandemic, our Ouachita volunteers were sheltered in place," Duvall said. "This gave us all opportunities to look at creative ways we could serve those closest to us both in our homes and neighborhoods."

Duvall continued, "We can carry this spirit of service wherever we are and in whatever circumstances we find ourselves in."

Ian Cosh, the vice president for community & international engagement, has been involved in TSD since its founding in 1997.

Cosh said, "When the Elrod Center was

established in 1997, we wanted to create a signature event that would involve the entire student body much like we do with Tiger Tunes and Tiger Traks, so hence I came up with the name Tiger Serve Day to relate three major events that are well known and loved by students at Ouachita."

Hannah Martin, a junior psychology major from Conway, is part of the leadership team. She especially loved being able to serve at home while practicing social distancing.

"As volunteers, we are able to be the hands and feet of Jesus and serve those in our community," Martin said. "Since COVID-19 made us go home early and stay quarantined, TSD at home edition was just an idea to bring that OBU feeling home. It was such a cool opportunity to bring a smile to someone in need."

Daniel Thomas, a senior finance major from Fayetteville, also served on the TSD leadership team. Thomas' favorite part of Tiger Serve Day was driving down Pine Street looking out at all the people making a difference in the community. Thomas said, "When I got blessed with the opportunity to join the TSD Leadership Team I knew this was the place for me. It's all about serving God and serving others."

Thomas continued, "I believe Tiger Serve Day isn't just an event, it's a lifestyle." by Ben Swanger

"I believe Tiger Serve Day isn't just an event, it's a lifestyle."

-Daniel Thomas

Junior Brooklyn Parker and senior Madison Burch head out to rake leaves as part of their Tiger Serve Day project. Many groups did yard work throughout the community as their team project. Photo by Abby Blankenship

THAT WORSHIPFUL *Moment*

“It was cool to work with different people who were used to being in leadership, but were very quick to look at Robert, Landon and I to make decisions and organize things. I loved being able to lead some days, but also being able to just go to worship services and be in the congregation.”

- Marcy Clayton



Keenan Hord speaks at Refuge during Christian Focus Week. He is the youth pastor at First Baptist Bentonville.
Photo by Ashly Stracener



1. Juniors Lindsey Crowder and Hannah Webber paint a banner.

The Art and Worship session was held in the Tiger Den.

Photo by Hannah Oliver

2. James Taylor interviews Rachel Pool, Bryan McKinney and Tyler Rosenthal. The topic was "Testifying in a Non-Ouachita World."

Photo by Hannah Smith

3. Freshmen Kyleigh Stevens, Katie Bonge and Emily Stover enjoy cheesecake and coffee after a session by Sandra Glahn.

Photo by Hannah Smith

4. Students choose paints for the Art and Worship activity.

Photo by Hannah Oliver





CALLED TO
SHARE THE
GOOD NEWS

TESTIFY

One week during the semester, multiple classes were canceled and schedules cleared for one purpose only, to gather with peers to focus on Christ. Christian Focus Week was organized and by leaders through Campus Ministries. There were multiple speakers for worship sessions and breakouts during the week. Senior speech communications major Mercedes Svercauski from Hot Springs co-lead the week and started the planning process months in advance.

"We came up with the theme, what the design would look like and kind of what the vision was, the communication, and reviewing chosen speakers," Svercauski said. "We basically represent the student body when it comes to Christian Focus Week."

This year the theme was Testify, and the theme verse was Acts 20:24.

"We wanted to choose a theme that would be clear what the week would be about, find a verse to go with it and have t-shirts that students would want to wear," Svercauski said. "Before I got to college, I heard what Christian Focus Week was and I thought it was awesome that it was a week dedicated to spiritual growth for students. I couldn't wait to be a part of it, but also wanted to help in planning it and knowing the heart behind it."

Freshman Christian studies major Wade Wilson, from Springdale, AR, enjoyed participating in Christian Focus Week. He

attended most morning and evening worship times, Noonday, a dessert night with a seminary professor, and Refuge.

"Although OBU is a Christian college, it is very easy to get so wrapped up in classes, clubs, and organizations that you tend to neglect your relationship with God," Wilson said. "Christian Focus Week is a time to remind us that God is who's most important in our lives, and that our focus should stay on him throughout the hustle-and-bustle of our school year."

In the middle of the week, a group of students led worship in Berry Chapel at an event called Voices in Worship. Katelin Cotton, a sophomore worship ministry and Spanish major from Bryant, AR, not only got to participate in the week but also led her peers in worship.

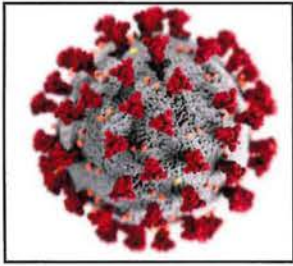
"I feel called to worship ministry, so getting to lead my peers has been such an honor in knowing that I am no better than them, but they are allowing me to lead them in worship is super cool," Cotton said. "During the week, I learned a lot about the context of the passages that are used against women in ministry, which gave me a better understanding of my calling in ministry."

"... my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given to me - the task to testifying to the good news of God's grace."

- Acts 20:24

by Gracen Goudy

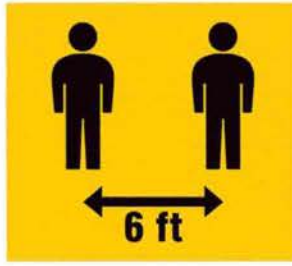
Images of COVID life...



Testing at football stadium



Social distancing



Virtual Tiger Serve Day



Mapping the cases



FINDING THE Blessings AMONG A PANDEMIC

According to the CDC and as of the end of May 2020, Arkansas had a total of 105 deaths among the near 8,000 cases of COVID-19 reported. Though the lives lost due to this pandemic could never be overshadowed by students' personal heartache of missing out on their college experience, this is how the story impacted the Ouachita community.

Little did students know that after an announcement from President Sells' office was released on March 12, 2020, which at first extended Spring Break and established the two weeks following as an interval for online classes, there would be no more learning on campus for the school year of 2019-2020.

At first, students kept hope alive, posting on social media and praying that their stay at home was as brief as first announced. However, on March 3, 2020, President Sells delivered more news that echoed among universities across the nation in a decision to continue remote virtual learning for the remainder of the academic year. This email, leaving freshmen with no warning that such a significant year was complete and abruptly marking the end of seniors' Ouachita story, signified the deep threat of COVID-19. It declared that even the famous OBU bubble

MOMENTS

DECEMBER 31

Chinese Health officials warn WHO about a cluster of 41 patients with a mysterious pneumonia; most linked to Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market

JANUARY 7

Chinese authorities identify a new type of coronavirus called novel coronavirus (nCoV)

JANUARY 20

First US case is reported in Washington state, a man who traveled to the Wuhan area

JANUARY 30

WHO declares a global public-health emergency

FEBRUARY 25

US CDC warns that spread to the US is likely and that people should prepare

FEBRUARY 29

US reports its first death

MARCH 11

Gov. Hutchinson confirms Arkansas' first presumptive positive case

MARCH 12

NCAA announces cancellation of all remaining activities.

Ouachita announces students will leave campus by March 15, and courses will move to remote instruction

MARCH 13

A US national emergency is declared

Wearing the masks



Livestreaming worship



Working puzzles



Washing hands



Zooming



could be penetrated, sending students home to learn in quarantine.

Though the pandemic forced students' classrooms to become Zoom meetings, Ouachita's faculty and staff tried their best to bring the indescribable culture of campus to online learning. With some professors having movie nights via Netflix Party and others having themed dress-up days, many claimed that the remarkability of Ouachita remained intact.

While, of course, much was changed, much also stayed the same. Many social clubs and student organizations continued to meet. Tiger Serve Day and Scholars Day became virtual events for students at home across the country. In the end, many could still find Ouachita's "love of God and love of learning" value to be true, and it's the "love of God" aspect that many focused on in this historic pandemic.

Daryn McMinn, a senior English major from Royce City, Texas, found some much needed rest through it all and realized God was using this significant time to teach her something new.

"The disruption of COVID-19 to my senior year left me feeling like I didn't have the

closure I wanted with Ouachita...but I think COVID disrupting my last semester was also a blessing in a lot of ways," said McMinn. "During this time, God has taught me a lot about how to love my family well. He convicted me of being too quick to speak, which often hurts my family. It's not loving to say cutting things, even if I mean them teasingly. I've had to learn to have more self-control and patience with them, to think before I speak and to give preference to them wherever I can. And I think learning to better love my family—whom I love more than anyone in the world—will help me to better love those outside my family."

McMinn continued, "I see that God has used this time during quarantine to teach people things we have needed to learn but that we weren't listening to with all the noise of the world. Quarantine forced us to be still and hear Him. I think He's used this time to help us re-center our hearts and minds on Him and on our families. I know I feel more grounded having endured all this, and I think I needed to tend to my roots here at home with my family and with the Lord before I branch out into the world on my own."

by Ethan Dial

Be still,
and know
that I
am God.

Psalm 46:10

MARCH 17

All public schools in Arkansas closed

MARCH 19

First reported case in Clark County

MARCH 20

Ouachita announces classes will not resume on campus for the spring semester

MARCH 24

US reaches 50,000 coronavirus cases

First death in Arkansas reported

MARCH 26

NYC becomes the epicenter of the US outbreak

MARCH 29

US passes 140,000 coronavirus cases - more than any other country in the world

APRIL 6

US death toll passes 10,000

APRIL 24

US death toll passes 50,000

MAY 5

Ouachita President Ben Sells announces the university plans to resume on-campus and residential life for the fall semester, and will follow CDC, ADH and university's Health Monitoring Action Team guidelines

MAY 9

Commencement originally scheduled for May 9 is postponed until October 10

“SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL”
By MALLORIE SVERCAUSKI

“This piece was created for an exhibition in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., titled ‘The Beloved Community’. The Hope is that this illustration would inspire the viewer to engage, learn, and grow from people that are different from them, not judging someone based on the color of their skin, their age, their religion, etc.”



By TYLER DUNCAN

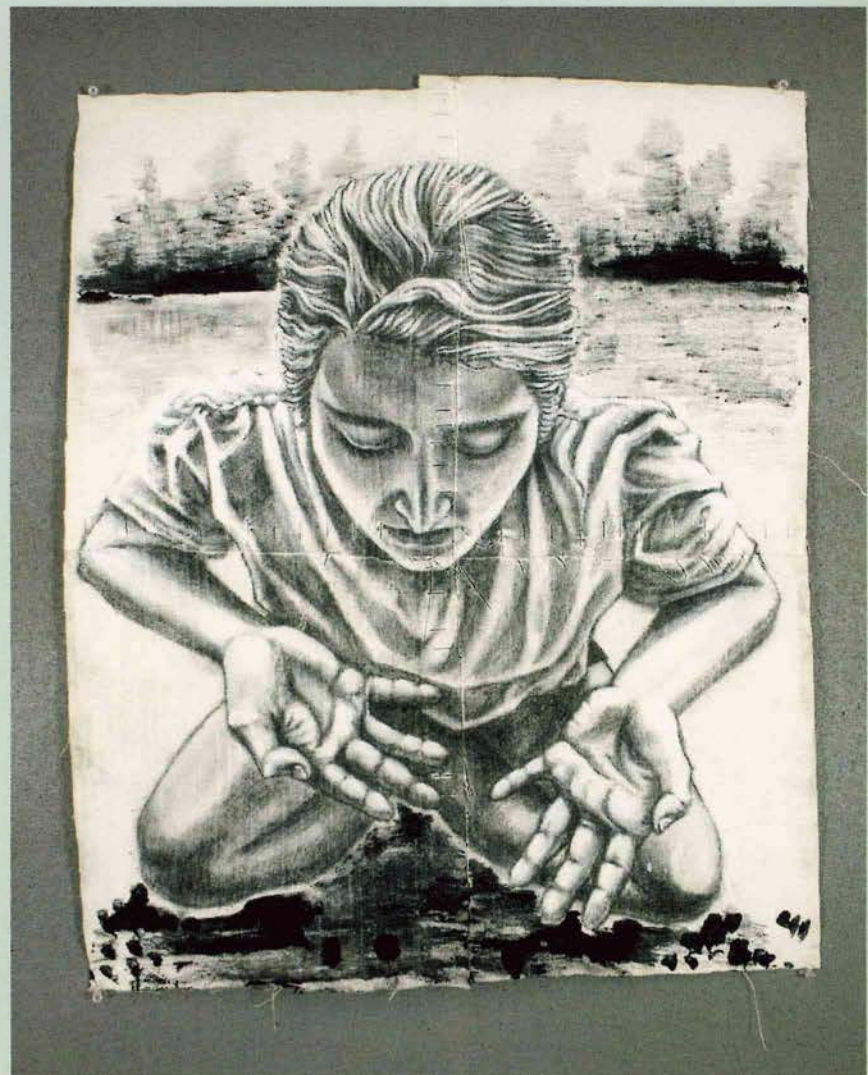
“Created through the sketchbook pro computer application.”

“SNOW”

By LESLEY HOWARD

“Snow’ is a visual representation of the peace and rest that comes with moving away from the habits/thoughts/behaviors that hurt us. The canvas was created by stapling scraps of unused canvas together and priming the combined pieces with white gesso one would use with a classic, wooden, canvas. Ebony and charcoal were then used to depict the figure whose hands are clean - sitting in a position of receiving, as with the canvas, the state of moving from self-defeating behavior is not perfect; it is actually quite messy.

Yet, we ourselves are clean, resting in the knowledge that abundant grace always exists and that we are free to sit in this state of peace.”



The Gallery



“JUST START”

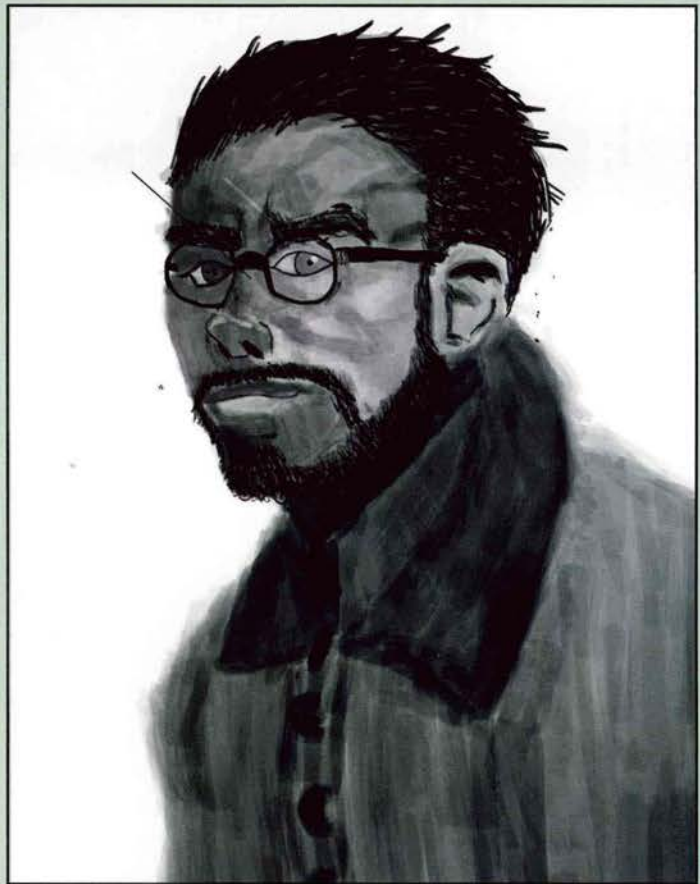
By **BETHANY LAGEN**

“Just Start’ is a fauxsaic, which is a fake mosaic, that was created completely digitally on Procreate. Most people have one thing they want to do but are scared of trying. The hardest part is just starting. The thing that stops me every time is the idea of perfection, I don’t want to make/share my ideas if it’s not perfect. Perfection holds us back but failing and making mistakes is how you learn so just start.”

“DANIEL”

By **ANDREW WEST**

“This was my first attempt at a portrait I did that was digitally painted. I left in the mistakes and flaws to remind myself of where I started and how far I have come..”



“LENNOX SOUND DELUX”

By **ABBY LEAL**

“This was such a fun project that began with a class field trip to the Caddo Valley Flea Market where we each chose an item to make an infographic about. I drew inspiration from one of my favorite directors, Wes Anderson, and really enjoyed making a puzzle out of my information.”



1. While being heavily guarded, senior Jaime Bunting looks for an open teammate. The opposing team, hardcorEEE, finished in second place in this year's intramural season.

Photo by Maddie Cargile

2. Shane Seaton leads students across the river. Students spent the day backpacking through the Ouachita National Forest.

Photo by Jessalyn Vanderstucken

3. Senior Ashley Stacener runs down the court while looking to get open during a basketball game. She played with her social club, and their team name was ChiMoney.

Photo by Maddie Cargile

4. Students sit alongside the river in the Ouachita National Forest. The hikers had to take their shoes off and put on water shoes in order to cross the river.

Photo by Hannah Adamson



THAT IN-AWE Moment

"I have always loved the outdoors. Ouachita gave me opportunities to experience God's creation in a whole new way. For this trip, I forgot to bring shoes to cross the ice cold river cutting through the rugged cliff side.

- Daniel Thomas



ADVENTURES CONTRIBUTE TO LOVE OF **OUTDOORS**

Students loved to engage in active and outdoor events throughout the year to break away from the pattern of academics on campus. From hiking in the beautiful Ouachita forest to friendly competition on the lower intramural fields, Recreational Life provided students with numerous activities to get away from campus academic life.

Intramural sports and rock climbing were two popular options for students to participate in. However, there were also many other opportunities that allowed students to break a sweat and enjoy each other's company.

"My favorite thing about Rec Life is the diverse opportunities we provide for students to be physically active," said director of Rec Life, Shane Seaton.

One of the most popular activities Rec Life was responsible for is the intramural sports. Josh Ray, a freshman business major from Gilmer, Texas, was a referee for intramural basketball games. Ray followed in his older brother's footsteps working for the intramural referee team. Alumnus Sean Ray worked for the intramural team when he was a student a couple years ago. Ray enjoyed getting to see how the sport brought people together. The camaraderie

was fun to watch.

"There's a broad spectrum of students who participate in intramurals," Ray said. "Every social club has a team, but there's also a lot of teams that are just friends from different clubs or independents who are just there to have fun together."

Rec Life also hosted different weekend or break trips for students. This past winter break, the team took students on a snow retreat to Camp Honeyrock in Three Lakes, Wis. Students had the opportunity to cross-country ski, tube, ice skate, horseback ride, and relax around a bonfire.

"I loved every bit of the faster pace things like cross country skiing and tubing, but I think my favorite part would be our hike to the old cabin," said Kassidy Bond a freshman nursing major from Alexander, Ark. "It was really insightful to see how little we actually needed just to have a good time and be happy."

by Abby Turner

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• Kassidy Bond

After a victory in soccer, the Beta team calls it up. Beta had three different teams play during the intramural soccer season.
Photo by Hannah Oliver

1. Sophomore Cade Haynie washes a car for his Tiger Serve Day project. Students formed groups with social clubs, majors or friends.

Photo by Hannah Oliver

2. Senior Olivia Wylie loads up a Thanksgiving basket for delivery.

Students collected food items and passed them out within the community for Thanksgiving.

Photo by Abby Blankenship

3. Senior Lauren Archer spends her afternoon tutoring a student.

Archer participated in America Counts through the Elrod Center.

Photo by Abby Blankenship

4. Junior Jonathan Rubin carries a box of tools before heading out to participate in Tiger Serve Day.

Students spent the day out in the community participating in multiple service projects.

Photo by Hannah Oliver



THAT UNIQUE *Moment*

“The team has taught me how people who have unique characteristics can come together under one purpose to serve others. Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team has been a light in my life and in the lives of Arkadelphia.”

- Raegan Pyle



SERVICE AND GROWTH LEADS TO **IMPACT**

Through the opportunities the Elrod Center provided, students were able to serve, grow and impact those around them.

Sophomore Allyson Oliver, a psychology and political science major from Conway, got involved with America Reads after hearing about it during Chapel freshman year. Her passion for reading led her to want to help kids in grade school, who were behind, to catch up.

“My favorite part has been getting to know the kids I tutor,” Oliver said. “Each time I meet with them they get a little more comfortable around me and they let more of their personality show. They are so fun and encouraging. They teach me to slow down and not take life so seriously. They always remind me to have fun.”

Oliver worked closely with the educators to help meet the students’ needs.

Lauren Archer, a senior communication sciences and disorders major from Fordyce, was drawn into an Elrod Center opportunity her freshman year as well.

“I saw the email freshman year, asking for people to help deliver baskets, and I didn’t have much to do that afternoon, so I decided to go help,” Archer said. “I thought that was such a cool opportunity to help the community. After that, Mrs. Judy (Duvall) asked if I would be the student leader of the program for the next year, and each year after that. She saw my love for the program and could see my excitement as I spoke about my experience that first day.”

Through the Thanksgiving Basket Program, students collected and delivered food to families during the holiday season.

“The most rewarding thing about helping lead this program is hard to say,” Archer said. “Getting to see students come together and volunteer their time just because they want to help is wonderful. Also, just getting to see the people’s faces when you hand them the basket is priceless.”

Will Guerran, a junior finance and political science major from Benton, decided to get involved with Tiger Serve Day because he wanted to be a part of something that had an impact beyond him. Guerra served on the Leadership Team and was in charge of logistics. His role was to make sure all the volunteers had the necessary tools and equipment needed at various service projects.

“I love that the TSDLT is truly service-oriented, and nothing more,” Guerra said. “The TSDLT, to me, is truly one of the most humble groups I’ve worked with, and it has been a refreshing experience to work with a group so pure in motive and so concerned with helping others, without worrying so much about how it looks to others or how it makes us feel.”

“They teach me to slow down and not take life too seriously. They always remind me to have fun.”

• Allyson Oliver

by Gracen Goudy



Juniors Emily Trigg, Charlece Lake and Avery Jackson place turkeys in Thanksgiving baskets. These Thanksgiving baskets were a way for students to give back to the community..
Photo by Abby Blankenship



Shining a light on

cultural diversity

During the month of February, celebrations in addition to Valentine's Day and Kindness Day took place throughout Ouachita's campus. Students put on events in order to shine a light on African American culture and celebrate Black History Month.

Junior biology and psychology major Tyrese Allen, from Savannah, Georgia, served as secretary and choir director for the MORE organization. He played an extensive role in planning events for Black History Month. The multicultural students program, Nicole Porchia, and the MORE organization worked diligently to ensure the month's success.

"Celebrating this month on campus gives an

opportunity for my friends to ask questions and understand why I identify so strongly with my culture," Allen said. "Celebrating Black History Month creates an environment where students at Ouachita can feel comfortable learning and interacting with different types of cultures without the anxiety of being humiliated. The environment is safe and exploratory and that, to me, means the world. To be understood is to feel loved, and Black History Month aids in understanding of me and my culture."

Students took part in these events throughout the month of February. "It means the world to minority students at Ouachita that we are shining a light on other cultures," Allen said. "Ouachita



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• Tyrese Allen

Coach Roy Thompson speaks at Noonday during Black History Month. Thompson is the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for the Tiger football team.

is becoming a more diverse campus with every semester, and she is adjusting well to the change.”

Senior music and Spanish major Katie Kumpuris from Little Rock, AR, attended some of the break out sessions and cultural events with her friends during the month that became fun and meaningful for her.

“I love the connections that form through honoring and celebrating black history,” Kumpuris said. “I, along with so many others, learn so many things I wouldn’t have otherwise during this month. Even more so, some great memories and friendships among different cultures have grown in my life because of MORE and Black History Month.”

Senior studio art major Bri Benton, from Bryant, Ark., was the president of the MORE organization. Her role during Black History Month was to make sure that students were well informed about the activities, to get volunteers to participate in the activities and to make sure the event ran smoothly.

“My favorite part about celebrating Black History Month on campus is seeing people that look like me come together and getting the opportunity to see my culture being celebrated,” Benton said.

by Gracen Goudy

THAT MEANINGFUL *Moment*

“Being a student at Ouachita, I got to appreciate the story of Jesus’ resurrection in a whole new way through the language of German and the aspect of classically singing text from a holy song book reaching back hundreds of years into the beginnings of opera.”

-Logan Dooley



The cast of “Resurrection History” performs in McBeth Recital Hall. Ouachita Singers accompanied the cast as the chorus. Photo by Justin Trostle



1. Junior Stuart Sowerbutts and sophomore Jacob Cates play the role of the two angels. The costume and scenery reflected the original opera performed in 1623. Photo by Justin Trostle

2. Although the spring performance of “Cats” was canceled, the cast performs “Jellicle Songs for Jellicle Cats” on video. Photo Submitted

3. Seniors Sharayah Wallace and Raleigh Peterson and junior Emma Lawyer join senior Hannah Hill on stage. The cast performed for six different shows. Photo Justin Trostle

4. Senior Raleigh Peterson glares at junior Emma Lawyer. Photo by Justin Trostle





TELLING
THE STORY

ON STAGE

During the fall semester, the theatre program brought the childhood stories of Junie B. Jones to life with the production of “Junie B. Jones, the Musical.” Also in the fall, the opera program presented “Resurrection History: The History of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.” Not only were the students in the productions enjoying the creative process and entertaining the student body, but these productions were helping to prepare students for their life after Ouachita.

Raleigh Peterson, a senior from Branson, Mo., and member of the Junie B. Jones cast, said, “I played one of the twins, Chenille. It was a really fun role but also it was challenging because our trio song was one of the hardest songs. So, I learned a lot from working on that song and it definitely improved my harmonizing skills.”

The Ouachita Theater department does not only give upperclassmen the opportunity to perform on stage but freshmen as well. Israel Jackson, a freshman music and Christian studies major from Van Buren, Ark., described what she gained from her experience in Junie B. Jones. “I learned a lot about team work and how to have fun on stage. I was able to grow closer to some of the other musical theatre majors and it helped me to have a support system in the theatre department.”

“Junie B. Jones the Musical” was followed by the Opera Theatre production of “Resurrection History: The History of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.” The opera, featuring baroque setting and music, was first performed in 1623.

The opera displayed the biblical story of Jesus’ life. Rather than using Jones Performing Art Center, the production was performed in McBeth Recital Hall to ensure optimal performance.

Logan Dooley, a musical theatre major from, Texarkana, Texas, played the role of Jesus. “The moment of learning and taking on such a role taught me a lot about myself,” he said. “It showed me what hard work and motivated practicing can do for me personally as an artist and what I can achieve if I put my mind toward something. The performing also showed me what God can do with those that you know to make a great story told in one of the most unique forms of expression, being through opera.”

Another unique aspect of the opera production was that the cast was accompanied by the Ouachita Singers. The group served as the chorus for the production.

The popular Broadway musical “CATS” was scheduled to take the stage in April but, due to the coronavirus, it was canceled.

Ms. Stephanie Murry, the director of “Junie B. Jones” and “CATS” described the unforeseen changes to the performance schedule. “The students, especially the seniors, were all disappointed to have their production canceled, but they handled it like professionals. We all understand these decisions are for the greater good.”

“I learned a lot about team work and how to have fun on stage.”

-Israel Jackson

by Caroline Johnson

1. Senior Emily Johnson and sophomore Cross Brandon embrace their characters during the production of "Almost Maine." The play was performed in Verser Theatre in February.

Photo by Wesley Kluck

2. Autumn plays Nora Helmer in "A Doll's House." Nora is a woman who feels trapped in a loveless marriage, but finally discovers the strength to become the person she didn't know she wanted to be.

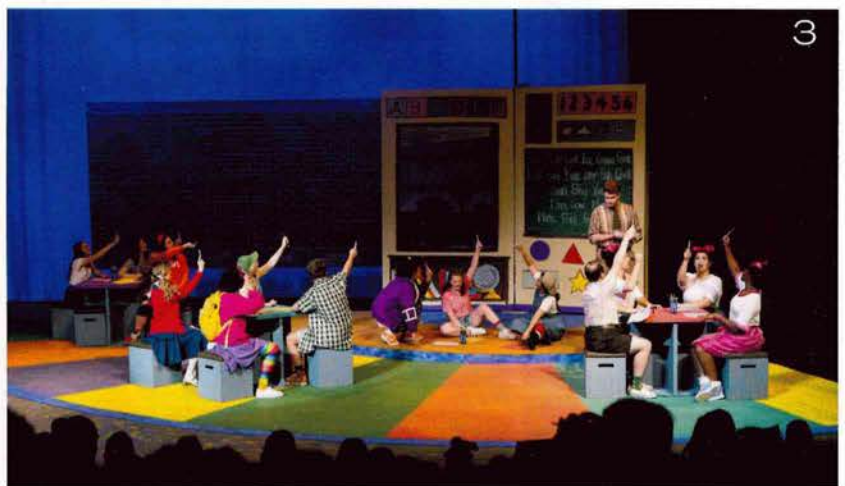
Photo by Danielle Sourber

3. The cast of Junie B. Jones sits in a classroom. Senior David Hudson played Junie B. Jones' teacher, Mr. Scary.

Photo by Justin Trostle

4. Concluding a song, the cast surrounds Junie B. Jones, played by Hannah Hill. The musical was enjoyed by all ages.

Photo by Justin Trostle



THAT WOW Moment

"I was blessed to have played Junie B. Jones, who I spent hours and hours reading about when I was a little girl, and am thankful to our director, Stephanie Faatz Murry for believing in me and giving me this opportunity."

- Hannah Hill



LEARNING TO ENGAGE YOUR **CHARACTER**

From “Junie B. Jones the Musical” and “A Doll’s House” to “Almost, Maine,” the theatre program gave students hands-on experience while providing the audience a rich evening of entertainment. The productions allowed for students to show their creativity and talent, while also giving them experiences that will last a lifetime.

“Being in the OBU Theatre has been one of my biggest blessings at Ouachita because I have been able to meet my closest friends,” said Elizabeth Dawson, a senior theatre musical major from Little Rock, Ark. “A special bond is created when you are in a show with someone which has made it so easy to perform with my friends.”

Dawson played Bossy-Head May in “Junie B. Jones the Musical.”

“I have grown so much as a performer while being part of theatre productions at OBU,” said Cedar Valdez, a senior musical theatre major from Garfield, Ark. “I believe that one of the most important pieces to getting better at something is simply doing it as much as you can.”

Valdez was able to leave his mark on theatre productions his last year at Ouachita. He has created some memories that he will cherish as he leaves OBU.

“This year was by far my busiest year in theatre productions. In the fall, I played Daddy in ‘Junie B. Jones the Musical’ and Torvald

Helmer in ‘A Doll’s House.’ In the spring, I co-light designed for ‘Almost, Maine.’ It has been a crazy year, but it has impacted me immensely as a performer. Knowing that it was my last year, has pushed me in everything that I have done and made me appreciate the people around me.”

“It truly take a village to mount at theatrical production,” said Stephanie Murry, assistant professor of theatre arts. “Much of the recognition is given to the actors, because that is who the audience sees in action. However, there are typically 20-40 people behind the scenes making all the magic happen. There is a team that builds/paints the set, another team responsible for costumes, yet another for props. The list goes on.”

One theatre performance was a bit different this year, with the All Night Theatre Festival taking place via a Zoom Webinar. Students rehearsed in Breakout Rooms on a Thursday evening, and then performed the following night on Zoom. Over 100 people attended the virtual production.

The annual Theatre Banquet was also held via Zoom. What is typically a formal evening was turned into a pajama party where the annual theatre awards are presented. The seniors were honored with their annual Senior Video.

by Houstin Kirkpatrick

“I have grown do much as a performer while being part of theatre productions at OBU.”

—Cedar Valdez

Senior Sharayah Wallace and junior Emma Lawyer sing to Hannah Hill in the lead role of “Junie B. Jones, the Musical.” The musical was performed multiple times in the month of September.

Photo by Justin Trostle



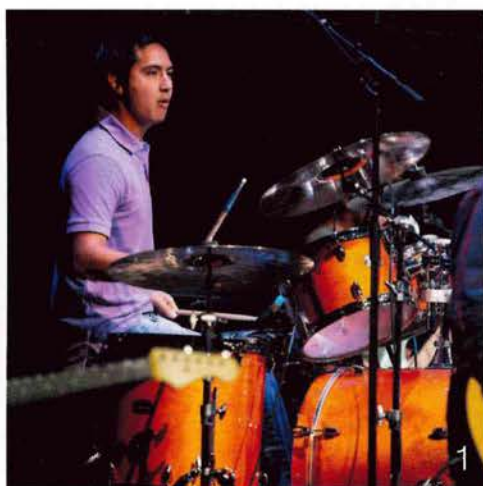
THAT JOYFUL *Moment*

“It’s brought me so much joy not only to lead worship for the student body and for different churches around the state but also seeing those come after me having an outlet of growth and step into the calling that God has for their life.”

- Robert Pilcher



Senior Madeline Wallace speaks of her time spent in Ireland. Students shared their study abroad experiences to encourage other students who may be interested.
Photo by Danielle Sourber



1. Richie Blosch plays drums with the Chapel worship band. Braden Crawley and Trexler Proffitt also led worship during Chapel on the drums.

Photo by Danielle Sourber

2. A speaker from Ireland spends his Tuesday speaking to students at chapel.

Photo by Faith Webb

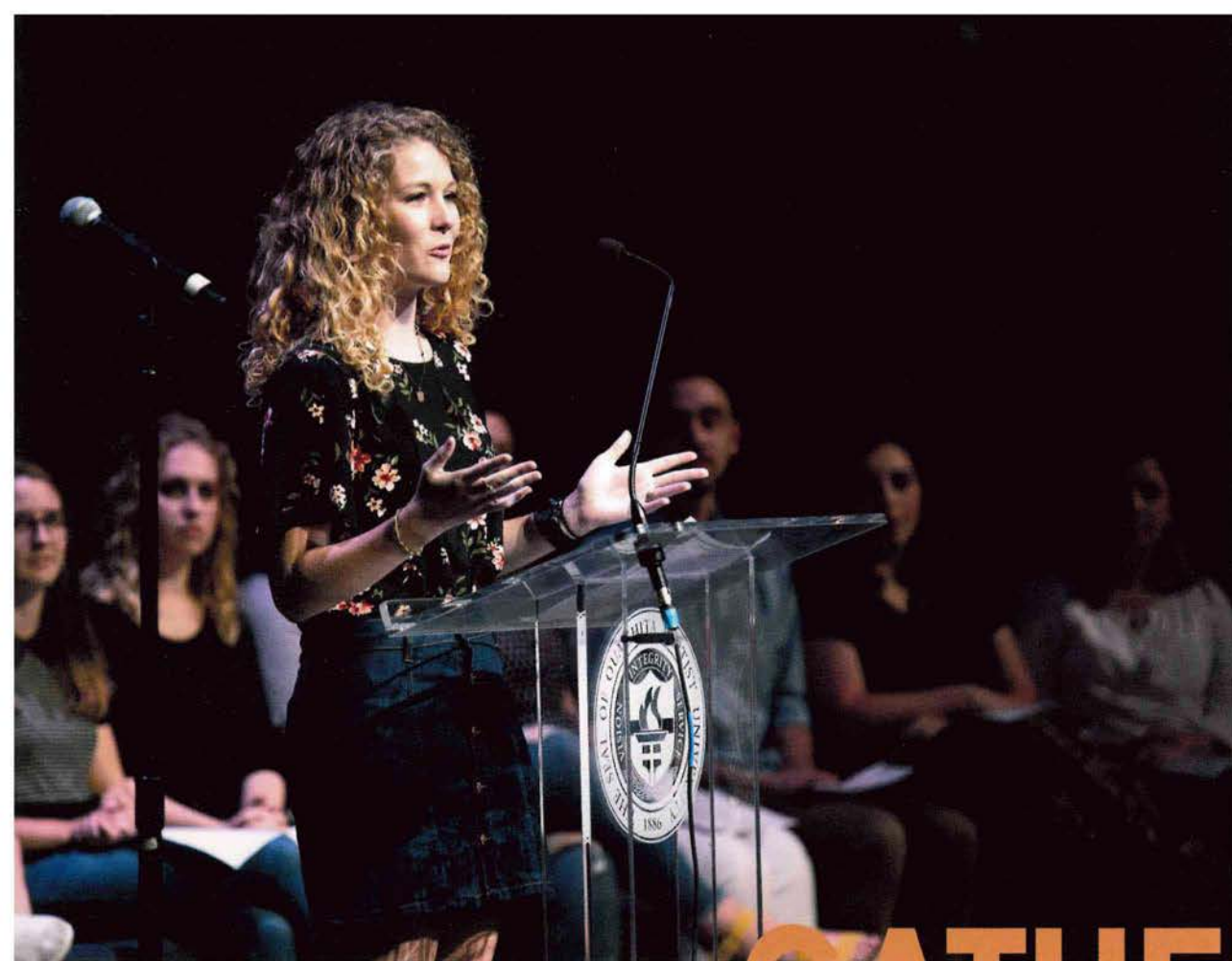
3. Sophomore Kattlin Cotton and Karis Staley lead worship during Chapel. Students then shared their study abroad experiences.

Photo by Danielle Sourber

4. Sophomore Lucie Shepard leads worship alongside the band for Christian Focus Week.

Photo by Faith Webb





CHAPEL
PROVIDES
POSITIVE

GATHERING

Every Tuesday at 10 a.m. the student body gathered inside Jones Performing Arts Center to worship and listen to an inspirational speaker. This time provided students an opportunity to stop what they were doing and be encouraged and inspired by alumni and staff.

"As a Chapel 'watcher' for 32 years, I think that the sense of community Chapel offers is an extremely positive part of the Chapel and Ouachita experience," said Ian Cosh, vice president for community and international engagement. "At a larger university, it would be impossible to allow the entire student body to gather for the common purpose of worship and celebration. At Ouachita, we can enjoy each other's company each week, and that is a unique experience offered at a smaller Christian university."

Weekly Chapel programs have been a part of the Ouachita tradition since its founding, and it was an integral part of spiritual and academic life.

"The most valuable lesson that I have learned from Chapel is to continue to seek God's heart in the midst of a stressful academic week," said Ellie Hooten, a junior art education major from Benton, Ark.

She described chapel as a blessing. "The message is always such an encouragement to me

when I least expect it," said Hooten.

Tanner Caton, a senior Christian studies major from Bryant, Ark., said he also saw Chapel as a blessing.

"I love the fact that Chapel is required for all students because it brings students to Chapel who wouldn't normally attend a worship service. The fact that students might hear about Jesus for the first time because of Chapel is so cool to think about."

Due to the outbreak of the coronavirus, students were sent home to complete the remainder of the spring semester online. However, Ian Cosh did not disappoint the Ouachita community. Even though in-person Chapel was cancelled, each Tuesday a Chapel podcast was made available for students on the podcast app on smart phones.

Faculty and staff contributed to the Chapel podcasts for students to listen to during the quarantine time at home. This was beneficial during a stressful and maybe lonely time for students. Being home for some students wasn't a healthy space and the podcasts helped bring life to many.

"...The sense of community Chapel offers is an extremely positive part of the Chapel and Ouachita experience."

• Ian Cosh

by Gracie Stover



**OUACHITA
CLASS OF**

2023



The traditional commencement banners were hung on Cone-
Bottoms Hall during the scheduled commencement week to honor the
graduating class. Commencement was postponed due to COVID-19,
and rescheduled for October 10.



FRESHMAN CLASS 2016

SENIOR CLASS 2020

Four years ago, the freshman class, along with President and Mrs. Sells, looked toward commencement for the Class of 2020, scheduled for May 9. Due to COVID-19, students transitioned to remote learning in March, and commencement was rescheduled for October 10.

However, the university honored the Class of 2020 on its original commencement day by hanging the traditional banners on Cone-Bottoms Hall, and releasing a video on May 9 honoring the graduating class. The video included comments and reflections by the Sells, along with each name of the Class of 2020.

In the video, Lisa Sells shared her thoughts about May 9. "Class of 2020, we're here without you, but we want you to know we've raised the banners at Cone-Bottoms because we miss you and we're honoring you even though you're not with us," she said.

The Sells shared their special relationship with the graduating class, since they were also new to Ouachita in 2016. "We have a

special relationship with the Class of 2020 because we started together four years ago. I was a new president and we were new to Ouachita, so we've done so much together."

The Sells reflected on special memories with the students over the last four years, including their first Tiger4Life ceremony, the president painting himself purple in response to a challenge he made to students, hosting students at their house, and four years of winning the Battle of the Ravine.

Reflecting on New Beginnings their freshman year, the Sells noted how the name of each freshman student was read out loud, and each student was prayed for as they began their college careers. Lisa Sells commented, "Even as that day we held you in our hearts and prayers, we are doing that as well again today."

In his closing comments, Dr. Sells noted, "I think what the Class of 2020 will remember from this time, is how we walked together."



Dorm to

home sweet home

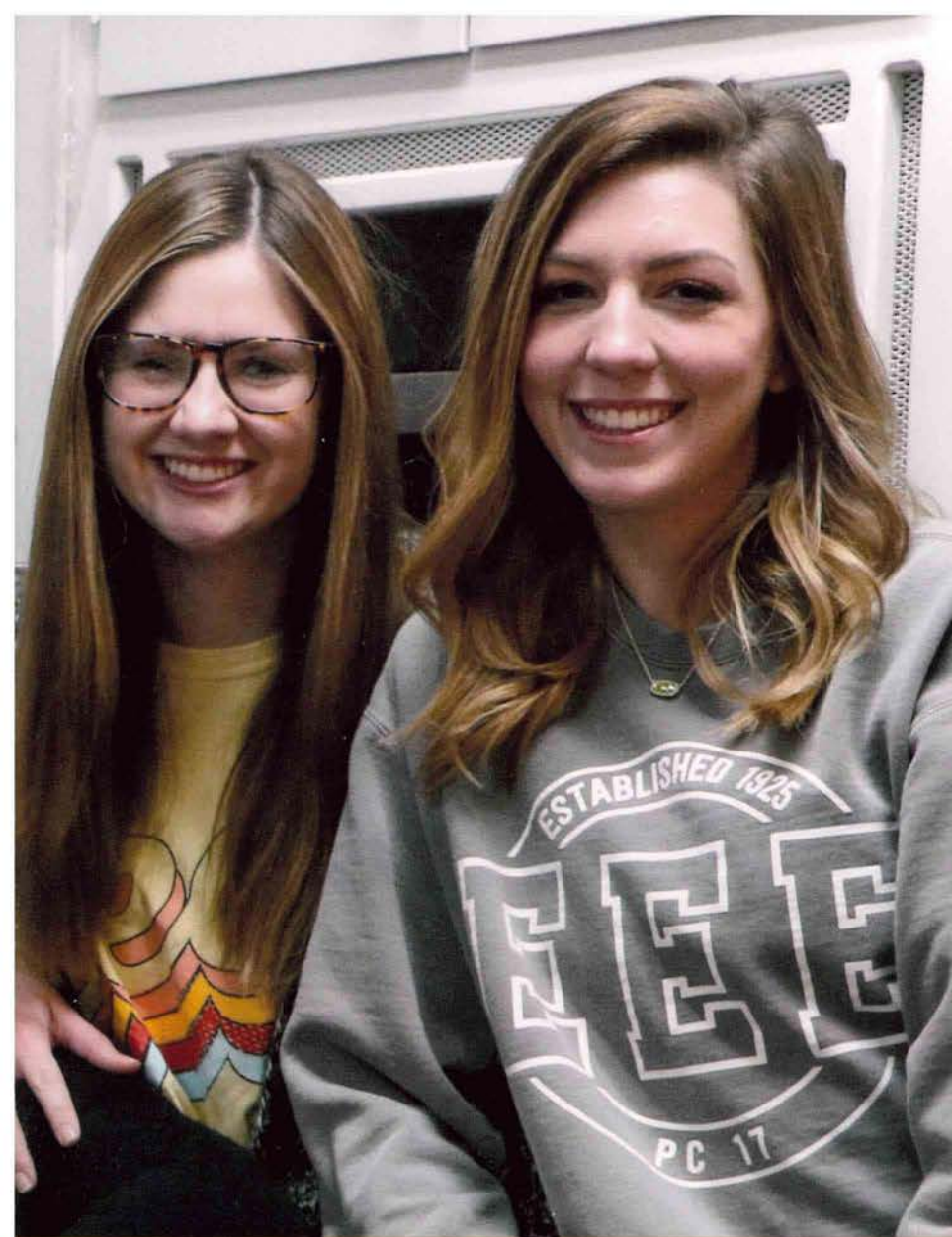
It was her senior year, and everything was perfectly lined in place. Except one thing that had slipped through the cracks: housing. Olivia Wylie, senior nutrition/dietetics major from El Dorado, AR, and her future suite had forgotten to fill out the housing application. This resulted in four upcoming seniors to be placed at the bottom of the list for the female student body and most likely being placed in Francis Crawford for their senior year.

“It was ironic at the time because my roommate since freshman year and I were talking one night about how we kind of missed the atmosphere of living in Francie and being so close to everyone,” Wylie said. “Little did we know we were actually going to get that opportunity again.”

There was mention of a house that the school might buy and use as another form of housing for upperclassmen. A few weeks later while packing up their rooms in Gosser to go home from the summer, the suite received a call that they had been offered the opportunity to live in a house instead of Francie.

“When we saw that we had an email saying we were the first on the list to choose if wanted this house or not, I’m sure all of first floor Gosser heard us because we were obnoxiously excited and surprised with this ginormous blessing,” Wylie said. “We decided without hesitation to live in the house and since there are six bedrooms, we got to pick two other girls to live with us.”

This two story, six bedroom house is located



“It was ironic at the time because my roommate since freshmen year and I were talking one night about how we missed the atmosphere of living in Francie.”

• Olivia Wylie

(left to right) Seniors Joahanna Olivas, Olivia Wylie, Kelsea Moore, Taylor Harper, Grace Gorman, and Alex Terry share a kitchen while living life together. The seniors were one of the first groups to live in a campus-owned house.
Photo by Danielle Sourber

right across the street from the Elrod Center, at the corner of 6th and Hickory Street. The house has two living rooms, a kitchen and two and a half bathrooms.

Because of the increasing population on Ouachita’s campus, an additional house was purchased where four senior girls reside including Lexa Baxter, a senior communication sciences and disorders major from Murfreesboro, AR.

“I was overjoyed when given this opportunity,” Baxter said. “I had been praying that the Lord would take control of my living situation, and then He blessed me with living in a house with my own bedroom.”

This house features a living room, kitchen, dining room and one bathroom.


“A positive for living in the house is being able to have my own bedroom, kitchen and laundry room all in the house,” Baxter said. “The only con I would say about living here is having to haul trash in our cars to Pine Apartments trash can.”

These girls were the first to experience the school’s new housing opportunity. “I think in a way it has prepared us for adulthood in a sense because this is a house and not an apartment, so there is a lot more cleaning, responsibilities and bigger bills since there is more space and whatnot,” Wylie said. “I love the fact that I live with five of my best friends in the same vicinity.”

by Gracen Goudy



Kristen Holeyfield competes in the Bob Gravette Invitational. Photo by Hannah Smith



FROM WINNING THE GAC
FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
TO MADISON BRITTAIN
SCORING HER 1,000th CAREER
POINT, TIGER NATION CAME
TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE ITS
WINNING TRADITIONS.

THAT moment WE CHEERED TOGETHER
SPORTS



Allie Freeman



Brayden Brazeal



Special Teams



Tigers
undefeated
for second
consecutive
season

CHAMPIONS

To start the season the Tigers ran onto Benson-Williams Field at Cliff Harris Stadium with ESPN cameras directed to them. The Tigers came into the season ranked sixth in the nation and took on 18th-ranked Harding. The Tigers left the field with an intense 16-14 win on a game winning field goal off the leg of freshman kicker Gabe Goodman a business major from Arkadelphia.

After the Harding game, the Tigers won 10 straight games, eight of which were by two touchdowns or more.

The Tigers pride themselves in their defensive product. The defense finished the season ninth in the nation in scoring defense by giving up a mere 16 points per game. The Tigers tallied up 23 sacks, nine interceptions, and five fumble recoveries.

"I believe what made our defense so great is the preparation each and every week," junior Shimorye Hampton a Kinesiology major from Shreveport, La., said. "Also we had the confidence and truly believed that we were the best defense in the nation."

Coupled with the defense, the offense averaged scoring 31 points per game. With a ground attack split among four big play threats in quarterback, Brayden Brazeal and running backs Brockton Brown, Shun'cee Thomas, and TJ Cole, the offense racked up over 3,000 rushing yards.

"Our offensive line is definitely the reason our running game is hard to stop," said senior Brockton Brown a biology major from Sheridan. "Those guys are by far the best unit in the GAC and they do all the heavy lifting for our running attack."

Heading into the 93rd Battle of the Ravine, Henderson State was ranked No. 20 and Ouachita No. 5. The all-time rivalry record was all tied up at 43-43-6. In the greatest DII rivalry, aired on ESPN, the Tigers won their fourth straight BOTR in intense fashion, 24-21, and wrecked the Reddie's playoff dreams.

Senior Mitch Emirch a communications major from El Dorado said, "My senior class has never lost a football game to the team across the street, and we knew were the better team."

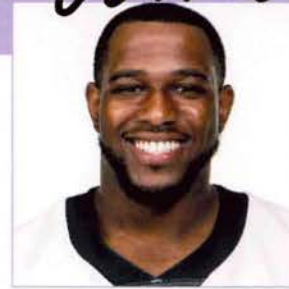
The Tigers finished the season on a 41-38 first round playoff loss to Lindenwood University. Despite the first-round exit, it was another great season for the Tigers. Coach Todd Knight was named Great American Conference Coach of the Year for the fifth time in the past nine seasons, and also was named AFC Divisional Coach of the Year. Eighteen Tigers were named to the All-GAC teams.

by Ben Swanger

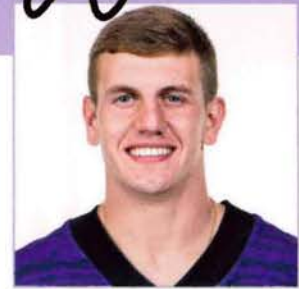
KEY Moment



"The moment that impacted me the most was my first missed field goal. I realized what college football is all about, having the whole team count on me to make the kick. I now strive for perfection because of that moment."
- Gabe Goodman



"I realized we had something special during fall camp. The camaraderie and work ethic before even playing a game was great. We became a family for something more than just football."
- Cori Gooseberry



"I knew we had something special when we were in a dog fight with Harding and ended up winning on a game winning field goal."
- Brayden Brazeal



Senior running back Shun'Cee Thomas eyes the gridiron before taking the field. Thomas racked up over 2,000 rushing yards in his career.
Photo by Justin Trostle

SCOREBOARD

HARDING	16-14
ARKANSAS TECH	42-13
NW OKLAHOMA	31-11
SW OKLAHOMA	26-21
SE OKLAHOMA	27-14
EAST CENTRAL	31-3
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	42-14
SOUTHERN NAZARENE	27-13
SOUTHERN ARKANSAS	38-21
MONTICELLO	35-7
HENDERSON STATE	24-21
LINDENWOOD	38-41
NCAA DII PLAYOFFS	
OVERALL	11-1



Freshmen Noah Sanders, Noah McCallum and Conner Bjerke sport the "O-B-U" on their chests for the home opener.
Photo by Justin Trostle



The Men of Eta Alpha Omega enjoy the view of another Tiger victory. The Eta's had a strong tailgate presence all season.
Photo by Justin Trostle



FOOTBALL TEAM (front row) Allie Freeman, Keandre Evans, Jon Johnson, Tyrik Harris, Jake Ford, Shun'Cee Thomas, Brockton Brown, Head Coach Todd Knight, Lafoy Smith, Mitchell Emrich, Hunter Groom, Michael Neathery, Jacob Roberts, Cori Gooseberry, Zach Curry. (second row) Sabrina Russell, Mara Gillespe, Keemontae McKnight, Andrew Hayes, CJ Heckard, Julius Clark, John Williams, Dawson Miller, Brayden Brazeal, T.J. Lewis, Seth McDowell, Trey Proctor, Hunter White, Taylor Gillham, Tucker Swaboda, Nate Hayden, T.J. Cole, Grant Allen, Austin Guymon, Hunter Swaboda, Zack Perez, Savannah Hogg. (third row) Taylor Harper, Justin Dean, Tommy Crumpton III, Darius Hopkins, Kenta Jones, Hayden Lassiter, Dhante Gibson, Geary Allmon, Jonathan Harris, Gregory Junior, Zion Hatley, Dawson Dabbs, Oshae Pruitt, Ja'Merrick Waller, Caleb Scott, Carsten Johnson, Trey Flint, Josh Burnham, Jonah Williams. (fourth row) Kelsea Taylor, Cole Edrington, Demarcus Yancy, Terrell Gibson, Bryson Vance, Jack Pillow, Kyle Gasaway, Ian, Abe, Ty Compton, Josh Watson, Griffin Brown, Rico Gonzalez, Anthony Freeman, Jack Burnham, Will Broussard, Ethan Gasaway. (fifth row) Cailey Maples, Alex Rowe, Dawson Miller, Ben Carpenter, Ramello Cason, Darneyun McDonald, Matthew Howard, Josh Wallace, Brock Howard, Jax Young, Hunter Jackson, Nathan Turner, Garner Hodge, Austin Blair, Josh Plunkett, Allyson Edwards. (sixth row) Madison Montgomery, Ethan Harvey, Peyton Stafford, Jarvis Gulley, Nate Zeller, Rashard Martin, Jonathan Beasley, Jacob Barker, Anthony Chairez, Zacary Henson, Josh Watson, Nate Zeller, Mason Martin, Jackson Coleman, Ontario Conway. (seventh row) Lexie, Brock Strother, Cannon Morgan, Dylan Clayton, Hayden Waller, Tyrell Robinson, Zach McWhorter, Steven Benson, Reagan Neal, Caleb Woodfield, Shimoroye Hampton, Noah Pruitt, Rovell Carter, Lavery Shepherd, Hunter McCord, Clark Yarbrough, Gabe Goodman, Oscar Pinedo, Luke Brinkerhoff, Jordan Meacham. (back row) Coach Jay Derby, Coach Harp, Coach Dionte Dean, Coach Brett Shockley, Coach Kane Bryan, Coach Payton Morris, Coach Dakota Wilson, Coach Jeremy Patterson, Coach Roy Thompson, Coach Spencer Knight, Tyler Bowers, Luke Roberson.

SCOREBOARD

UT TYLER	3-1
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	1-3
A&M COMMERCE	3-2
ST. EDWARD'S	1-3
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	3-0
MISSOURI S&T	2-3
ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE	3-2
LYNN	0-3
SOUTHERN ARKANSAS	3-1
ROCKHURST	0-3
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS	3-2
MISSOURI S&T	1-3
MONTICELLO	3-1
HARDING	3-2
ARKANSAS TECH	1-3
HENDERSON	3-1
SOUTHERN NAZARENE	1-3
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	2-3
EAST CENTRAL	3-0
SE OKLAHOMA	3-2
SW OKLAHOMA	0-3
NW OKLAHOMA	1-3
HENDERSON	0-3
HARDING	0-3
ARKANSAS TECH	3-2
SOUTHERN ARKANSAS	3-2
MONTICELLO	3-2
NW OKLAHOMA	1-3

OVERALL 14-14

Senior Katie Camp goes up for the kill. Camp is a reigning GAC Elite Scholar Athlete.

Photo by Abby Blankenship
Freshman Joni Schneider sets up sophomore Emily Low for a spike. Low racked up over 200 kills and Schneider over 300 assists.

Photo by Maddie Cargile



VOLLEYBALL TEAM (front row left to right) Julianna Mack, Abi Roberts, Emily Bass, Temi Fayiga, Lexie Castillow. (middle row) Katie Camp, Abby Cagle, Rileigh Fielder, Shannon Hogan, Joni Schneider. (back row) Emily Low, Karli Ferguson, Adrianna Nolly, Audrey Gallagher, Tabatha Huckabee. *Photo by Wesley Kluck*

KEY Moment



“Our most complete game was our final matchup with Tech. By winning, it gave us a better chance at making the tourney. Our momentum carried us into our next two wins.”
- Rileigh Fielder

“Even when the momentum was in Tech’s favor, we fought with everything we had to get the win. That game was the spark the team needed.”
- Katie Camp



The Tigers were up and down all season long, but when it mattered the most the ladies were up on their A-game. Coming off three straight seasons with 19 or more wins, the Tigers have built a nice pedigree, but also have winning expectations to live up to.

The Tigers started the season 6-6 trading wins and losses each game. Hovering around a .500-win percentage all season long the Tigers seemed to be on the verge of breaking out but never were able to until the season was winding down.

“Our turning point was when we all came together as a team and decided to use adversity as motivation rather than an excuse,” said redshirt freshman accounting major from Frisco, Texas, Temi Fayiga. “We all made the commitment to give 100 percent effort 100 percent of the time and that translated into becoming the best version of our team we could be.”

Heading into a home game against Arkansas Tech the Tigers were 11-13 and had lost four straight. It would have been easy to quit on the season as they were not in the postseason picture. The Tigers, however, saw an opportunity to run the table. With three straight wins, they wedged themselves into the tournament picture.

Being able to turn things around was as a result of the team’s family atmosphere.

“A major turning point was the team bonding so much off the court and being more compatible with each other,” said sophomore psychology major from Austin, Texas Emily Low. “It’s hard being a team with new players, but the more we all hang out and do fun things with one another the easier is it to be a strong team on the court.”

With 3-2 victories against Arkansas Tech, a road victory against Southern Arkansas and a senior night win against Arkansas-Monticello the Tigers charged their way into the Great American Conference tournament. One week the Tigers were out of the conference tournament conversation, but the next week, they moved up to the seven seed. The Tigers finished conference play 9-7.

The Tigers rounded out the season with a 3-1 loss to Northwestern Oklahoma State in the GAC Tournament. Nonetheless, the Tigers proved their unwavering determination down the stretch.

Sophomore Lexie Castillo was named to the All-Conference team, Katie Camp and Julianna Mack were named Elite Scholar Athletes and Shannon Hogan and Temi Fayiga were named Distinguished Scholar Athletes.

Despite the ups and downs the Tigers were able to come through in crunch time. Must-win games are no easy task, but the ladies never batted an eye, rattling off three straight to continue their streak of GAC Tournament appearances.

by Ben Swanger

TOUGHNESSES

Lady Tigers reach GAC playoffs for the seventh straight season



The Ouachita volleyball team defeated Arkansas Tech 3-2 to propel them into the conference tournament. The Tigers have made the GAC volleyball tournament seven straight seasons.
Photo by Mikaela Monahan



Abby Cagle



Temi Fayiga



Lexie Castillo



Kobe Coleman



Matt Day



Nathan Bloomer



Tigers fight
their way
through a
tough schedule
with dignity

RESILIENCE

Coming of a conference championship, the Tigers were continued their success in the new season. With new teams joining the Great American Conference, new challenges were in front of the Tigers.

Starting with three losses and a tie in their first four games, the Tigers went into conference play with little momentum. Despite the struggles, the Tigers were able to start the conference gauntlet with a 1-0 win over Southern Nazarene. A shot off the foot of senior Nery Flores a business major from Little Rock was the winning goal; it was his first career goal.

“Our coach always talked about the four phases of a team development: forming, storming, norming, and performing,” Flores said. “With my goal against SNU and the win, it helped us overcome the first three phases.”

The struggles would continue for the Tigers, but the season highlight came on October 12 in an afternoon match with 25th ranked Rogers State. In an overtime thriller, freshman David Stankovic a Computer Science major from Wylie, Texas, kicked in the game-winning goal to send the Tigers home with a victory.

Stankovic said, “That goal couldn’t have happened without my teammates giving it their all in the second overtime.”

Despite the struggles, the team never let that get in the way of their family atmosphere.

“After the late goal to give us the win, we all piled onto each other,” said sophomore Kobe Coleman a business major from Georgetown, Texas. “It was a moment of fulfillment and excitement that I won’t forget. That day I felt we became a family. Nobody could take that away from us.”

The Tigers would capture two more wins the rest of the season against Southern Nazarene and Harding.

Junior goal keeper Matt Day a business major from Texarkana, led the Great American Conference with 86 saves, averaging just over five per game.

The new additions to the GAC proved costly to the Tigers’ success, but they are looking to bring back their winning ways next season.

by Ben Swanger

KEY Moment



“Against Southern Nazarene, I put the team up 1-0 on a PK and scored a goal by a through ball from Ryan Wilson.”
- *Abraham Lazo*



“Against Rogers State we played a golden goal OT and in the second half we had a header in the corner and it was game over.”
- *Matt Day*



“We went into the Rogers game as underdogs and won 2-1. It was the most complete game we put together this year.”
- *Ryan Wilson*



Senior Jakob Cuellar and redshirt junior Mariano Escobedo try to control the possession of the ball. Cuellar played an important roll as a starter all season, and Escobedo was an important role player, starting half the games.
Photo by Wesley Kluck

SCOREBOARD

MISSOURI S&T	1-2
DRURY	0-1
DELTA STATE	0-1
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	0-0
SOUTHERN NAZARENE	1-0
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	0-1
FORT HAYS ST.	2-2
NEWMAN	1-2
HARDING	0-2
NE STATE	0-2
ROGERS STATE	2-1
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	1-3
SOUTHERN NAZARENE	3-1
NEWMAN	0-3
FORT HAYS ST.	0-1
HARDING	1-0
ROGERS STATE	0-3
NE STATE	2-3
OVERALL	4-12-2



Freshman David Stankovic shoots the ball on the edge of the 18 yard box. Stankovic appeared in every game in his rookie campaign.
Photo by Hannah Oliver



Zach Larkin crosses the ball to his teammate along the sideline. Larkin had his season high in minutes at 47 against Delta State and Southern Nazarene.
Photo by Hannah Oliver



MEN'S SOCCER TEAM (front row): Morris Tsuma, Jared Cox, Alexis Lara, Zach Larkin, Jasper Capaciete, Ryan Wilson, Abraham Lazo, Jakob Cuellar, Nery Flores, Noa Cuellar, Johnny Hanifan, Henry Terry, Collier Byrd, Caden Pulliam, James Jolly. (back row) Michael Soldner, Max Kenyan, Mariano Escobedo, Ryan Shaughnessy, Hector Duran, David Stankovic, Ryan Nolen, Kyle Nelson, Matt Day, Nathan Bloomer, Kobe Coleman, Michael Roach, Blake Andros, Natneal, Abeje, Matt Heffernan.
Photo by Wesley Kluck

SCOREBOARD

NE STATE	1-2
UT TYLER	1-0
A&M COMMERCE	0-1
A&M INTERNATIONAL	4-3
DELTA STATE	1-1
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS	0-1
HARDING	0-1
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	2-1
SOUTHERN NAZARENE	1-0
NW OKLAHOMA	2-1
SW OKLAHOMA	0-1
EAST CENTRAL	1-0
SOUTHERN NAZARENE	2-0
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	4-3
SW OKLAHOMA	1-1
NW OKLAHOMA	2-1
HARDING	2-0
EAST CENTRAL	1-4
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	0-1
OVERALL	10-7-1

Meagan North dribbles the ball down the middle of the field. North racked up over 1100 minutes this season.

Photo by Levi Dade
Ashlyn Heckman passes the ball down the field to a teammate. Heckman accounted for 19 points this season.
Photo by Levi Dade



WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM (front row) left to right: Kylie Sharp, Gracen Turner, Katie Crouse, Madelyn Filla, Erin Webster, Michele Snow, Emma Schaeffer, Olivia White, Jayden Glover. (middle row) Kaylee Bobbitt, Jamie Fowler, Madison Humbar, Sydni Perry, Jaymee Dotson, Ashlyn Heckman, Josilyn Kispert, Ashlyn Lynch, Reese Marks, Morgan McCarty, Chloe Schnaitman. (back row) Hanna Thompson, isabella Lowry, Carmen Scott, Meagan North, Alyssa Hardan, Simone Norvell, Erica Gaddie, Makenna Kager, Anna Black, Asha Samson.
Photo by Wesley Kluck

KEY Moment



"I knew it was going to be a special year when we beat Oklahoma Baptist. This was the first time we beat them in my three seasons. It was also their first conference loss in two years!"
- Carmen Scott



"When we met our freshman class during preseason, I knew the new talent mixed with our talent from last year could make our team super competitive and aggressive."
- Erin Webster



"The key turning point was when we beat Oklahoma Baptist at the beginning of the season. They were the defending champs and we lost to them three times last season. So, beating them gave us the boost we needed."
- Ashlyn Heckman



For the first time in four seasons the Ouachita Lady Tigers put together a winning season on the soccer field. Growing pains were experienced, losses were taken and bumps in the road were hit, but the Tigers broke through this season to earn double digit wins for the first time since 2015.

"I realized we had an amazing team fairly early on in the season," said sophomore goal keeper Madelyn Filla a psychology major from Flint, Texas. "We meshed really well with the freshmen during the preseason, which resulted in great team chemistry and the amazing season we had."

The women started off the season 2-4, but panic never set in. Going into the match with Oklahoma Baptist, the Tigers had lost two in a row. Oklahoma Baptist had not lost in 27 straight regular season Great American Conference games, but to Ouachita they would fall.

With two second half goals, the women rallied to defeat the reigning conference champs 2-1. It was a turning point in the season that propelled the women to a successful year.

Three weeks later Oklahoma Baptist sought revenge as the Tigers travelled to Shawnee, OK. But the Tigers did not let them take advantage. The Tigers outscored the Bison 4-3 in another improbable victory.

"The first win against Oklahoma Baptist was very much a confident booster," sophomore Makenna Kager a biology major from Sulpher Springs, Texas said. "Last year they won our conference so being able to beat them not only once but twice put us in a good position as far as conference rankings."

The women would move on to win eight out of their next 10 in a magical run to the conference tournament.

Unfortunately, the run would end as the Tigers once again ran into Oklahoma Baptist. This time around, the Bison defeated the Tigers 1-0. Despite the disappointing ending, the Tigers proved they have built a winning program for years to come.

"My favorite moment was after the last game, even though we lost, all of my teammates hugged me, knowing it was my last game," senior Katie Crouse, a communications major from Allen, Texas, said. "In that moment, I just felt so loved, even though it was the ending of a chapter."

Carmen Scott was named the GAC defensive player of the year as well as an all-region team member, while Jaymee Dotson, Erin Webster and Ashlyn Heckman also received conference honors. The Tigers will look to continue to build upon the momentum going into 2020.

by Ben Swanger

UNDERDOGS

Lady Tigers surprise the conference with big wins and consistent play



Freshmen Madison Humbard and Gracen Turner celebrate a goal scored by Turner. The rookies both contributed in big ways to the successful season.
Photo by Levi Dade



Jaymee Dotson



Sydni Perry



Erin Webster



Building grit from a

small town legacy

Cliff Harris now lives in football immortality as a Pro Football Hall of Famer, but he rose from humble beginnings. Out of Des Arc High School, one of the greatest safeties to ever grace the NFL gridiron had one scholarship offer. That offer was from Ouachita Baptist University.

Harris told the simple story of his recruiting process. “Every morning, Coach Buddy Benson would have coffee with Red Nelson, and Red told Coach Benson, ‘Buddy Harris has a son that plays quarterback, why don’t you give him a scholarship?’”

The rest is history.

At Ouachita, Harris transitioned to defensive

back where he learned the nuances of the safety position. Harris played under one of the NFL greats in Coach Tom Landry, but believes Coach Benson orchestrated more grueling practices. Harris said, “The two-a-day practices on that OBU field were harder than the Dallas Cowboys. The reason Ouachita won, and the reason I made it in the NFL, is I was tougher than a lot of the guys.” Harris credits his success to his WWII hero father Buddy Harris and Coach Buddy Benson.

Harris’ father lost his vision and was unable to watch Cliff deliver the majority of his back-breaking blows in the NFL, but nonetheless, his father demonstrated toughness through it all.



"I always believed if I could make it through Buddy Bob's practices, I was tough ."

• Cliff Harris

Cliff Harris stands on the new turf on Benson-Williams Field inside of Cliff Harris Stadium. In 2014, through generous donations, OBU made renovations to the football stadium and named it in honor of NFL legend Cliff Harris.
Photo by Hannah Smith

"One of the elements of making it in pro football, and I believe in life, is mental toughness; my toughness came through my dad," Harris said.

Harris continued, "Coach Benson also taught me mental toughness. He talked about a fine line between winning and losing, and I always believed if I could make it through Buddy Bob's practices, I was tough."

In 1970 the Dallas Cowboys brought in 120 undrafted rookies. Harris was the only one to immediately crack the starting lineup.

Due to military service, Harris lost his starting position to eventual running mate and business partner Charlie Waters. He regained that starting

position the next season and teamed up with Waters for 10 seasons to create arguably the best safety-duo in NFL history.

The odds were never in Cliff Harris' favor to succeed in the capacity he did, but he shattered those odds. To pass along that hope and to continue his legacy, Harris presents the Cliff Harris Award to the nation's best small college defender each year.

Cliff Harris: a pedigree of toughness produced a prodigy of toughness who now provides the promise of hope to young dreamers.

by Ben Swanger



Tyler Riebeck



Ben Miller



Logan Huneycutt



Tigers grind
their way
through a
season full of
potential

BLUE COLLAR

The Tigers struggled to gain their footing at the beginning of the fall. There were several fresh faces in the locker room, but the team still found a way to grow through the newness.

Head Coach Luke Howard said, “Half our roster was made up of new players. When that happens, it takes a little longer for the team to mesh.”

The slow start was taken care of during fall workouts, and the team was ready for the season by the time the opener came around in spring.

Junior Blake Tubbs, a kinesiology major from Hartshorne, Okla., said, “This team is the closest team I have ever been a part of.”

Tubbs was not the only one who felt the dynamic of the team was close.

Cade Burris, a freshman accounting major from Walnut Ridge, similarly described the team by saying, “The chemistry within the team was one of the best I’ve ever played with. Guys I’ve only known for a semester were like my brothers and I would trust them with anything.”

Not only did the Tigers bond as brothers in the fall, but when it came time for their season to begin, they implemented the things they learned in the offseason to help them during the season.

Tubbs said, “I learned a lot about being consistent in who I am. Both on the field and in the locker room, I tried to learn to be the same person all the time.”

Burris also learned skills both on and off the field due to the culture of discipline the team established.

Burris said, “I learned how to balance school, class, practice and games throughout a daily basis. I overcame this by using all the resources on campus that are available to help.”

Although the season was cut short due to the Coronavirus, the progress that was made during the year will propel the Tigers into the 2021 season. The Tigers’ goal is to grow in the offseason and work to be prepared for the next time they get to touch the diamond.

Howard said, “The team grew a lot this year and was starting to gel when the season came to a halt. I look forward to them being hungry next season and picking up right where we left off.”

by Caroline Johnson

KEY Moment



“We had the confidence to go out and beat anybody. Nearly every game we won, we won it in a close fashion. We wish we could’ve had the chance to go to the tourney, but we’ll be back next year.”
- Parker Edwards



“We had a couple of great wins to end the season against Oklahoma Baptist and Delta State. Those wins will give us a full head of steam going into next year with a huge group of upperclassmen leading the way.”
- Louis Steen



“Every guy on the field took pride in never taking a pitch off. We always competed. Our winning culture and camaraderie on this year’s team could not have been any better.”
- Sheldon McCown

Brandon Matros served as the Tiger's ace in the short-lived spring season. Matros earned GAC Pitcher of the Week in his final start.
Photo by Abby Leal



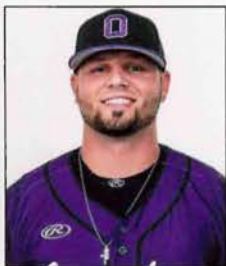
The program has made many improvements since Luke Howard became head coach in 2018. This spring, the program installed a turf halo around home plate, a new net, and a new backstop. Photo courtesy of Ouachita Baseball's Facebook

The team celebrates a victory at Rab Rodgers Field. In a short season, the Tigers built a bond that will last much longer than their 20-game season.
Photo by Wesley Kluck

SCOREBOARD

UNION	7-14, 3-13, 8-6
CENTRAL OKLAHOMA	1-5
NW MISSOURI STATE	7-9
NEWMAN	3-2
ARKANSAS TECH	4-8, 0-2, 7-5
ECCLESIA	11-2
MONTICELLO	1-8, 3-5, 7-6
HENDRIX	14-6
SOUTHERN NAZARENE	10-4, 10-7, 1-7
MONTICELLO	4-11
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	1-11, 9-13, 5-0
DELTA STATE	9-5
OVERALL	10-12
Season suspended March 12	

CLASS OF 2020



Jackson Nichols



Jordan Izzo



Logan Huneycutt



Brandon Matros



Sheldon McCown



Head Coach Luke Howard

BASEBALL TEAM (team photo not available prior to cancellation of season) Louis Steen, Tyler Riebock, Logan Huneycutt, Josh Salim, Chris Willard, Pierce Mitchum, Jarod Free, Simmons Sowell, Cooper Timmons, Blake Tubbs, Carter Wade, Beau Burson, Brandon Matros, Cole Kelly, Hunter Gautreaux, Sheldon McCown, Jordan Izzo, David Rainwater, Cade McBride, Matt Bryant, Colin McWhorter, Jackson Nichols, Tommy Foster, Hayden Childers, Parker Edwards, Luke Scaggs, Ben Miller, Andrew McDonald, Noah Fowler, Maddox Long, Cade Burris, Caleb Donoho, CW Schrader, Jackson Huskey, Jacob Bowman, Head Coach Luke Howard, Assistant Coach Tanner Rockwell, Assistant Coach Charles Bradley.

SCOREBOARD

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS	7-5
TEXAS A&M KINGSVILLE	1-6
ST. LOUIS	2-11
TARLETON ST.	0-11
ANGELO ST.	0-4
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL	2-7
ANGELO ST.	2-6
NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS	8-4
MONTICELLO	1-5, 2-3, 4-5, 4-5
SOUTHERN NAZARENE	0-8, 1-9, 2-6, 1-9
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	0-7, 1-4
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	0-2, 1-3, 4-3, 1-4
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	3-2, 5-2
OVERALL	5-19
Season suspended March 12	

Junior Sloane Precure fields the ball down the line and prepares to toss it over to first. Precure came back to rejoin the Tigers after transferring her sophomore season.

Photo by Ashley Stracener
The Tigers celebrate at home after Jillian Jones launches a home run. Jones was a force in the lineup all season for the Tigers.

Photo by Wesley Kluck



SOFTBALL TEAM (front row) left to right: Tori Herbert, Kendyl Dockter, Hannah Stuart, Macy Wilson, Faith Melton, Kirsten Shaw, Sarah Tuller, Maddi Terry, Kyndal Moyer. (back row) Sloane Precure, Heather Brown, Addyson Miller, Hope Waid, Maci Hill, Jillian Jones, Leighton Withers, Nicole Arreola, Rebecca Holiman, Madi Miller, Lacy Ornelas, Tobi Finley, Callie Jourdan, Tally Turnbow, Lexie Foreman.

Photo by Wesley Kluck

KEY Moment



“The whole year we struggled to bring everything together, but our last two games we finally figured out how to make it all work. I’ve never been on a team filled with this many amazing girls.”
- Sloane Precure



“We started our season struggling, but we dug deep and turned our season around. We got a win against OKBU then two against Mississippi College, and finally, we found our rhythm.”
- Maci Hill



“It’s not a secret we had a rough start to the season, however, our last two games gave us a glimpse of what we could have accomplished this year.”
- Nicole Arreola



The Ouachita Tiger softball team, like every other spring sport on campus and countrywide, had its season cut short. Despite the adversity, it was not lacking lessons.

Leighton Withers, a sophomore business major from Benton, will never forget the moment their season was called quits.

"The moment I will take with me forever was when we were made aware of the season being canceled," Withers said. "It showed me how quickly things can be taken away from you, and we should not take anything in life for granted."

Despite a slow start, the ladies found their footing in the final week. The Tigers won their final three of four games. At home against Oklahoma Baptist, the Tigers captured a 4-3 victory after falling behind 3-0. The Tigers completed the comeback on a Callie Jourdan two RBI double to seal the victory.

The Tigers then took its momentum into the final double header of the season on a Tuesday afternoon against Mississippi College. The ladies played their two best games of the season as they captured 3-2 and 5-2 wins.

The girls were just hitting their stride when the news hit that the GAC was canceling spring sports.

In a season cut short it was still a memorable one for all the girls.

Faith Melton, a senior kinesiology major from Maumelle, said, "We had our fair share of hardships, but no matter what happened, at the end of the day, I always knew that every one of those girls had my back."

Madi Miller, a sophomore kinesiology major from Nashville, said, "The memories we made on the field, at practice and traveling, are memories that I will always hold dear to my heart."

One cannot forget the countless moments spent off the field and the fall workouts the team went through in preparation for the spring. On the outside it might be easy to assume disappointment, but the girls stayed strong and built a bond that will outlast any adversity.


In wake of the cancelation, NCAA Division II sports granted all athletes an extra year of eligibility and Head Coach Dean was thrilled.

"I am so ecstatic that was offered for the young ladies," Dean said. "As of now, only two of four seniors will return. It's tough for seniors to take advantage of that, however, a couple will be able to take the NCAA up on their offer."

by Ben Swanger

EARNEST

Tigers turn season around and finish with momentum



Sophomore pitcher Madi Miller is in her stride towards the plate. Miller led the team in wins, pitched over 55 innings and finished the season with two complete games.
Photo by Ashley Stracener



Leighton Withers



Nicole Arreola



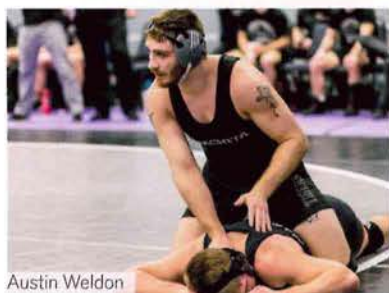
Rebecca Holliman



Johnny Green



Robert Otero



Austin Weldon



Tigers fight through strong schedule with toughness

FORTITUDE

The Ouachita Tigers put together a season full of sweat and hard work. The men began the season with an appearance in the Georgia Open that saw many team members record wins.

The Tigers then followed the Georgia Open up with wins against Arkansas Baptist and Central Baptist College. Redshirt sophomore Cody Cagle, a Christian Studies major from Wyoming, had a memorable match that day in Little Rock.

"I wrestled through some really tough matches, but when my parents were able to watch me wrestle for the first time in college at the Arkansas Baptist and Central Baptist duals was my favorite memory," Cagle said. "I won three tough matches and it was so great to have the support of my team and family that day."

The Tigers found success again in November when they hosted the Ouachita Quad. Against Emmanuel, the Tigers gathered in a 21-17 victory to close the tournament on a positive note.

Much of the wrestling that goes on is not noticed in the win and loss column. The Tigers endured a long season, and with a long season came many grueling practices.

Alex Thyges, a business major from Conroe, Texas, said, "We made it through very tough practices with our brothers by our side. At the end of the day, we are able to say we made it through something most couldn't."

Tough practices are said to build camaraderie and in the case of these men, a brotherhood was built brick by brick.

Freshman Trey Taylor, a kinesiology major from Fort Worth, Texas, said, "They are all my family away from family and I would do anything for these dudes. We sweat together, bleed together, and maybe even cry together."

The Tigers found their final team win in January against Lyon College.

The Tigers had to rely on young players as 15 true freshmen were on this year's roster of 22.

Cagle had high praise for the youngsters. "We had a lot of freshmen who stepped up and filled positions on the team, and it was really encouraging to see how they wrestled and fought through all the adversity."

The Tigers looked to continue to build a winning program in the coming years.

by Ben Swanger

KEY Moment



"I will always remember my first college win when I competed in our tournament against OCU. All the hard work paid off."
- *Adrian Salazar-Rivera*



"There was no single moment that stood out to me, but, rather, a collage of the entire season. I watched everybody get better day by day, but the team growing together and building a bond was great."
- *Austin Weldon*



"Each day I went to practice I could truly notice myself becoming a better wrestler. My teammates pushing me on and off the mat is something I'm grateful for."
- *Christian Carney*

Augustus Boyd looks to take his opponent down. Boyd was an important piece this season as a leader and was a consistent contributor to the team over the past years.
Photo by Daniell Sourber

SCOREBOARD

ARKANSAS BAPTIST	48-6
CENTRAL BAPTIST	24-17
LINDENWOOD	6-47
UNIV. OF THE OZARKS	3-45
EMMANUEL	21-17
OKLAHOMA CITY	20-28
CENTRAL OKLAHOMA	0-51
DRURY	8-33
LYON COLLEGE	34-14
TEXAS WESLEYAN	23-27
MARYVILLE	3-40
MCKENDREE	0-55
INDIANAPOLIS	6-48
BELLARMINE	5-46

OVERALL 4-10



Head Coach Kevin Crutchmer and Assistant Coach Kyle Ash celebrate a big victory. Crutchmer has been the head coach of the wrestling team since 2017.
Photo by Danielle Sourber



Christian Carney sizes up his opponent. Carney and many other freshmen all experienced their first taste of college wrestling.
Photo by Wesley Kluck



WRESTLING TEAM (front row): Trey Taylor, Caden Mills, Darryl Nicholas, Marcel Molu, Noah Yeamans, Ta Thai, Michael Crockett, Thomas Brenton, Robert Otero, Noah Yeamans. (back row) Joseph Presley, Assistant Coach Kyle Ash, Jacob Mintzmyer, Cody Cagle, Brady Mattioda, Keelan Stanley, Chandler Cooley, Johnny Green, Augustus Boyd, Rey Reyes, Christian Carney, Austin Weldon, Ben Parkhurst, Head Coach Kevin Crutchmer. *Photo by Wesley Kluck*

SCOREBOARD

DELTA STATE	2-7
UT TYLER	8-1
ST. EDWARD'S	3-6
ST. MARY'S	2-7
WEST ALABAMA	2-5
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	6-1
TEXAS A&M TEXARKANA	7-0
JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE	7-0
NW MISSOURI STATE	5-2
OVERALL 5-4	
Season suspended March 12	

Dan Kaplun returns the ball back to his opponent. Kaplun was an important piece for the Tigers in his four years at Ouachita.

Photo by Ashley Stracener
Head Coach Craig Ward addresses an attentive team after practice. Ward has been at Ouachita since 1990.
Photo by Ashley Stracener



MEN'S TENNIS TEAM (front row) Juan Moncada, Head Coach Craig Ward, Seth Hernandez. (second row) Nair Adi, Dan Kaplun, Carlos Solorzano, Santiago Kearney. (back row) Javi Sanchis-Fito, Francisco Oliveira, Tobias Fuerschuss.
Photo by Wesley Kluck

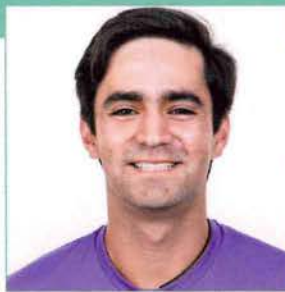
KEY Moment



"We faced every match with courage, character and determination. We were ready to have a successful season by giving 100 percent on and off the court."
- Santiago Kearney



"We had a rough start, but we kept training, stayed focused and kept our high energy. The work ethic of the team in every moment was admirable. I'm proud to be a Tiger."
- Dan Kaplun



"We always gave our very best. Our high intensity practices led to success. I do not think I have ever been on a team like this. We can be proud of our effort and passion."
- Carlos Solorzano



One of the biggest takeaways from knowing a player on the men's tiger tennis team was seeing that family is more than just your bloodline; it transcends geographical borders, language barriers, and exists long after a team member graduates.

"This team leaves a legacy that is best summed up as exceptional character and lifelong relationships," said Coach Craig Ward, who has led the program since 1990. "I have never had a team that exemplified the best character attributes (teamwork, persistence, positive attitude, enthusiasm, and honesty) any more than this group of guys."

The players recognized their bonds with one another would be key for success as a team. With the addition of two freshman players as well as three graduating seniors, the team created a close-knit chemistry, following Ward's motto: "It's all about relationships."

"We do pretty much everything together," said sophomore Chico Oliveira, a business major from Porto, Portugal. "We eat together, and we hang out together. We study together; it's exactly like a family."

For senior business major Juan Moncada, this brotherhood was a home away from his home in Resistencia, Argentina.

"Being on this team made me feel like I have another family. I was happy to be part of the team through every moment," Moncada said.

The team competed in both semesters, with individual success from the players in the fall, to team success in a shortened spring season. The team was forced to end the spring before conference play really began, but went out with a 5-4 record after defeating Northwest Missouri. Though the rest of the season could not be completed, the matches that were played reinforced the hard work that was put in during the fall.

"It shaped the team in a lot of positive ways," said senior Dan Kaplun, a kinesiology major from Montevideo, Uruguay. "We saw how well we can do on the court, and that we had the tools to beat any team in the country."

This realization proved just how much the tough practices and long matches had paid off, especially for the team's three seniors: Nair Adi, Juan Moncada, and Dan Kaplun, all of whom will leave their legacy on tiger tennis.

"All three helped rebuild the tennis program back to national prominence," said Coach Ward.

To Nair Adi, a business major from San Martin, Argentina, the program was much more than the competition.

"It has changed my character," he said, looking back at his four years. "These guys have helped me to become a more selfless and grateful person."

by Claire Phillips

INTENSITY

Tigers succeed in all facets, proving to be a consistent force



Senior Juan Moncada and sophomore Francisco Oliveira team up for a double's match. The two players always brought high intensity to every practice. Photo by Ashley Stracener



Nair Adi



Santiago Kearney



Seth Hernandez



Claire Phillips



Practice day



Clarisa Valenzuela



Lady Tigers
come together
to fight
through tough
schedule

PROGRESS

The Lady Tiger tennis team learned how to take advantage of the unexpected. From Coach Rachel Jones going on maternity leave in March, to their competitive season being cut short way too soon, the girls did not let these obstacles take down their goal as a team - to improve in every opportunity.

To kick off the fall semester, the team got together and created a goal that would motivate them every time they stepped out on court. They aimed to get better every day, to progress in some way, no matter how big or small, at every practice.

"Each and every day was an opportunity to improve," said Haylee Cannon, a sophomore education major from Denison, Texas. "That's the mind-set we had during every practice, conditioning session and match."

Being a sport that required just as much individual motivation as it did teamwork, this mantra was perfect to fuel the work ethic of the team as a whole, as well as each individual player. With a roster of only six, it was essential for each player to buy into the team's goal, "...there was no room to not be the best that we could," said Cannon.

When they stepped out on court, they were playing for more than just themselves.

"The hardest thing is probably that your individual match is never just a match. The result on your court affects the team overall so you're not just fighting for yourself, you're fighting for your teammates," said Makeilah Turner, a junior business administration major from Plano, Texas. "Whether you're playing well or not, each match is important and can change the overall team outcome."

This mind-set was a key aspect of the type of culture that Coach Jones wanted to create for the team.

"I want them to be both self-motivated and team players," Jones said. "I wanted to teach the girls that their attitude on the court and with their teammates can make all the difference. If they are each willing to work hard and put in the time, they'll begin to see positive things come from their efforts."

While the season ended before the team could see what would come of their hard work, the Tigers were not going to let this stop them. Makeilah Turner noted that the team was still going to work hard and were excited to get back on court in the fall.

"As the (next) year goes on and we prepare for season, we'll only grow closer as a team and to accomplishing our goals," said Turner.

by Claire Phillips

KEY Moment



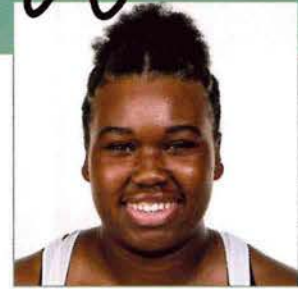
“We are such a very tight-knit team. And I credit that to our Head Coach Rachel Jones. She has been a great coach every step of the way, and I can’t wait to get back to work with the team.”

- *Taylor Hansard*



“Although we didn’t get to finish our season, I think we can all be proud of how we took advantage of every moment together. Each practice we made it a goal to be better than we were yesterday.”

- *Claire Phillips*



“We faced challenges as a team, but we came together by relying on Coach Jones. Coach always encouraged us to work harder. Despite our small team, I’m proud to compete alongside them all.”

- *Makeilah Turner*



Mackenzie Wade goes up to return the ball. Even as a freshman, Wade contributed, due to the lack of depth on the women’s team.
Photo by Landon King



Makeilah Turner anticipates a return in a doubles match. Her doubles partner was Haylee Cannon.
Photo by Danielle Sourber

Taylor Hansard returns to her opponent. Hansard played a big part to the Lady Tigers’ success.
Photo by Danielle Sourber

SCOREBOARD

UT TYLER	2-5
ARKANSAS TECH	0-7
NORTHEASTERN STATE	0-7
RHODES COLLEGE	4-5
TARLETON STATE	2-4
NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE	2-4
DELTA STATE	0-7
HARDING	0-7
NW MISSOURI STATE	0-7

OVERALL 0-9
Season suspended March 12



WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM (front row) Haylee Cannon, Claire Phillips, Mackenzie Wade. (back row) Taylor Hansard, Clarisa Valenzuela, Shirley Hernandez, Makeilah Turner.

Photo by Wesley Kluck

SCOREBOARD

LOYOLA (LA)	100-155
UT PERMIAN-BASIN	46-256
HENDERSON STATE	64-138
INCARNATE WORD	95-174
HENDRIX	110-93
DELTA STATE INVITE	5th
MONTEVALLO	119-67
HENDERSON STATE	91-114
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	70-145
NSISC CHAMPIONSHIP	4th

OVERALL 2-6

Nolan Gerfers competes in the breaststroke race. Gerfers contributed all season to the Tigers' success.

Photo by Hannah Smith
Jacob Ragsdell swims toward the finish. Ragsdell was a part of the 200 yard medley relay that secured top finishes all season.
Photo by Hannah Smith



SWIM TEAMS (front row): Assistant Coach Dawson Pritchard, Hannah Hickman, Samantha McCarty, Kaitlyn Montgomery, Rachel Sansano, Elysian Majeske, Camilla Howarth, Christina Beger, Jade Ashley, Victoria Kunselman, Ariana Rizo, Volunteer Assistant Tyler Sanders, second row stairs: Alyssa Reece, Paige Vire, Courtney Myers, third row stairs: Madison Shankle, Emma Starkman, fourth row stairs: Anastasia Ulianova, Erica Tatom, fifth row: Cody Kehmeier, Erin Strautman, Lauren Gaharan, Lucas Riley, Mason Youngblood, Sydney Parker, Jordan Wendt, Lilia Clark, Moe Patterson, Peyton Stone, Trayton Armstrong, Chase Foiles, Joe Ragsdell, Alex Noel, Nolan Gerfers, back row: Eddie Pimentel, Trent Reeder, Bryce Johnson, Vaughn Stresow, Head Coach Steven Bostick, Joao Rodrigues, Jack Conner, Jacob Ragsdell, Sebastian Bustillo, Keith Matthews, Mitchell Lee.
Photo by Wesley Kluck

KEY Moment



"In this year's Battle of the Ravine we really just came together and supported each swimmer in every race. It was the most energized meet I'd ever swam."
- Keith Matthews



"I think all of my swims were phenomenal, but I think I was most proud of my 200 butterfly in the NSISC Conference tournament."
- Sebastian Bustillo



"I felt most proud of our team at the end of the season because I knew how far we had come from the beginning, and being able to see everybody's hard work pay off is amazing."
- Mitchell Lee



The men's swim team gained new team records and discipline due to the strict workouts and schedules. The team members saw their hard work pay off from beating their personal record from previous seasons.

"As a swimmer in college, the Ouachita swim team was my home away from home where my body was pushed to its limits, my leadership skills were strengthened, my faith blossomed, and my future grew brighter," said Dawson Pritchard, assistant men's coach. "But being the assistant coach was interesting because I got to see a lot of what I went through as a student-athlete: physical exhaustion, stress from school, being away from home, relationship issues, excitement over potential jobs and internships, from a different point of view."

Pritchard worked with the team to push them toward their goals during these tough times.

The mission statement of the Ouachita Athletic Department was to provide the student-athletes with the opportunity to enhance their educational experience and participate in a Christ-centered athletic program. The Ouachita men's swimming and diving team reflected these goals and values with opportunities to develop leadership and spiritual growth.

The team showed their tiger spirit all season. It was evident that the men proved their character in and out of the water which created an incredible environment for the Tigers this season.

Vaughn Stresow, a sophomore finance major from Frisco, Texas, said, "I love interacting with the international swimmers – they have become my best friends. I have also learned determination and teamwork."

The team had a successful season, and secured 4th place at the NSISC Championship conference, which was a step up from last year.

Tyler Sanders, who also served on the coaching staff, said, "The men had their most complete performance in all my years working with them. They started great, stayed mentally strong for four days, and finished with a great last day of racing. We had men of every class step up with some superb performances throughout."

by Gracie Stover

ENDURANCE

Tigers swim through strong schedule with speed and skills



Chase Foiles competes in the freestyle race. Foiles helped the team to a fourth place finish at the NSISC Swim Tournament.
Photo by Hannah Smith



Loyola (LA) Meet



Senior Day



Mason Youngblood



Alyssa Reece



Coaches Steven Bostick & Dawson Pritchard



Battle of the Ravine



Tigers finish strong in a season full of success

RESILIENCE

The season was all about improvement for the Lady Tiger Swim team. The team gained enough swimmers to double the size from last year. With the combination of new personalities, the group came together with the goal to improve both as individuals and as a team.

In a sport that was classified as a team but required individual success, the whole was greater than the sum of its parts. This was where personal mentality, as well as team synergy came together.

“There are so many personalities in the pool; it gets everyone out of their shell,” said Sydney Parker, a sophomore accounting and finance major from Edmond, OK. “Everyone’s energy bounces off of each other. Everyone on the team knows what events you swim. It’s so cool to be able to watch someone in what you know is their best event and be able to talk about the race after.”

Watching one another compete did more than just encourage teammates, it showed the team how the work they put in during practice was vital to the overall success.

Camilla Horwarth, a junior marketing major from Allen, Texas, was fond of the memories she made during competition.

“My favorite memory from this season is watching the underclassmen get their best personal record times because I was once there,” said Horwarth. “To have an impact and see the team come together really just puts a smile on my face knowing that I can leave a legacy.”

The team knew that this year would be one to heighten their level of competitiveness.

“We always have the expectation of going faster,” said Head Coach Steven Bostick.

Success for the team was measured by the clock, and an ambitious mindset had been taken on by the team.

“We’re climbing our way up and getting more and more competitive,” said Parker. “We are going for records now.”

by Claire Phillips

KEY Moment



"We really overcame so many obstacles and came back to really show the other teams what we're made of. Placing third at NSISC was something to be proud of."

- Alyssa Reece



"Breaking the 200 freestyle relay pool record with my teammates is a moment I'll take with me the rest of my life. I will forever get chills retelling that moment."

- Lilia Clark



"I am most proud of finishing in third place at our conference championship. We struggled early in the season, but it was great to see how much we had improved and grown."

- Elysian Majeske



Jordan Wendt competes in the women's freestyle relay. As a freshman, Wendt was a key part to the Lady Tigershark's success.
Photo by Hannah Smith



Kaitlyn Montgomery prepares to begin her backstroke race. Montgomery placed fifth at the NSISC in the 200-yard backstroke.

Photo by Hannah Smith



Members of the women's swim team relax after an exhausting race. The women brought home third place at the NSISC Championships.

Photo by Hannah Smith

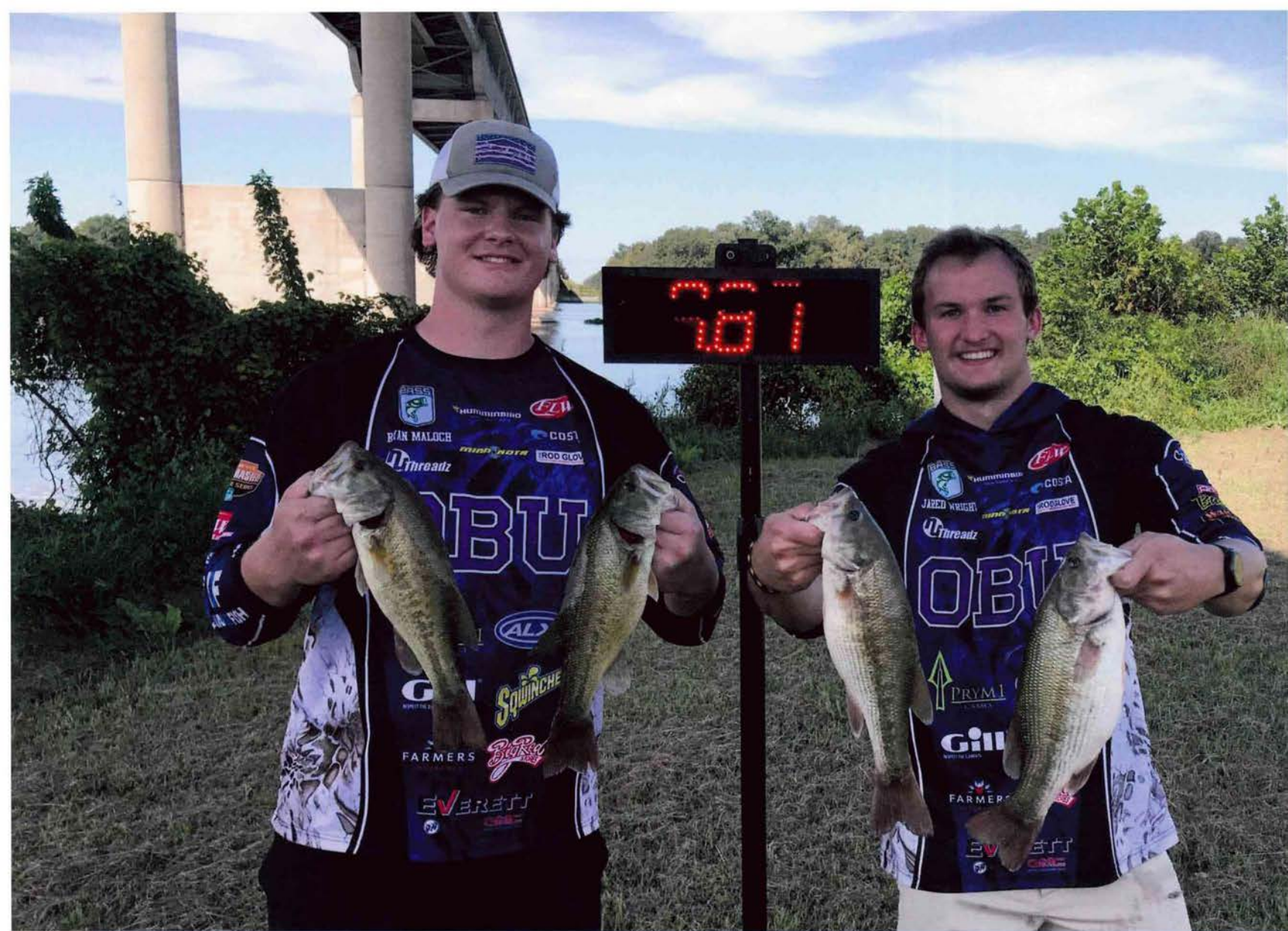


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Photo by Wesley Kluck

SCOREBOARD

LOYOLA (LA)	148-111
UT PERMIAN BASIN	92-185
HENDERSON STATE	78-127
HENDRIX	1st
DELTA STATE	4th
WEST FLORIDA	59-145
MONTEVALLO	120-80
HENDERSON STATE	126-76
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	128-93
UALR / VANDERBILT	3rd
NSISC CHAMPIONSHIP	3rd

OVERALL 5-3



Club members compete in the

great outdoors

Relatively new to Ouachita, the fishing team has been a club sport for almost two years. Getting the team revived wasn't too difficult for members, and current team president Jared Wright. Wright shared his experience about reviving the club.

"The hardest part is just teaching yourself the process of starting something from scratch, and a majority of the faculty was accepting and helpful," Wright said.

The team competed in fishing tournaments with other universities including Arkansas Tech, Henderson State, University of Central Arkansas, Southern Arkansas, Dallas Baptist, Auburn,

Clemson and Texas A&M.

Most tournaments were held locally at DeGray Lake, but the team also competed at Bull Shoals Lake, Lake Millwood, Greers Ferry, Lake Dardanelle, Lake Hamilton, and the Pendelton pool of the Arkansas River. Out-of-state competitions were at sites such as Lake Pickwick and Lake Toledo.

All the supplies used by the team were personally funded by the members. In competitions, they used their personal boats. Dr. Tim Knight, the team's sponsor, discussed the importance of this team.



"This sport is competitive, but it also allows students of any major to get out in nature and experience it firsthand."

• Dr. Tim Knight

Juniors Ryan Maloch and Jared Wright weigh in after a fishing tournament. This was the second year for the club sport.
Photo by Hannah Smith

"This sport is competitive, but it also allows students of any major to get out in nature and experience it firsthand," Knight said.

Fishing is popular activity for many people in Arkansas. The school saw this team as an opportunity to get students' attention. Anyone is encouraged to join the team if interested in the sport, and it always helps if you own a boat.

Knight talked about the commitment the team members had to make. "Just like any sport, the team members have to find a good balance to juggle their course load as well as their participation in the team," Knight said.

The members promoted the team at other sporting and school events to get the word out and raise money. They hosted their own fishing tournament on Lake DeGray as a fundraiser for their team. They secured local sponsorships that allowed them to travel and pay the expenses for the registration fees at the tournaments. As long as the team was supported, they continued to grow and had fun doing what they loved.

"It gives me a way to take care of my competitiveness and still do something I love like fishing," Wright said.

by Emily Barton

SCOREBOARD

ARK. FORT-SMITH	70-79
PHILANDER SMITH	69-60
ST. CLOUD ST.	56-51
MINOT ST.	62-66
DALLAS BAPTIST	56-70
ARKANSAS TECH	74-82
ARKANSAS MONTICELLO	73-76
CENTRAL BAPTIST	89-69
HARDING	73-70
CHAMPION CHRISTIAN	80-50
SOUTHERN NAZARENE	84-78
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	62-80
SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA ST.	61-67
NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA ST.	77-83
HENDERSON ST.	66-88
ARKANSAS MONTICELLO	75-68
SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA ST.	83-90
EAST CENTRAL	71-85
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	64-62
SOUTHERN NAZARENE	47-70
ARKANSAS TECH	83-63
HARDING	72-64
HENDERSON ST.	72-82
SOUTHERN ARKANSAS	52-82
NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA ST.	90-88
SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA ST.	64-63
EAST CENTRAL	76-90
SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA ST.	77-91
SOUTHERN NAZARENE	61-49
OVERALL	12-16

Larenz Nero dribbles the ball down the court and sets the offense. Nero was a big threat off the bench down the stretch and had a season high of 15.

Photo by Justin Trostle
Morris Talbert leads the charge on a fast break. Talbert has been a contributor on both ends of the court since he became a Tiger.

Photo by Justin Trostle

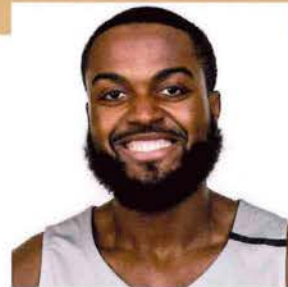


BASKETBALL TEAM (front row) Jacob Street, Eric Brown, Isaiah Harper, Trey Harris, Morris Talbert, Kyle Wright, Larenz Nero. (back row) Head Coach Dennis Nutt, Kendarious Smith, Matt Stanley, Leon Kalinic, Grant Jones, Xavier Hall, Assistant Coach Jordan Bailey. Not pictured: Allie Freeman. *Photo by Wesley Kluck*

KEY Moment



“Being able to defeat #1 ranked SNU was a defining moment for us. Ultimately it helped us secure a spot in the tournament.”
- Grant Jones



“A key moment for us was being able to defeat SNU. I think we rallied together when Matt Stanley’s injury happened and we knew we had to turn a corner, and that’s exactly what we did.”
- Kyle Wright



For the sixth straight season, the men's basketball team made the Great American Conference tournament. Despite being out of the playoff picture with two weeks to play, the Tigers found a way to claw its way into postseason play.

The Tigers stumbled out of the gates to a 2-5 start, but quickly regrouped and went on a five-game win streak between Nov. 30 and Jan 2. Within that five-game win streak, the Tigers picked up three conference wins against Southern Arkansas, Harding and Southern Nazarene.

Jacob Street, a sophomore business major from Nacogdoches, Texas, was a big shooting threat who came off the bench for the Tigers. He made a big leap from his freshman to sophomore season.

"I've grown a lot on and off the court," Street said. "I got to play a much bigger role this year than last. It's crazy the difference there was from last year to this year in just about every aspect of my game. The biggest improvement was my confidence and gaining size."

One big loss the Tigers suffered was not a game, but a player. Junior big man Matt Stanley, a business major from Cabot, Arkansas, went down just 10 games in with a leg injury. Despite the setback, Stanley was able to learn through it.

"I learned that everything has a valuable lesson," Stanley said. "I started paying attention to the little things like being able to walk or just being able to do a squat. This injury has truly been a blessing in disguise because it has made me even more motivated and focused on coming back stronger and better."

With two weeks to go in the season, in terms of the conference tournament, the Tigers found themselves on the outside looking in.

Two home wins against Northwestern Oklahoma State and Southwestern Oklahoma State in the second to last week of the season was enough to send the Tigers into postseason play.

Senior guard Trey Harris, a finance major from Little Rock, Arkansas, scored 49 points in those games.

"It felt great to perform that well in two of our most important games of the season," Harris said. "I tried to be more aggressive and assertive and, luckily, opportunities were there that I could capitalize on. The fact that those were my last two games in Bill Vining Arena added to my desire to perform well."

The Tigers were unfortunately unable to make a run in the conference tournament but were still able to play into the postseason for the sixth straight season.

The Tigers will look to be back next season to accomplish bigger and better things.

by Ben Swanger

PERSISTENCE

Tigers reach sixth straight GAC tourney



Trey Harris fends off the defender with his off arm. Harris was the Tigers' leading scorer in his senior season. Photo by Hanna Adamson



Kendarious Smith



Jacob Street



Allie Freeman



Madison Raney



Jessi Bennett



Makayla Miller



Lady Tigers
take on season
with new head
coach for the
first time in
20+ years

PROGRESS

It was a new season for the Lady Tigers and for the first time in over 20 years, the Lady Tigers were beginning the year with a new head coach. Coach Robert Dallimore made the trip down from the University of Arkansas - Little Rock to take over the OBU program.

It was not a conference tournament appearing season. It was not a season highlighted with big wins. However, a foundation was set for Coach Dallimore's program, and an individual milestone for senior Madison Brittain was a highlight of the season.

Brittain, a finance major from Bentonville, Ark. said, "Scoring 1,000 points was a huge milestone because I always wanted to accomplish that when I started as a freshman."

The Lady Tiger's biggest win came on a cold December afternoon when they faced off against Rogers State University. The Tiger's shooting was anything but cold as they lit the scoreboard on fire, scoring a season high of 86 points.

One lasting memory the team shared together was a trip to Memphis with tickets to see the Memphis Grizzlies take on the Detroit Pistons. Jakyra Clay had an unforgettable moment with one of the NBA's greatest players.

Clay, a junior kinesiology major from Marion, Ark. said, "When the game was over, I made eye contact with Andre Drummond and I asked for his game jersey. He signaled for me to come down and I got Andre's jersey."

Coming into the season the Lady Tigers were already short-handed with just eight players. Depth was never a luxury the team had, but despite the lack of numbers, the team's effort never wavered.

The Lady Tigers may have struggled, but they never failed to bring the energy. The team's resolve was never broken, and their bond was a lasting one.

Laura Spradlin, a senior music major from Cordova, Tenn. said, "I will remember this season for the relationships we built as a team. We dealt with many challenges this year, and with so few people on the team, it was a great bonding experience for us all."

The Lady Tigers will look to have a bounce back season next year.

by Ben Swanger

KEY Moment



"A moment that will stick with me forever has to be when Coach D bought us tickets to the Grizzlies, Pistons game. After the game Andre Drummond gave me his game jersey."

- Jakyya Clay

"We dealt with many challenges this year with so few players, but we bonded through it and that's a moment that can never be replaced."

- Laura Spradlin

SCOREBOARD

NEWMAN	53-55
SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA ST.	50-76
TEXAS A&M COMMERCE	54-69
ARKANSAS TECH	58-80
ARKANSAS MONTICELLO	60-63
CENTRAL BAPTIST	65-58
WILLIAMS BAPTIST	76-52
SOUTHERN ARKANSAS	58-73
HARDING	61-71
ROGERS ST.	86-64
SOUTHERN NAZARENE	45-72
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	71-62
SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA ST.	55-66
NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA ST.	68-78
HENDERSON ST.	46-75
ARKANSAS MONTICELLO	59-69
SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA ST.	46-70
EAST CENTRAL	71-78
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	65-72
SOUTHERN NAZARENE	51-75
ARKANSAS TECH	64-73
HARDING	60-69
HENDERSON ST.	67-90
SOUTHERN ARKANSAS	65-67
NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA ST.	59-67
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OVERALL 4-24

Senior Madison Brittain passes the ball in to freshman Makayla Miller. Brittain finished her senior season with over 1000 career points.

Photo by Levi Dade



Eden Crow tries to find a teammate between two defenders. Crow has been a leading offensive force for the Lady Tigers over the past couple years.

Photo by Wesley Kluck

Maija Gertson looks at the offensive positioning at the top of the key. Gertson is the team's only international talent as she hails from Latvia.

Photo by Justin Trostle



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM (front row) Heather Pryse, Makayla Miller, Maija Gertson, Jessi Bennett, Student Assistant Kylie Jo Kilgore. (back row) Jakyya Clay, Madison Raney, Laura Spradlin, Head Coach Robert Dallimore, Madison Brittain, Eden Crow, Assistant Coach Maggie Proffitt. Photo by Wesley Kluck

CHAMPIONS

MEN'S SOCCER
Big Brainnnnn

COED SOCCER
Super Mario Strikers

MEN'S DODGEBALL
Kids Next Door

COED DODGEBALL
Team Name

MEN'S FOOTBALL
Beta Black

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL
HardcorEEE

ULTIMATE FRISBEE
The Mighty Hucks

UPPER VOLLEYBALL
Sets and the City

LOWER VOLLEYBALL
Best Sets Ever

MEN'S LOWER BASKETBALL
Could've Gone Pro
But My Knees Gave Out

MEN'S UPPER BASKETBALL
Ball Alert

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
DrEEeam

The Women of EEE take on the women of Chi Mu in a classic game of basketball. No matter who came out on top, the teams enjoyed the game.

Photo by Maddie Cargile
Junior Caleb Crow coaches up the Women of EEE. Every year there was a Battle of the Ravine intramural football game.

Photo courtesy of Collin Battaglia



TRI CHI BASKETBALL TEAM The Tri Chi basketball team steps off the court after taking a loss. Despite the loss, the team still kept a smile on their face, embraced the moment and posed holding up "L's" to symbolize their loss.

Photo courtesy of Holly Shipp

KEY Moment



"Playing intramural volleyball was the highlight of my weeks. What my team lacked in skill we made up for in entertainment. We always made each other laugh."
- Olivia Yarbrough



"Being an intramural referee has been an awesome way for me to connect with other students. I've had tons of opportunities to build relationships with people between points or in a time out."
- Henry Hunley



"Intramurals has given me a great opportunity to play the sports I love. It not only helps me stay active, but I get to have fun with my friends while doing so."
- Preston Crowder



The university's intramural program provided an outlet for students who weren't athletes to become athletes. The ultimate goal of intramurals has been to create an environment where students can de-stress and create friendships through light-hearted competition.

"Intramurals is really about having fun and being with your friends," said Collin Battaglia, assistant director of Rec Life. "It's about having an outlet to stay active. All of these sports are free, and we try to make it as accessible as possible to anyone in the student body. They help people learn life skills such as communication and leadership. It's great seeing over 50% of the student body come together to establish friendships and play sports."

Battaglia oversees the intramural sports to make sure the program is running smoothly, from finding, training, and scheduling referees to all the other organizational aspects of intramurals.

"Intramurals have shown me how to be competitive and find the fun in the game whether the team lost or won," said Hailey Houghton, a freshman Christian studies major from Stuttgart, Ark. "I've made so many new relationships through intramural sports which was a huge help since I came from high school to college. You don't have to be an athlete to find the fun in intramural sports. It's all about staying active, enjoying the game, and meeting and competing against the people we go to school with."

In the fall, the intramural program offered soccer, dodgeball, ultimate frisbee, and volleyball. Spring sports include basketball, inner tube water polo, softball, and ultimate frisbee. The program also provided team competition in gaming, although not all championships were played before students left campus.


"I've played as many intramurals as I could every year, which is all of them except flag football," said Lee Grisham, a senior math and education major from Augusta, Ark. "I've won volleyball, ultimate Frisbee and softball championships through playing intramurals. This year I began working as a referee with the Rec Life staff. While intramurals can get competitive, it's still just a game whether your team wins or loses. The outcomes don't matter as much as long as you've had a good time playing the sport."

These sports have provided opportunities for students to stay active and meet new people. The games didn't focus on one's athletic ability, rather than the ability to have a good time and enjoy the game.

by Spencer Benway

UNIFIED

Because of intramurals, we are all college athletes



The Men of Beta Beta's flag football team brings it up to break it down after a win. Beta Beta has notoriously been successful on the intramural fields and courts.
Photo by Maddie Cargile





Hayley Smith, Jaelle Morrison, and Grace Tidwell



Harding Game



Kyla Soden and Lauren Williams



Every great team has a great cheer squad

DEVOTED

As one of the largest squads Ouachita had ever seen, the cheer team consisted of 26 girls and three boys. From cheering on the football team that was undefeated in regular season, to cheering multiple times a week for the men's and women's basketball teams, this year gave the cheerleaders a full schedule.

Brooke Bearden, a senior communication sciences and disorders major from Camden, Ark., led the team as captain. Bearden described her experience serving as captain as a blessing. Being uplifted and encouraged by her teammates made this year significant for her.

"I have been able to work with some of my favorite people while doing what I love best: cheer," said Bearden. "I couldn't have done it without the support and uplifting words from my teammates."

To cheer coach Cris McGough, who is fairly new to this side of the street, this year was a significant one. After working in advising at Henderson, McGough became a full time Tiger, working as director of graduate studies at Ouachita. McGough enjoyed coaching because it gave him the chance to get to know a wide range of students.

"It's a really positive experience and it's just another chance for everyone to get to spend time with friends and have fun while doing something they love doing," McGough said. "This year's group is loaded with both talent and leadership and they care about each other."

For Abbie Jolly, a freshman nursing major from Magnolia, Ark., Ouachita's cheer squad was different than any other team of which she had been a member.

"We just have fun as a team and we truly enjoy being together," Jolly said. "Every girl is doing it for the same reasons... because we love to cheer and we love the Tigers!"

by Abby Turner

KEY Moment



The Cheer team comes together before a Tiger football game to lead the crowd in the singing of the Ouachita Alma Mater. Photo by Hannah Smith



"I had always looked forward to cheering the Battle of the Ravine football game. The atmosphere was like no other game we had cheered. When the Tigers pushed through and came out with a win, that game become even more memorable."
- Allison Tubbs



"Being able to cheer during the Battle of the Ravine, and especially when we scored a touchdown with less than a minute to play, was a special moment and the most fun I've had cheering yet."
- Jasper Sanford



"Leading with grace and being patient with teammates, and even the fans when they weren't always supportive, has contributed to me becoming a more patient person."
- Brooke Bearden



Taylor Brown fires off a t-shirt cannon into the Ouachita crowd. Brown was a first year member of the Ouachita Cheer Team. Photo by Justin Trostle

Abby Turner cheers on the Tiger football team as they march toward an undefeated regular season. Turner has been on the cheer squad for three years. Photo by Justin Trostle



Julianne Weaver



Sideline Stunts



Kara DeLaune



CHEER TEAM (front row): Kelsi Coleman, Grace Tidwell, Allison Tubbs, Brooke Bearden, Kyla Soden, Caroline Sweet, Hayley Smith, Courtney Davis, Madison Creswell. (second row) Abby Jolly, Emmy Hipps, Taylor Brown, Brady Barton, Jaelle Morrison, Jennifer Wallace, Kristen Holyfield, Julianne Weaver, Aileena Schlauch. (third row) Julia Shands, McKenzie Smith, Athen Wilkerson, Lauren Williams, Sydney Donaldson, Allie Tarnowsky, Kara DeLaune, Abby Turner. (back row) Landon Denman, Jasper Sanford, Wyatt Ashlock, Cannon Fisher. Photo by Wesley Kluck

The clarinet and saxophone sections play to the tune of "Bohemian Rhapsody" during halftime. The band was an important part of the Tiger spirit.

Photo by Wesley Kluck



Braden Crawley plays the drums during Tiger Blast at Tiger Tunes. The band has always been a fan favorite in Tunes.

Photo by Ashley Stracener



Josh York plays the trumpet in the afternoon sun on Benson-Williams Field. York loved every moment of playing on the football field.

Photo by Abby Leal



Kayla Whittington is locked in as she plays the flute during halftime of a football game. Whittington has been a member of the Tiger band for two years.

Photo by Wesley Kluck



Dalton Heinsohn and the other members of the trumpet section perform during Tiger Tunes as a part of Tiger Blast. The band played "Bohemian Rhapsody," which was an excerpt of their 2019 football halftime show.

Photo by Danielle Sourber



KEY Moment



"Some of the greatest moments come from the community the band forms. Before every halftime show a senior usually gives a pep talk before we perform to lift our spirits."

- Kailee Morehart



"Being an incoming freshman making great friends quickly made starting college a lot easier. My favorite moment was getting to play at Tiger Tunes and at the Murphy USA Classic."

- Josh York



"I am so very grateful for band and the opportunities it gave me. Thanks to Dr. Hamilton and two girls in my section, I had the best experience in the band and wouldn't trade it for anything."

- Betsy Patterson



The band welcomed new direction from a Ouachita alumnus. After 28 years as a marching director in public schools, Jim Lloyd returned to his alma mater to become the new athletic band director.

"I feel like he handled that transition really well and he also was able to make it fun for us and let us know that what we're doing is important to some people, if not everyone," said Cayli Campbell, a senior instrumental performance major. "He definitely helped us keep that positive energy."

The marching show featured hits from the band Queen. Lloyd incorporated several fun elements learned from his days as a competitive high school band director. This included using real bicycles during the song "Bicycle Race" and a Freddie Mercury bit performed by Connor Howell, a junior accounting major from Wake Village, Texas.

Lloyd attributed the band's success to the type of the students involved. "The caliber and quality of not only their talent level but the kind of people they are is just so different than what you get out in the public," according to Lloyd. He did not recognize the unique quality of Ouachita students when he was one, but Lloyd's new position gave him a fresh perspective. Like their director, band members accredited their peers with the band's success.

"The experience of marching band is not mainly about instruments—it's not mainly about what you play, but it's about who you're playing with and becoming a family with these people," said Craig Crawford, a sophomore instrumental performance major from Texarkana, Texas. "I think our band has a lot of character because of the people who put the uniforms on."

Rachel Mills, a mass communications major from Longview, Texas, was a four-year member of the band and was a majorette. "Participating in the band over my four years was a valuable experience. It allowed for me to gain different opportunities, taught me life lessons, and gave me friendships I would not have made," she commented.

Whether it was the on-field performance of the favorite hits by "Queen," or the high-energy performance of Tiger Blast at Tunes, the band brought excitement and talent to the Ouachita audience.

by Katie Kemp

PASSIONATE

Hours of practice in the heat transformed into powerful performances

The band performs its first halftime show under the lights at the Harding-Ouachita football game. The band performed at each home football game and at the Murphy USA Classic against Southern Arkansas. *Photo by Levi Dade*





Izzy Baughn



Bob Gravett meet



Kristen Holeyfield



Running toward success never felt so simple

ENDURANCE

Though the competition was tough, Coach Steve Guymon saw potential in every one of his runners. As Cross Country started to gain its reputation on campus, Guymon became more motivated to have a successful team and coach effectively. Coach Guymon believed that this had been one of best years of his coaching career.

"These girls want to learn and want to get better," said Guymon. "We have 15 on the team this year and hope to build it up to 30 next year."

Coach Guymon had coached at almost every level and enjoyed learning how to train each team differently depending on age and ability. He realized that what makes a coach successful was the heart and intentions behind it all. He strived to win, but wanted to see people succeed and have a good time while doing it.

"God spoke to me and made me evaluate whether I was doing it for me or for the people, and my philosophy changed," said Guymon.

Jorie Beaumont, a junior dietetics major from Lockport Ill., and captain for the cross country team, was also passionate about how much the cross country team and community meant to her. She had loved Coach Guymon as her coach and loved the opportunity she had through being on the Cross Country team. She had gathered new skills and made new friends that she would not have otherwise met had she not been on the team.

"Our team is so amazing and I have learned how to serve the team well," said Beaumont. "I have never been surrounded with such godly women and everyone's personality is so different."

For Emerson Turner, a freshman biology major from Haskell Okla., getting into a college sport had been new and challenging, but very rewarding. She expressed how enjoyable and fun cross country was, especially at Ouachita. She had been excited that the program had been able to grow and prosper. Turner was passionate and excited to talk about her experience with cross country and Ouachita.

"I have learned how to have a good balance of school and athletics throughout this process," said Turner. "It has help me grow as a person and allows me to appreciate the Ouachita Cross Country program and Ouachita as a whole."

Turner believed that more people needed to get involved and realize how fun Cross country can be. She wanted more supporters to come out and cheer them on for their season. She was excited about the future of the Cross Country program and Ouachita as they both continued to grow together to become the most successful that they could be.

by Madi Darr

KEY Moment



"I knew Coach Guymon could do an amazing thing for our program, but I didn't know he could do it so quickly. In just one season we had so many PR's, and overall our team strength was just amazing."
- Alyssa Reese



"Almost every girl, including me, on our team that raced at SAU beat their 5k personal record. It was such an awesome moment to share with each other to celebrate one another's successes."
- Jorie Beaumont



"The key moment I recall is my personal record at SAU. Before that race I struggled with anxiety and stress before racing. When the race was over I was shocked and proved a simple change in mindset can change a lot."
- Kristen Holeyfield

Junior Elizabeth Costner runs during the Bob Gravett Invitational. The women were able to earn fourth place in this year's event.
Photo by Hannah Smith



The women enjoy dinner and fellowship at the Great American Conference cross country banquet. The team ran fast and ran proud this season.
Photo by Danielle Sourber

Sophomore Kyndal Moyer leads the pictured pack at the Bob Gravett Invitational. Moyer's two mile time was recorded at 12:52.
Photo by Hannah Smith

SCOREBOARD

UCA INVITE	7th
BOB GRAVETT INVITATIONAL	4th
SEWANEE INVITE	2nd
SAU INVITE	4th
GAC CHAMPIONSHIP	7th



CROSS COUNTRY (front row) Kyndal Moyer, Grace Loftin, Eden Putterill, Rebekah Wendt. (second row) Kristen Holeyfield, Kennedy Stringfellow, Elizabeth Costner, Taryn Bewley, Emerson Turner. (back row) Izzy Baughn, Blanca Rodriguez, Abigail Costner, Jorie Beaumont, Audrey Funk, Alyssa Reece.



Senior Megan Taylor presents her artwork during the final in Scientific Connections. Students admired the artwork at the Chemistry and Art show. *Photo by Hannah Smith*

FROM A 99% PLACEMENT
RATE FOR GRADUATES TO
INTENSIVE SUMMER CANCER
RESEARCH WITH FACULTY,
STUDENTS ACHIEVED NEW
LEVELS OF ACADEMIC
SUCCESS.

THAT *moment* WE LEARNED TOGETHER
ACADEMICS

Josh Lantsch and Daniel Thomas work during an Ary Fund meeting. Senior business students had the chance to manage a \$1 million portfolio. Photo by Hannah Adamson



1. Freshmen Mary Charles West and Andrew Opp stop for a picture while sight-seeing in Memphis. First year business students had the opportunity to visit Memphis businesses.


Photo by Faith Webb

2. Senior business majors stop for a picture in Dallas Cowboys' stadium. Students on the trip were able to meet with different successful business people in Dallas.

Photo by Kristen Boatman

3. Students take lecture notes during Management Strategies and Policy. The class was offered exclusively to senior business students. Photo by Levi Dade





Stepping into the Hickingbotham School of Business was like stepping into a world of innovation. The university made it a priority to create out of classroom learning opportunities to further expose students to the real world of business.

Bryan McKinney, dean of the school of business, explained some of the tactics he, along with the rest of the faculty, instilled in students. New this year, the Ouachita School of Business invested in the Bloomberg Terminal.

When asked how the Bloomberg Terminal had affected Josh Lantzsch's education, a senior business major from Rogers, Ark., he said, "It gives you an advantage... this is a program that everyone in the real world uses."

According to McKinney, that was the whole purpose of what the school of business does outside of the classroom. Everything was aimed toward preparing students well for their futures.

The four-year experience was a tool that was used throughout students' time in the school of business to help them acquire a "better sense of the real world of business," stated McKinney. He also described that these trips are more

than just about visiting businesses, they "combine education, culture, and fun" which created a memorable experience for all of the students.

Another opportunity students were involved in was the Business Plan Competition. Students formed teams and competed against each other, with one team selected to represent Ouachita. Four seniors developed the winning Ouachita plan, ImmunoSense, which went on to win top awards at the 20th annual Arkansas Governor's Cup Collegiate Competition. The team of Olivia Brown, Savannah Edwards, Brandon Matros and Sheldon McCown won first place in the overall undergraduate division and won the undergraduate innovation award. Dr. Blake Johnson served as the faculty advisor.

The ImmunoSense plan proposed a diagnostics company specializing in the early detection of Type I Diabetes via noninvasive tests. More than 90 students on 38 teams from nine universities across Arkansas competed in the undergraduate and graduate divisions.

The school of business combined classroom learning with high-impact learning in order to prepare students for the business world.

by Caroline Johnson

IN EVERY INNOVATION

Every Second.

Every Minute.

Every Hour.



Senior Olivia

Brown, one of the five students who won first place in the Business Plan Competition

- "ImmunoSense"
- won \$4,000 collectively as a team
- 40+ hours of preparation
- team included 2 biology majors, 2 biomedical majors and 1 finance major



Nathan Arredondo



Freshman Business Trip

1. Junior Rylie Slone and sophomore Mary Madison Tolbert try on hijabs. Students learned about Islam in Dr. Pemberton's World Religions class.

Photo by Mary Madison Tolbert

2. Senior Landon Salmon gives a sermon in the class Communicating the Gospel. Christian studies majors were given the chance to practice preaching in the new preaching lab.

Photo by Hannah Smith

3. Senior Hannah Terry listens to a guest speaker during a luncheon. Ouachita hosted a Christian counseling conference and invited students to attend.

Photo by Hannah Smith



Sophomore Mackenzie Stewart teaches her class about the Kingdom of God in Communicating the Gospel in the preaching lab. Students were required to give a 20-minute sermon to the class.

Photo by Hannah Smith

Every Second.
Every Minute.
Every Hour.



Dr. William Viser
speaker, teacher and
counselor

- led and hosted the Issues of Christian Counseling Conference
- spoke on the "Therapeutic Aspects of Forgiveness"
- counselors and students from all over the state attended the all-day conference



IN EVERY MISSION

The Pruet School of Christian Studies was beneficial for students at Ouachita as it provided hands-on learning, practicum, and professors that contributed to their learning which extended outside the classroom.

The preaching lab was a new aspect of Berry-Peoples Bible Building and gave students a hands-on learning experience. The preaching lab helped students grow through the practice of teaching.

"The preaching lab is a state of the art classroom that helps students speak publicly and learn to preach," said Dr. Danny Hays, dean of Pruet School of Christian Studies. Hays said that the students are able to learn from their speeches by listening to their recording, and then they go back and improve their preaching.

"I have been extremely impacted by the School of Christian Studies because of the way they prepare me for ministry through the different programs that they offer us and how they teach us," said Madison Burch, a senior biblical studies major from Benton, La. Burch said that the professors are huge advocates for the students to be successful in ministry.

Burch had the opportunity to attend the

Evangelical Theological Society Conference in San Diego in the fall. Burch said that the conference was beneficial to her because she was able to gather with many different evangelicals and see a whole new world of Christian Studies.

Peyton Smith, a sophomore Christian studies major from Maumelle, believed that the Pruet School equipped students with the best resources that will help them succeed in their careers after they graduate. Smith plans on attending New Orleans Theological Seminary after he graduates, and said that he will have a head start in seminary because of his undergraduate education.

"The Pruet School of Christian Studies is a gold mine of the best God-fearing professors and students," said Smith.

Smith believed that one of the best aspects of the School of Christian Studies is the professors and students. He said that the professors have impacted his life and his relationship with God. Smith said that he could not have asked for better classmates who push him closer to God and who also push him in expanding his knowledge on God's word.

by Houstin Kirkpatrick

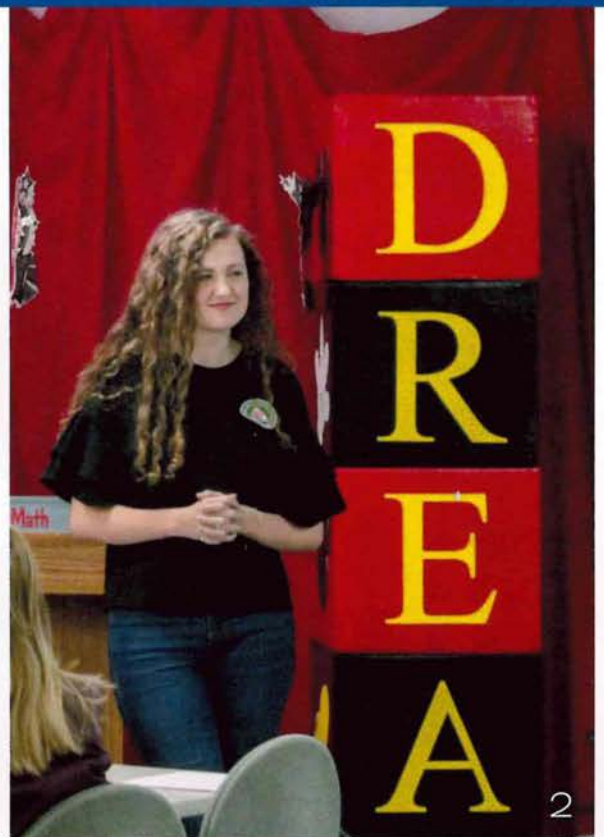
Stephanie McCann and Jonathan Rubin give a presentation Middle School Methods and Classroom Management. The project focused on how to incorporate effective questioning and discussion techniques in middle schools.
Photo by Sarah Rush



1. Jazmyn Parker, Josie Pringle, and Callie Jourdan help a student with an activity. Education majors had several opportunities to work in real classrooms.
Photo by Jazmyn Parker

2. Lila Buchanan gives a presentation in one of her education classes. Many people chose to take education classes even though it wasn't their major.
Photo by Sarah Rush

3. Betsy Patterson gives a math lesson in a classroom. Patterson student taught in Benton for her internship.
Photo by Betsy Patterson



Within Ouachita's Department of Education, the most valuable lessons were taught through the experience of being a student teacher. Secondary math education major Betsy Patterson, from Richardson, Texas, had the opportunity to student teach at Benton High School. During this time, she worked with 10th grade Algebra 2 students and 11th-12th grade Pre-Calculus students.

"I worked with a fantastic cooperating teacher, who gave me great advice and also gave me many responsibilities in the classroom," Patterson said. "Sure there were hard days, but I wouldn't trade my time at Benton High School for anything. I was there to teach the students, but I ended up learning even more from them."

For her second rotation, Patterson was placed at Benton Middle School to student teach until COVID-19 cut her time there short.

This fall, Patterson will be teaching math at Sachse High School in Garland, Texas. She felt as if Ouachita's education department prepared her for this upcoming transition through the many opportunities they were given.

Dr. Kathy Collins, chair of the department, also had less time with her students due to the pandemic. This not only included class time with the students, but also observing the

students as they taught lessons in the public school classrooms.

"I would have to say it was a very drastic change for our students because we do so much field experience," Collins said. "The methods class I teach in the spring has five different teaching experiences throughout the semester. We work with a local elementary or middle school teacher in the public school and actually go to the classroom to teach - we only got to do that twice this semester."

Although the in-person experiences were altered, Collins believes that students were able to learn the value of being flexible and responsive, which is valued in the classroom. Elementary education major Josie Pringle, from Bryant, Ark., attested to learning valuable lessons via Zoom.

"The biggest things that I learned from the education department via Zoom was actually watching my own professors figure out how to navigate this new avenue of teaching," Pringle said. "I saw how well they took this curve ball and did not take away from any of my learning experience. They continually showed me the kind of teacher I aspire to be, especially the kind of teacher I would aspire to be in the midst of a pandemic."

by Gracen Goudy

IN EVERY OUTCOME

Every Second.

Every Minute.

Every Hour.



Senior Grace Gorman, student teacher

- 5:30 a.m. - wake up
- 6:30 a.m. - drive to Ringold Elementary in Benton
- 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. - class and recess
- 2:45 p.m. - students go home
- 3:30 p.m. - drive back to Ouachita



Marcy Clayton



Kyle Kelson

1. Students attend the central states chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine. The fall conference was held in Oklahoma.

Photo by Terry Dewitt

2. Jasper Sanford presents his research through the kinesiology program. Sanford evaluated promoting a healthy lifestyle through the FitU program that was implemented in Wellness classes.

Photo by Terry Dewitt

3. Savannah Hart displays her research with Dr. Dewitt involving the program, Exercise is Medicine. This was another program implemented in the Wellness programs.

Photo by Terry Dewitt



Kinesiology faculty and students visit with OBU alumnus and former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee. Students enjoyed attending the Champions for Health banquet sponsored by the Arkansas Heart Foundation.
Photo submitted by Terry Dewitt

Every Second.
Every Minute.
Every Hour.



Nicholas Gonzales, Special Olympics volunteer

- 8 a.m. - set up
- 8:30 a.m. - volunteers line hallways to cheer on athletes and teams as they arrive
- 9 a.m. - registration
- 10 a.m. - opening ceremony
- 10:20 am. - events begin for 350 athletes and 200 volunteers
- 12:30 p.m. - events and awards wrap-up



IN EVERY GOAL

The Department of Kinesiology and Leisure Studies consisted of students being able to get hands-on experience in the world of fitness and sports.

One of the largest events the department sponsors every year is the Special Olympics. This year's Special Olympics brought in a record high with the hosting of over 300 athletes. Dr. Amber Chelette is directly involved with the process of assembling the Olympics each year.

"We implemented a new scoring system which required a lot of collaboration, problem solving and troubleshooting between students, staff and faculty," said Chelette. "I couldn't be prouder of the professionalism demonstrated by our students during and leading up to the Special Olympics event this year."

The department also had the privilege of being able to travel with eight students to the Central States American College of Sports Medicine's annual meeting in the fall for the first time, due in part to grants from Ouachita and ACSM, the American College of Sports Medicine.

"It was the first time many had attended a professional meeting," Chelette said. "We also attended a luncheon for the American Heart Foundation and were able to introduce students to Dr. Cooper of the Cooper Institute, a pioneer in our field. Seniors Savannah Hart and Jasper Sanford presented research at the National Association of Kinesiology and Higher Education

conference in Palm Springs in the winter."

Jackson Nichols, a senior kinesiology major from Nacogdoches, Texas, who landed a position as a high school baseball head coach in Texas, felt like the department set him up for a great deal of success post-college.

"The kinesiology department helped me understand there are always things to learn. Dr. DeWitt and Dr. Chelette both taught me a lot about how to see things from a different perspective and also taught me the basic, and more advanced knowledge, I would need for the field of coaching and sports administration," Nichols said.

Dr. Terry DeWitt believes this school year was one of the most exciting and growth-centered years he's been a part of.

"We have continued to grow the number of majors in our department and have seen a significant growth in our sports administration program," DeWitt said. "We have also had a significant number of students admitted to graduate professional programs, such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, and athletic training."

The Kinesiology and Leisure Studies Department was all about giving back, gaining experience, and learning on the job. It's a student-driven department, for students, by students.

by Ben Swanger



Alumni share vital information through

discovery program

Ouachita Baptist University is made rich with stories of generations of students. The Alumni Discovery Program was an outreach effort aimed at documenting those stories and forming connections with Ouachita graduates. Alumni who participated were encouraged to get involved with the university and current students. Ouachita students were able to apply for interviewer positions, and those selected spent their summer talking with alumni about their time here.

"I thought it would be a good opportunity to put to use my communications skills and learn about Ouachita's history, which I'm passionate about anyway," said Ethan Dial, a senior communications & media major from Little Rock, Ark.

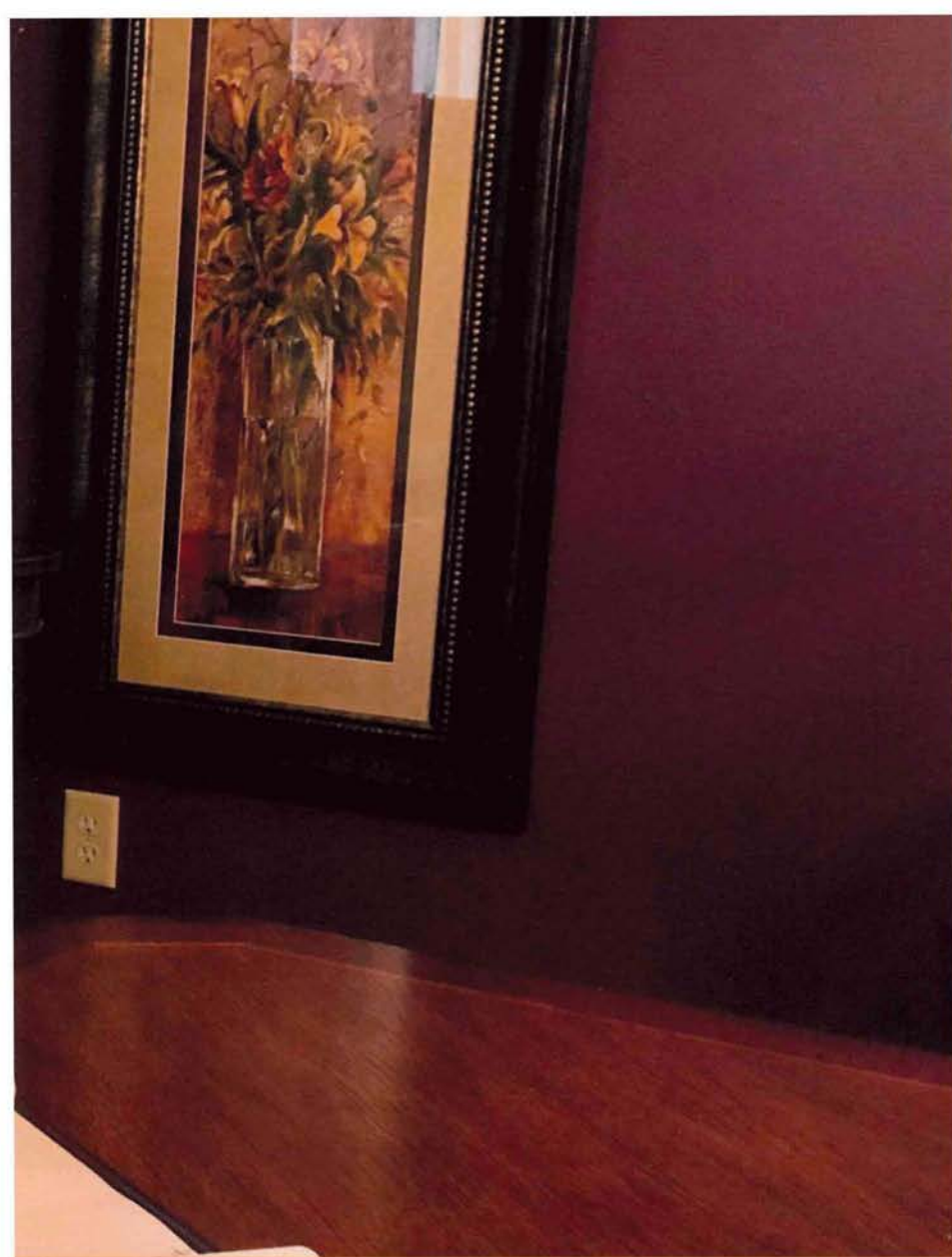
"I love hearing people's stories, and that was

basically what this job was," said Seigen Nichols, a senior Christian studies and business major from Forest Hill, La. "It was asking people about their time at Ouachita, what impacted them and what stood out to them about their time here."

Former students enjoyed the opportunity to remember their time at Ouachita and share their stories with students. Some alumni were overcome with emotion as they recounted the moments that they still cherish years later.

"There were lots of people who would talk about Ouachita and have tears in their eyes as they would retell a story or reminisce about friends they met," said Nichols.

"The people that responded had a love for the university and they were happy that there was a way to give back," said Felicia Valdez, a senior



"They felt a strong community and sense of Christian fellowship here, so in many ways their experience did reflect what my experiences look like."

• Ethan Dial

Senior Addy Goodman works through her interview notes in her Arkadelphia home. Addy conducted in-person interviews during the summer. Having grown up in Arkadelphia, she cherished the opportunity to learn from the alumni.

Photo submitted

psychology and Spanish major from Terrell, Texas.

Ouachita's campus and extracurricular opportunities changed significantly, but the core values of the university remained the same. Interviewers heard echoes of their Ouachita experience in alumni's description of the community they found here.

"They got to enjoy the smaller class sizes and interactions with professors," said Dial. "Many of them did get to participate in Tiger Tunes. They felt a sense of strong community and sense of Christian fellowship here, so in many ways their experience did reflect what my experiences look like."

The Alumni Discovery Program gave those interviewed a chance to impart wisdom and perspective on the students who took their stories.

One thing alumni and interviewers agreed on was that during their time at Ouachita, the university became a home for them. No matter how many years have passed, this special place always felt welcoming. "Even coming back to Ouachita 20, 30, 40 years later, they walk on campus and they feel at home," said Nichols. "Ouachita has become a home for me. I come back to campus, and when I drive on, immediately a feeling of home comes over me."

Though the alumni and current students involved each came from different backgrounds, the Alumni Discovery Program brought together people who had one meaningful thing in common. They were all Ouachita Tigers, and they have all written their own story here.

by Abby Leal



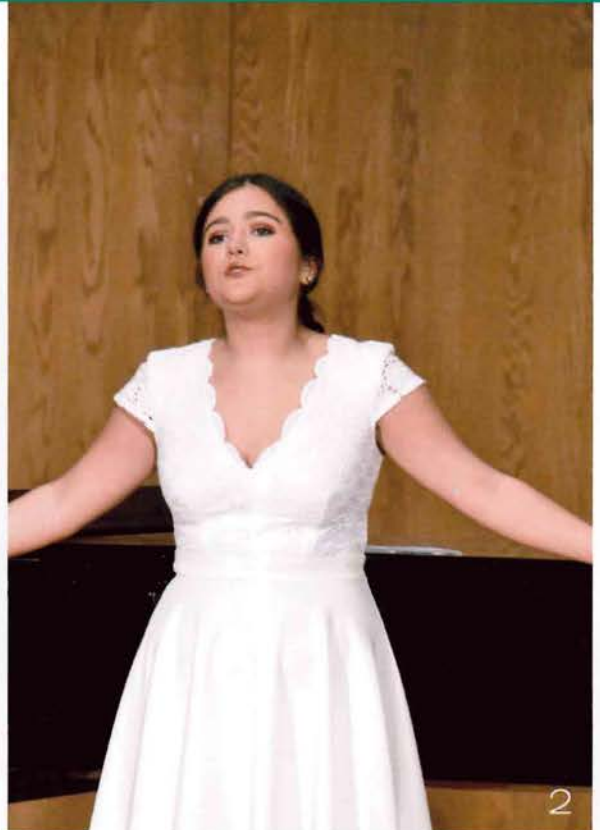
Junior Ryan Lynch and sophomore Carlin Campbell perform in the production of "Almost Maine." The production is composed of nine short plays directed and performed by Ouachita students.
Photo by Hannah Adamson



1. Carey Roberson instructs sophomore Gracen Goudy in Design I. Students studied the use of type and images to create projects.
Photo by Grace Talley

2. An X-Acto knife is used to cut a silhouette in Graphic Design I. The project was focused around positive and negative space.
Photo by Grace Talley

3. Junior Madeline Martin performs in the Rep Prep Showcase in Mabee Fine Arts Center.
Photo by Hannah Anderson



Like many areas throughout Ouachita, a common theme within the Division of Visual Arts was community. This community was expressed through collaborations, critiques and challenging one another to create successful art and theatre.

Graphic design major Karli Latture, from Searcy, Ark., has been a part of multiple classes within this department including Drawing 1, Design 1, Color Theory and Digital Tools and Concepts.

"I decided to be a part of the program with a desire to learn from professors that I could have a close relationship with and to be well prepared for a future career in graphic design," Latture said. "My favorite part about this program has been the small class sizes. Everyone in the class becomes a friend to pull inspiration from and to bounce ideas off of, making work in class so much more fun."

Studio art and education major Tehya Hinkson, from Benton, Ark., loved being a student in Studio Art and taking classes such as Painting.

"My favorite part of being apart of studio art is the doing," Hinkson said. "Studio art at Ouachita allows for this wonderful freedom and independence in creating art, while still giving

you enough structure and guidance that you aren't just fumbling around blind."

Commitment was also evident through the curriculum offered in theatre arts. The courses in areas such as theatre history, stagecraft, costuming, scene design, and acting, provided students hands-on learning to understand the different aspects of theatre history and production. Projects often led to productions, and the satisfaction of seeing creative work come to life.

The foundation for such productions as "A Doll's House" and "Junie B. Jones" were the knowledge and skills learned through theatre arts academic program. The results led to students competing in the Irene Ryan Acting Competition, the Stage Management Intensive and the Musical Theatre Intensive at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Region VI Conference in February.

Stephanie Murry complemented the team of students who work hard to bring theatre to the stage.

"All of the Theatre and Musical Theatre majors play an active role in each production, whether on-stage or off. Theatre is very much a team sport," she said.

by Gracen Goudy

IN EVERY CREATION

Every Second.

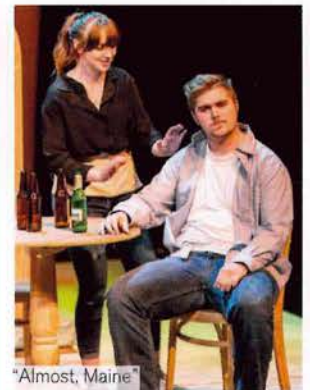
Every Minute.

Every Hour.



Junior Gabby Davis, painting process

- begin with random idea or prompt
- research the topic
- use the mind-mapping technique to brainstorm related topics
- draw thumbnails, creating as many as possible to push myself to really be creative
- test colors
- begin working on canvas



1. Cameron Conner performs a solo with the Ouachita Singers in Mabee Fine Arts Center. Conner was a music industry major from North Little Rock.

Photo by Spencer Clark

2. Dr. Caroline Taylor, professor of music, performs in a Faculty Recital. She was accompanied by Dr. Cai Lei, professor of music.

Photo by Justin Trostle

3. Dylan Blackwood and Cedar Valdez showcase their talents in their senior musical theatre recital. The recital was a requirement of all musical theatre majors.

Photo by Hannah Adamson



Clay Mobley, right, a senior music industry major from Wylie, Texas, won first place in the 22nd annual Mary Shambarger Competition for Singers on Feb. 25. Others who placed were (from right), Bonnie Gentry, second place; Logan Dooley, third place; Hannah Anderson, fourth place; and Hannah Gothard, honorable mention.
Photo by Sarah Rush



Every Second.
Every Minute.
Every Hour.



Junior Paige Price, Jazz Band vocalist, on performance day

- 9:30 a.m. - wake up
- 10 a.m. - class
- 2 p.m. - dance class
- 4 p.m. - take a nap
- 5 p.m. - eat dinner
- 6 p.m. - get ready for show
- 7:30 p.m. - show starts
- 10 p.m. - post-show Taco Bell
- 11 p.m. - work on homework
- 1 a.m. - go to sleep



IN EVERY CONCERT

Ouachita's School of Fine Arts Division of Music gave its students the opportunity to learn more about what they love while also fostering and growing a love for Jesus. Students majored in a number of areas preparing them for various careers ranging from music education to musical theater.

Cameron Connor, a junior music industry major from North Little Rock, Ark., was especially thankful for the community he found in the School of Fine Arts.

"I love my major because it is such a tight-knit community," Connor said. "Since it's smaller, everyone knows everyone and we push each other out of our comfort zones and grow not only as musicians but as people."

For Dawson Bray, a junior music industry major from Little Rock, Ark., he credited the faculty and staff in the music division for preparing him for life after college.

"When I think of my future plans it all involves my passion for music and what my duty is as a follower of Jesus," Bray said. "I think Ouachita, especially the people and professors, have helped prepare me for knowing how to tackle pursuing your passions without ever

compromising your duty as a believer."

Students said they enjoy majoring in music because of the experiences they have had even outside of the music world.

Holden Royals, a senior music industry major from Garland, Texas, said he is thankful for the numerous opportunities and experiences he received as a student.

"My major stands out as being one of the more well rounded majors," Royals said. "I have been offered many possibilities in work throughout the field of music and some hands-on experience prior to leaving Ouachita."

A highlight each year is the annual Mary Shambarger Competition for Singers. Clay Mobley won first place in the competition, which featured arias from opera and oratorio.

After winning the competition, Mobley stated in a release, "It has been a great privilege to perform in the Shambarger Competition for vocalists my past three years at Ouachita. Mary Shambarger has played such an integral part in the success of our music program, and to be named the winner of the competition named after her is such an honor."

by Abby Turner



Members of the Event Planning class meet with Leanne Huneycutt, co-owner of the Barn at Richwoods. The class learned about the various aspects of planning an event and the many services the venue offers.
Photo by Abby Blankenship



1. Students studying Spanish celebrate "Dia de los muertos."

Photo submitted by Jerusa Carvajal

2. Faculty members Doug Sonheim, Jennifer Pittman, Sarah Smith and Amy Sonheim participate in the CS Lewis Readout in Evans Student Center.

Photo submitted by Jennifer Pittman

3. Senior Josh Salim interviews Athletic Director David Sharp prior to the Battle of the Ravine. The Ouachita Sports Digital Network students produced a pre-game show on Facebook Live.

Photo by Deborah Root



Whether reading Chaucer, writing about school events, or editing video, the students in the School of Humanities knew the importance of communication. It was easy to sense the pride that Dean Jeff Root had in his faculty and students. "I'm very proud of the students and how hard they work in class and outside of class," Root said. "Our faculty is a really great combination of older and younger teachers and they work so well between the two departments."

The School of Humanities consisted of two departments and three majors. The Rogers Department of Communications offered the Communications and Media with emphases in strategic communication, visual media & film, integrated communications, sports media and communication studies. The Department of Language and Literature included an English major and a Spanish major, along with English Education.

Co-curricular activities provided hands-on experience for students in both departments. Students worked with the Ouachitonian, The Signal, photography, video production, and the Office of Communications and Marketing. English majors put together a literary magazine every year and created it as a bilingual publication with translations by Spanish majors.

Ethan Dial served as editor of both the print and online edition of The Signal. He

commented, "It's given me the chance to have lots of different experiences in the fields of communications as well as work on my writing skills and speech. The professors are my favorite part of this school and being able to refine my skills and communication effectively. They really choose to invest in their students," Dial began the year by creating a redesign of the printed newspaper. He added. "The Signal has really helped me to think outside of the box and craft my storytelling abilities. I love to do all of the design work and figure out how a newspaper is appealing to students. With this new layout I think a lot more students have picked up a copy."

Freshman Spanish major Karla Montiel had an important mission in becoming a Spanish major. "I choose to be a Spanish major because I want people to learn Spanish by someone who knows the language natively and who can connect better with the Latino kids taking Spanish in high school. I grew in a home where Spanish was my first language, so going to school and as I got older many seem to want to learn Spanish from me, but I did not know how to explain it properly to them. Becoming a Spanish major is helping try to teach others better than I thought."

No matter what you come to the humanities hoping to study, staff and students alike find joy in learning and teaching.

by Ana Oelenberger

IN EVERY ENDEAVOR

Every Second.
Every Minute.
Every Hour.



Junior Caity Hatchett, director of "Roar Rundown" sports show

- director assigns stories to reporters and videographers
- film B-roll and conduct interviews over weekend
- in-studio filming
- director edits studio and interviews
- show is posted for public viewing on obusignal.com



Writing Center tutors



Sigma Delta Pi Induction



Ouachita partners with Pediatrics Plus to

master change

In an effort to meet the needs of children in Arkansas, and to meet the need of professionals in the field of behavior therapy, Ouachita partnered with Pediatrics Plus to develop a master's degree program in Applied Behavior Analysis.

In September, Ouachita hired Dr. Shelia Barnes to be the director of the ABA program, the first program of its kind offered in Arkansas. The Applied Behavior Analysis master's degree program began in May, and is the first graduate program offered at Ouachita in almost 30 years.

"Applied Behavior Analysis is the science of

learning and behavior based on B.F. Skinner's principles of how people learn," Barnes said. "The program trains highly qualified health care professions to implement the procedures of ABA. Most people associate ABA with children with autism, but all of the scientific principles of learning are derived from ABA."

Dr. Jeff Root, Dr. Allyson Phillips, Dr. Nancy Hardman, Dr. Kathy Collins, Dr. Monica Hardin, Dr. Randall Wight, and Dr. Stan Poole were on the committee charged with looking into the program, developing the program, and hiring Dr. Barnes as program director.



“This program is a great match for the mission of our university because we want to minister to people in the name of Christ and certainly this is an opportunity to do that.”

- Dr. Jeff Root

Governor Asa Hutchinson and other officials come together for the ground-breaking of the new Pediatrics Plus building. Although rain forced the ceremony inside, the Arkadelphia community celebrated in Walker Conference Center.
Photo by Danielle Sourber

“Medicaid laws have changed in Arkansas, so now Medicaid is required to cover ABA therapy,” Phillips said. “That means there is going to be... a ton of job openings for Certified Behavior Analysts in our state and surrounding states.”

The significant need for the program in our area is just one reason the board decided it would be a good fit at Ouachita.

“This program is a great match for the mission of our university because we want to minister to people in the name of Christ and certainly this is an opportunity to do that,” Root said.

Dr. Barnes is responsible for creating the

syllabi, and deciding who will teach the courses, according to Dr. Root.

“The program will have an on-campus component, an online component, and a very strong field experience clinical practice component,” Barnes said.

Through partnerships with clinics, including Pediatrics Plus, graduate students will be able to demonstrate skills that they learned at a knowledge level and be evaluated in an on-the-job setting.

by Emily Barton

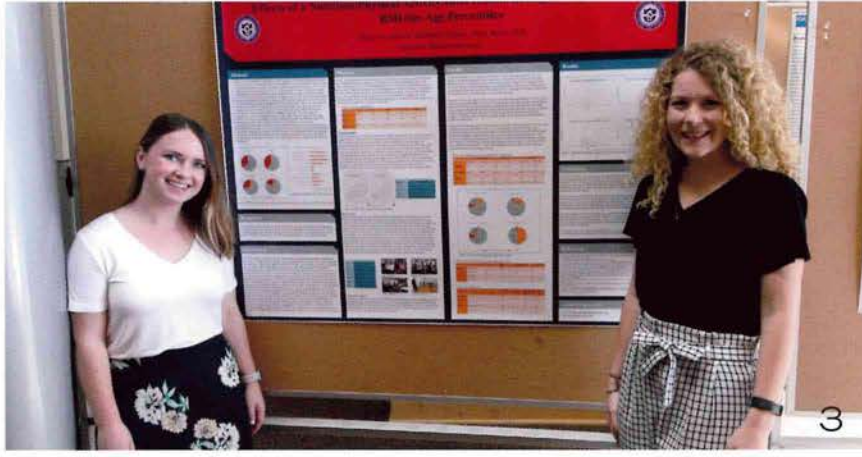
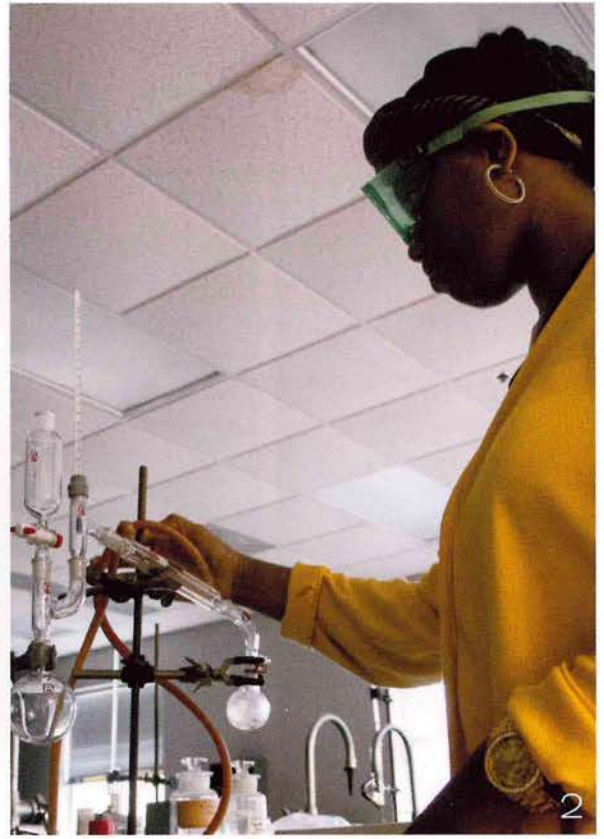
1. Senior Shelby Bradley works with a client in the OBU Speech/Language Clinic. The students worked with a variety of therapy needs, including stroke patients.

Photo by Tyler Rosenthal

2. Junior Dayja James performs an experiment in the chemistry lab. James was a junior biology major from McGehee.

3. Markie Campbell and Madeline Wallace present their summer research project in dietetics. The presentation was made at the UAMS Central Arkansas Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Photo submitted by Detri Brech



Dr. Sharon Hamilton demonstrates a chemistry lesson during a National Chemistry Week event in front of Evans Student Center. Students had the opportunity to participate in and watch experiments by chemistry students and professors.

Photo by Danielle Sourber

Every Second.

Every Minute.

Every Hour.



Senior Brooke Sanderford, CMDS major

- traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico, with Dr. Nancy Hardman
- purpose was to set up future medical mission trips for CMDS students
- experienced the culture to better understand the people
- went to a mountainous village with a local missionary to provide medical resources and establish relationships



IN EVERY INQUIRY

The Harvey Jones Science Center at Ouachita housed one of the premier programs in the region, and is home to the J.D. Patterson School of Natural Sciences. The School of Natural Sciences consisted of the Departments of Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Computer Science.

One of the greatest attributes of Ouachita's School of Natural Sciences was the relationships the students formed with their professors.

David Rainwater, a biology and chemistry double major from Sheridan, Ark., said, "My favorite thing about the natural science department is the feeling of community among the students and professors. The professors invest as much as it takes to ensure all students understand the material. They push us to be the best student we can be, and they really prepare us for the next step in our journey."

Catie Shirley, a biology major and chemistry minor from Wylie, Texas, agreed with her peer by adding, "My favorite thing about the OBU School of Natural Sciences is how helpful and encouraging everyone is. As peers, we genuinely want to see each other succeed, and the professors are always more than willing to answer any questions we have."

The different departments within Jones Science Center worked tirelessly to challenge

their students and prepare them for life after Ouachita.

Betsy Patterson, a secondary math education major from Garland, Texas, touted, "OBU's math department stands out from other schools because the professors are approachable and eager to help you, whether that be with your math classes or applying for jobs after graduation. I'm continuously challenged by the math professors to deepen my knowledge and understanding of mathematics that I know will make me a better teacher."

Patterson also explained that since the classes were usually small, she was able to meet many people who also loved math, and they became life-long friends.

For Emilee Roberson, a junior communications and disorders major from Arkadelphia, Ark., she decided on her major after attending Ouachita events and learning more about the major. Roberson quickly developed a love for the field.

"I would say that being placed in the field of CMDS is where God has called me to be," Roberson said. "Speech pathology fell into my lap and I thank God every day for allowing me to pursue this career field at such a wonderful university."

by Gracie Stover and Abby Turner

1. Nursing students gather for a study group. Students found studying together helped them understand and learn the material.

Photo submitted

2. James Hilton, Leslie McCoy and Malyn Norman work on a blanket as a service project. The blankets were given to older adults.

Photo submitted

3. The first course for nursing students is celebrated with a class photo outside Jones Performing Arts Center.

Photo submitted



Dr. Brenda Trigg, Drew Crutchfield, Rue Ragsdale, Cassidy Falco and Taylor Roberts discuss health care issues with state representatives at the Capitol. Nurses day at the Capitol was sponsored by ARNA.

Photo submitted



Every Second.
Every Minute.
Every Hour.



Jacob Moreno, OBU grad pursuing nursing degree

- 6:30 wake up
- 8:00 work at clinic
- 12:00 lunch at drive to OBU
- 1:00 Issues and Ethics in Nursing
- 2:30 Nursing Informatics
- 4:30 arrive home, dinner
- 7:30 study
- 9:00 spend time with wife
- 11:00 go to sleep



Blood pressure checks



Special Olympics

IN EVERY SKILL

The dual enrolled RN to BSN completion program offered its first official BSN course in the fall, and with the on-campus program off the ground, it continued to grow by developing an online completion program for those who were already registered nurses.

According to Dr. Brenda Trigg, the director of the nursing program, “The nursing program has put in place a new 100% online BSN completion program option.” This advancement has grown the nursing program and is allowing Ouachita to reach more people in the field of nursing.

The BSN students spend two years on campus completing the CORE requirements, earn 40 hours credit from Baptist Health College of Little Rock, and 30 hours of BSN courses from Ouachita.

Drew Crutchfield, senior nursing major from Camden, Ark., has seen this impact of the nursing program in his own life.

What made Ouachita’s nursing program special for him was “the faith-based education that we receive will help us to care for all of our patients as Christ cares for us.”

Students were drawn to the Ouachita nursing program, and enjoyed their cohort of classmates who would journey through the program together.

Emmy Hippy, a freshman nursing major from

Russellville Ark., said, “As a freshman, the nursing program impacted my freshman year in such a positive way. I have met some of my best friends through this program. Dr. Parnell has also been very helpful and provided so much guidance.”

Not only did the nursing program begin with a strong group of on-campus students, but academically the program has made huge strides. Trigg explained, “The BSN program achieved Candidacy by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) in December 2019. The next step in the accreditation process will be hosting an ACEN initial accreditation site visit in September 2020.”

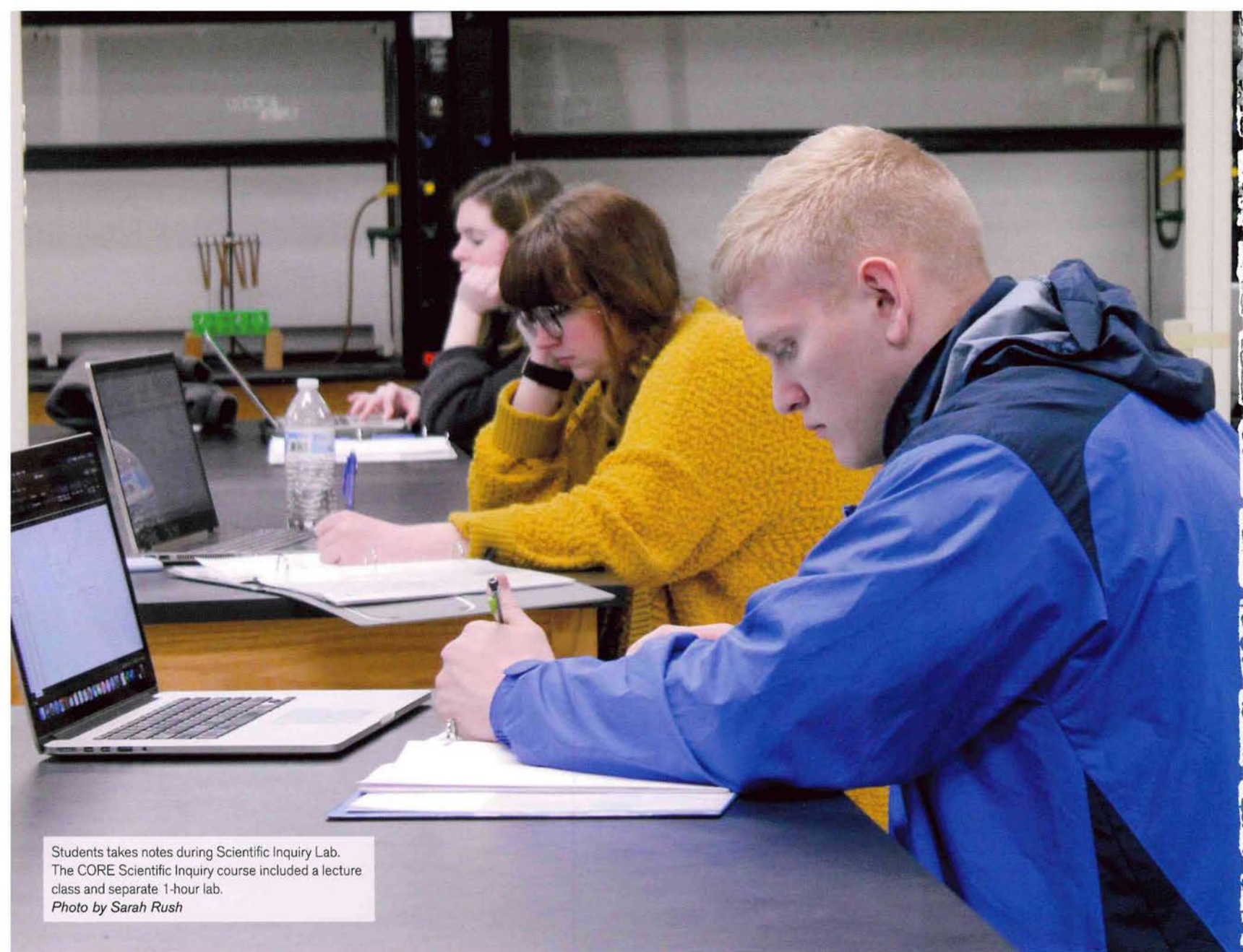
The nursing students were involved in co-curricular activities that added to their academic program. They participated in Nurses day at the Capitol, which gave them the opportunity to talk with Arkansas legislators about health care issues.

Students also participated in community service including making blankets for the elderly and assisting with Special Olympics.

Throughout the Ouachita nursing program there is a sense of pride for the relatively new program.

“We are very proud of this program as it exemplifies the mission of Ouachita,” Dr. Trigg said.

by Caroline Johnson



Students takes notes during Scientific Inquiry Lab. The CORE Scientific Inquiry course included a lecture class and separate 1-hour lab.
Photo by Sarah Rush



1. Students in Dr. Ben Utter's OBU Connections class draw a life map in response to the question, "How did you get here?"
Photo by Ben Utter

2. Dr. Cai Lei visits Dr. Ben Utter's World Literature course to demonstrate traditional calligraphy techniques.
Photo by Ben Utter

3. Charles Carozza instructs his students during Scientific Inquiry. Carozza served as an adjunct instructor in the school of natural sciences.
Photo by Sarah Rush



A unique part of the Ouachita's curriculum was its emphasis on a liberal arts education through the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. The university felt that if students were exposed to a broad spectrum of study areas, students would be more well rounded and able to connect with a broader range of people.

Much of a freshman year schedule was filled with the various core classes required for graduation. Josh Ray, a freshman business major from Gilmer, Texas, enjoyed several of these courses. Classes such as Bible Survey affected not only his academic life, but encouraged him to get into the word and have a better understanding of the biblical story as a whole.

"Core classes allow me to have a base knowledge in many things," Ray explained. "In the future this will be helpful since many jobs require you to know more than one specific task."

Taking courses outside of your major not only introduced you to new subjects, but to new professors who you otherwise would not have met. Rebecca Janke, a sophomore biology major from Branson, Mo., thoroughly enjoyed her time in core classes because of the impact her teachers made on her.

"They were invested in their students and were constant encouragers; that sort of classroom atmosphere created a motivation

and desire to excel and do more than the bare minimum," Janke said. "I don't think students realize how much of a blessing that specific characteristic in a teacher is until they have one who has no real interest in what they're doing."

Janke found her liberal arts courses to be intriguing because they encouraged her to think outside of the box. Her OBU Connections course with Dr. Benjamin Utter was one of her favorites during her time in college.

"OBU Connections was interesting to me because it was a thought-centered class," Janke explained. "We focused heavily on the effects of technology and the way our brains think/process information in light of the changes through the era."

Senior Christie Snow, a communication sciences and disorders major from Tulsa, Okla., felt like she was a more well-rounded person because of the core curriculum. Classes like Contemporary World gave her the ability to understand current events and how they affect her and the world around her.

"I have been able to use what I learn in my core classes to expand my knowledge to influence my research and studies in my major," Snow stated. "I am able to think outside the textbook definitions and to see how things apply in a variety of settings."

by Anna Roussel

IN EVERY DISCIPLINE

Every Second.
Every Minute.
Every Hour.



Freshman Caroline Derby, Bible Interp Exegetical Paper

- assigned Ephesians 3:8-13
- began researching using commentaries
- studied historical, cultural and literary context of Ephesians
- studied verses assigned, as well as those preceding and following
- discussed application of passage to our world today



Jazmine Johnson



Madison Brittain

1. Social Justice students participate in community service through the Elrod Center. Students have many unique opportunities to serve the Arkadelphia community.

Photo by Myra Houser

2. Sophomore Katie Loving participates in a class discussion. One of the main psychology courses this year was Research Methods.

Photo by Danielle Sourber

3. Kayla Haberman participates in a class discussion in Abnormal Psychology. These classes give students the chance to bounce ideas off of their peers easily.

Photo by Danielle Sourber



Junior Jenna Whitlow presents her research on working women in World War II. Smaller history classes provided students with more opportunities to engage with their classmates.
Photo by Danielle Sourber

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Every Hour.



Sophomore Katie Loving, a Research Methods Expert

- 2 semesters
- several meetings outside of class
- 13 hours a week per study
- worked with juniors Tyrese Allen, Hannah Merrick, and sophomore Emily Barton
- studied effects of music and stress on test quality



IN EVERY STUDY

The Sutton School of Social Sciences was unique in the variety of jobs and graduate schools for which it prepared students for. It gave students special experiences and opportunities to equip them for their next phase of life.

"The Social Sciences prepare students for careers in law, government/politics, social services, education, business, non-profits, public service, marketing, and international relations," said Dr. Doug Reed, professor of political science and vice president of academic affairs.

Maggie Donnell, a senior social justice and psychology double major from Rogers, Ark., credited Ouachita for the distinctive opportunities and experiences she was given both inside the classroom and outside of it. Donnell hoped to attend law school at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

"My desire is to advocate on behalf of children in difficult and often harmful home situations," Donnell said. "Being in the school of social science has taught me how to ask good questions, think critically, and reason well. All of these things, I believe, will help me excel both in law school and in my future career."

Carli Copell, a junior psychology major from Canton, Texas, had a different plan in mind when she came to Ouachita. Copell started her freshman year as a piano performance major and after taking a general psychology course taught by Dr. Randall Wight, she knew that psychology was what she truly wanted to study.

"My sophomore year I got to create and conduct my very own research study," Copell said. "It was such an awesome experience and made me realize how much I enjoy research."

Copell plans to pursue a PhD in clinical psychology after graduation.

"I feel as though the psychology department has given me an upper hand on the competition," Copell said. "Because of the well-taught courses and encouraging professors, I feel more than ready to start applying and hopefully attend graduate school."

Social Justice students had the opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities such as community service and field trips. Students toured the Heifer International Farm in Little Rock, and the Fresh2You mobile market, one of the only mobile food pantries in the country.

by Abby Turner



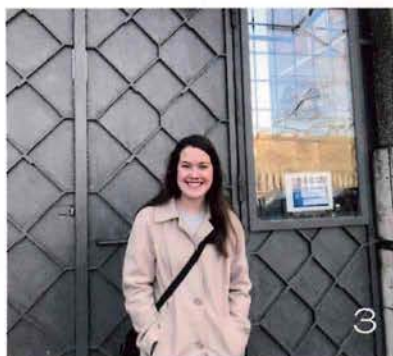
Senior Tanner Cation teaches students through the Hands On program. He was able to spend a semester abroad doing missions through the IMB.
 Photo by Tanner Cation



1. Junior Stephanie Weatherford visits the site of a tribute to King Carlos III. Weatherford spend her second semester in Spain.
 Photo by Stephanie Weatherford

2. Junior Nick Gerber gains practical experience through his medical research.. Gerber spent his summer in Liverpool conducting research.
 Photo by Nick Gerber

3. Junior Brooklyn Parker explores New York City. Parker studied in Rome before returning home due to health concerns in Italy.
 Photo by Brooklyn Parker



From growing up in the small town of Arkadelphia to moving to a far-off country by herself, senior nutrition and dietetics major Madeline Wallace took a step out of her comfort zone when deciding to study abroad. Wallace spent her semester studying and exploring Edinburgh, Scotland.

"In middle school, my youth intern leader studied abroad, and I knew I wanted to do that when I got to Ouachita," Wallace said. "My friend and I both decided we were going to go to Liverpool together, because we were going to go see One Direction."

Attracted by its deep history, Wallace chose to spend her semester in Scotland instead. Only one other Ouachita student accompanied her, and she liked the idea of being on her own. She spent her time studying Scottish literature and exploring the city. She also took many weekend trips to travel to neighboring countries.

"I traveled to 10 different countries," Wallace said. "I got to spend my birthday in Barcelona where the Cheetah Girls went, which was a lot of fun."

Timothy Spiva, sophomore bio-med major, had a similar experience while studying abroad in Costa Rica during the summer. He spent six

weeks studying Spanish with 13 other Ouachita students.

"You learn a lot about Spanish, especially because you're immersed in the culture, but you also get to do fun things," Spiva said. "We went to a couple beaches, one on the Atlantic Ocean and one on the Pacific, and got to explore the rainforest."

Spiva went to class from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, but had the weekends to explore. Despite class every weekday, Spiva recommended this experience to anyone.

This year, Ian Cosh, VP for Community and International Engagement, has been working with Dr. Tim Knight in natural sciences to strengthen the summer research program. Ouachita has had five students conduct research with Liverpool Hope University professors during the summer.

"You get so many new experiences, and you think you are going to miss a lot at Ouachita, but you really don't," Wallace said. "You are going to have to move away from home eventually, so might as well do it for a short time and get to see the world."

by Gracen Goudy

IN EVERY JOURNEY

Every Second.

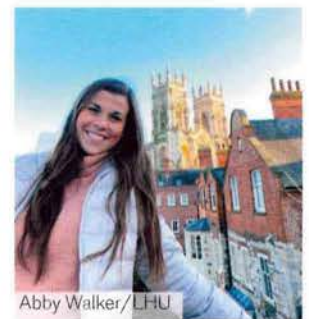
Every Minute.

Every Hour.



Senior Spencer Ewing, a world traveler

- journeyed to both Ireland and Scotland
- traveled around 1200 miles
- studied abroad for four months or 105 days
- "leg day was every day, I walked 95% of the time"
- "I realized the importance of the church"
- tried Haggis and realized it wasn't awful





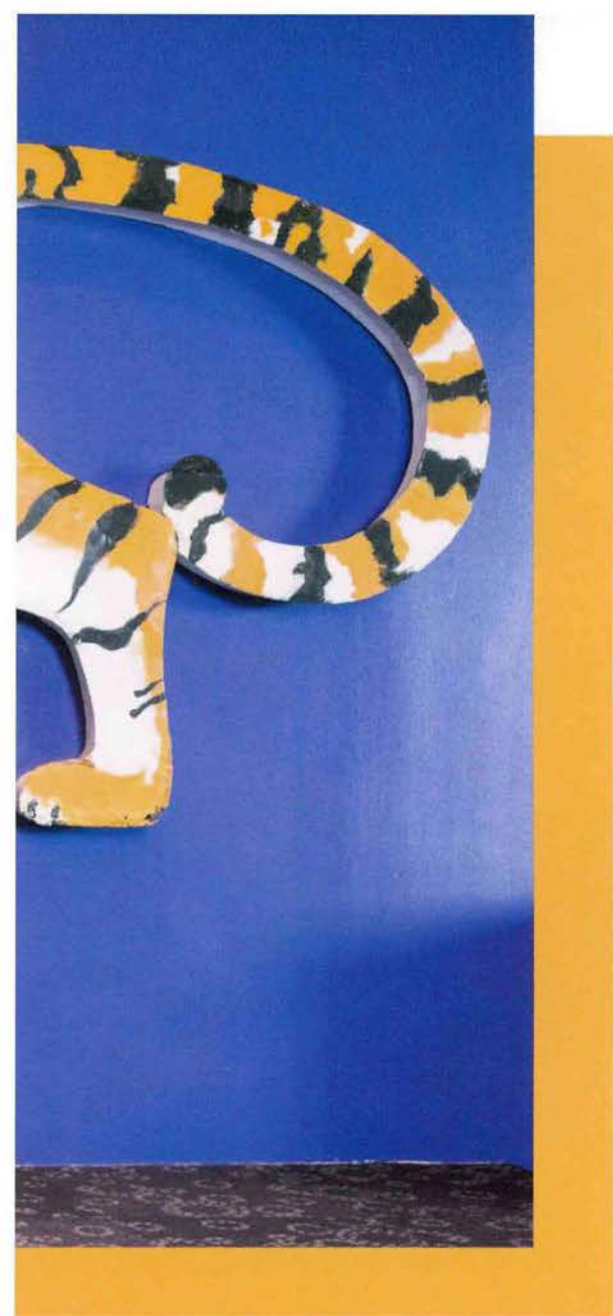
Degree options include

online programs

For some students, an online program allows them to remain at home or perhaps continue their job while pursuing a college degree. Ouachita began its accredited online degree programs five years ago, with a primary focus on adult learners who are seeking to continue their educational goals. Ouachita Online provided four majors that can all be completed online including: Christian Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, Organizational Leadership, and starting in the fall of 2020, a BSN for practicing registered nurses. With Ouachita Online, busy adults could earn their degree on their own timeline.

Dr. Rob Hewell, director of Ouachita Online, felt very passionate about the opportunities this program provides. “This program allows Ouachita to reach people that would never be able to come to campus. These people know about Ouachita but have a family, mortgage, and they can’t physically be here... but now they can get a Ouachita degree—and that is exciting!”

One of the best aspects of Ouachita Online was that many former Ouachita students took advantage of this opportunity to finally earn their degree. Some of these returning students had been gone over 15 years. In fact, the very first online degree-



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• Dr. Rob Hewell

Staci Spencer-Roth ('17), Kelly Hinkson ('18), Jen Bracey ('18) and Ryan Alexander ('17), graduates of Ouachita's online degree programs, return to campus to help promote Ouachita Online. The students were among the first to earn a Ouachita degree online. *Photo provided by Communications & Marketing*

seeking graduate in 2017 had been gone from Ouachita for 20 years.

He finally saw his dream come to fruition when he completed his degree as a Christian Studies major. Hewell said, “It is a very rich experience helping former students finish their degrees.”

Current students were also able to take advantage of the online classes offered every semester.

Senior biology major Savannah Stacks from Conway, Ark., said, “I have taken several classes online throughout my time at Ouachita and they have allowed me to complete work at a time that is

convenient for me.”

Senior Community and Family services major Rachel Smith from Sheridan, Ark., said, I like taking online classes because they not only give you the same educational experience you receive in an actual classroom, but they offer flexibility to fit around your own schedule.”

The online program at Ouachita has plans to expand in the near future to accommodate more students that are aiming to reach their career goals and ambitions.

by Gracie Stover

THE CARL GOODSON HONORS PROGRAM PRESENTS

VIRTUAL SCHOLARS DAY 2020

Posters, presentations, papers, performances, writing, artwork... all by Ouachita students!

GOES LIVE:
MONDAY, MAY 4
obu.edu/virtualscholarsday



Effect of Group Dynamics on Task Efficiency

Kayla Haberman, Justin McGee, Bailey Buettner, Madelyn Filla, & Dr. Jennifer Fayard
Ouachita Baptist University

Background

Group work is a factor of everyday life... research has shown that group performance is affected by group dynamics...

Method

This study used a mixed methods approach... participants were assigned to groups of 2-4...

Results

There was a significant main effect for group size... results showed that smaller groups performed better...

Discussion

We found that groups that are mixed tend to be more effective... future work should explore the role of group dynamics...

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HOW SOCIAL MEDIA AFFECT COLLEGE STUDENTS' RELATIONSHIPS

Sociology 3053 Research Methods

ABSTRACT

Technology continues to advance, and so does social networking... research shows that social media use is increasing...

LITERATURE REVIEW

One of the many factors that contributes to the frequent use of social networking amongst college students is distance... research indicates that social media helps bridge geographical gaps...

METHODS

I gathered data using an online survey, administered through Survey Monkey... data was analyzed using SPSS...

RESULTS

Mostly all the participants answered that they use social networking to communicate with family, friends, and significant others... research shows that social media use is increasing...

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Students illustrated research through poster presentations, including research by students in the School of Social Sciences. Bethany Lenards and Callie Anna Dunlap Oxner presented their research through video. The Virtual Scholars Day began with a welcome by Dr. Barbara Pemberton, Director of the Honors Program.

Academic projects presented through *virtual scholars day*

During a typical Scholars Day, the sun breaks through for a dinner on the lawn and the induction of new Alpha Chi Members. This is followed by students presenting their academic projects, and their fellow students scrambling to various venues to listen to their lessons learned and watch their performances.

Like many of Ouachita's annual events, Scholars Day looked much different due to COVID-19. A tradition hosted by the Carl Goodson Honors Program, Scholars Day shifted to the university's website in a virtual format on May 4.

Though presenting online posed a challenge for some, Dr. Barbara Pemberton, director of the honors program, was proud of the students' quick response and technical savvy to provide their presentations virtually. It also created an opportunity for students' presentations to be documented through the Ouachita Commons.

"Scholars Day provides an important opportunity to celebrate academic accomplishments," Pemberton said. "The students' willingness and ability to quickly shift to a virtual format shows how very flexible, creative, and capable they are."

Pemberton saw the benefit of having the virtual files, and would like to see this continue, even when Scholars Day returns to an on-campus event. "These recordings will be valuable resources for future scholars, so I believe we should consider making the virtual format a permanent component of the event," she said.

Sarah Patterson, a junior from Wylie, Texas, submitted an essay she wrote for her World Religions class. "After virtual Scholars Day, I'll get emails periodically with reports on how many reads my paper has had, which is pretty neat," she said. "My paper is based on an interview I had with my friend, Gizman, about her experience as a Muslim. I enjoyed getting to learn about another religion

on a personal level; it gave my friend and I an opportunity to talk about our beliefs for the first time in years. I'm glad this information is available for other people to learn from also."

Addy Goodman, a senior from Arkadelphia, made the best of the virtual format, inviting her family to her presentation at home.

"Being in the honors program to me became so special after we went home. I realized that it is more than being an honors student, but being honored to have that opportunity to study and write my thesis," Goodman said. "Presenting at home made that real for me. Here I was, explaining my 60-page thesis to my mom and dad, and it all sunk in that my time at Ouachita was an honor in general. To get to student under professors like Dr. Amy Sonheim and Dr. Danny Hays, to be edited by Sarah Smith, to be published and celebrated by Dr. Barbara Pemberton, it was truly an honor,"

For sophomore Katelyn Still, a sophomore instrumental music ed major from Benton, the change proved to be a bit more challenging. "Because of virtual Scholars Day, I had to change what I was doing for my directed study. I was originally going to have a lecture recital, but I created a Power Point instead," she said.

Still's presentation focused on the composition Tableaux de Provence by female composer Paule Maurice. "This presentation is to help her and her work gain the recognition she and it deserves," Still said in her comments.

President Ben Sells and Dr. Pemberton provided greetings on the virtual website. Dr. Sells commented on the impact of Scholars Day. "The quality of their work, what we often refer to as high-impact learning, really helps explain why Ouachita has such a high graduation rate, and a high placement rate, especially when it comes to graduate school and jobs," he said.
by Ethan Dial



Freshmen Peyton Floyd, Brad Richardson, Alex Henry and Emma Anderson serve together in the fall on Tiger Serve Day. A total of 820 students, staff and faculty volunteered across Arkadelphia. Photo by Hannah Smith

FROM STARTING PERSONAL
BUSINESSES TO LEADING IN
WORSHIP, THE COMMUNITY
OF OUACHITA FOCUSED ON
SERVICE AND GROWTH.

THAT *moment* WE MET EACH OTHER
PEOPLE



Epilepsy is a neurological disorder that disturbs nerve cell activity in the brain, which will cause the person to experience seizures. This disorder affects 1.2 percent of people in the U.S.. That comes out to around 3.4

million people nationally.

CHLOE lay

Chloe Lay, a freshman elementary education major from Little Rock, Ark., is a victim of this disorder.

"I developed epilepsy in the fifth grade," Lay said. "When I was in the

sixth grade, my doctor decided to put a VNS, or a Vagus Nerve Stimulator in me to help control the seizures. There is a wire that comes up through my neck to my head. Every 12 seconds an electrical charge goes off to my brain and it helps control the seizures."

Having lived the majority of her life with epilepsy, she has had to overcome the challenges of being a student and participating in school with the disorder.

"Sixth grade through sophomore year of high school I really struggled in school. In middle school it was harder because the medicine I was on made it hard to concentrate and I was constantly tired. It was harder for me to understand things and just grasp it," Lay said. "School work through those five years was difficult. In the seventh grade I was homeschooled when I had surgery, and in the eighth grade I went back to school and I was still having seizures and it was affecting my schoolwork."

Lay had a total of four doctors and two surgeries. Due to her surgeries, she went to a private Catholic academy,

Mount Saint Mary's, for a smaller school environment. Originally, she was supposed to attend North Little Rock High School. Due to NLRHS having more than one floor, her parents chose to send her to Mount Saint Mary's for safety reasons.

"It wasn't my decision to move to Mount," Lay said. "I didn't get too involved in any clubs for my freshman and sophomore years which made my high school experience more difficult, but I got involved with different clubs and the dance team my junior and senior year which made things better."

Since her difficulty dealing with epilepsy, her sister, Sarah Cate Lay started to compete in beauty pageants in order to raise awareness for her sister's illness.

"She started competing in the eighth grade," Lay said.

"Since she started pageants around that time, my seizures were getting bad, she labeled her platform 'seizures aren't spooky.' She would go around to different people and talk to the older kids about my story and how to help someone if they were to have a seizure. Her platform is now 'The Purple Project', the epilepsy awareness and seizure first aid."

Together they created an educational YouTube video that explains in depth how to assist someone if they are experiencing a seizure.

"I've been seizure free for 34 months," Lay said. "Those five years were definitely hard. We didn't think I would be able to go to college in the eighth grade. I can drive myself, you have to be a year seizure free in AR before you can drive. I'm much more independent and I get to go to college."

By Spencer Benway



Hannah Adamson//Clinton, AR
 Mario Aguilar//Texarkana, TX
 Hyland Alfonso//Waxahachie, TX
 Emma Anderson//Plano, TX
 Joseph Anway//Rowlett, TX
 Wyatt Ashlock//Royse City, TX
 Zach Babb//Bryant, AR



Madeline Babb//Little Rock, AR
 Erin Bagley//White Oak, TX
 Jomari Bailey//Prescott, AR
 Taylor Barnhart//North Little Rock, AR
 Izzy Baughn//Jonesboro, AR
 Katie Bayer//Lonoke, AR
 Ashley Beck//Rosenberg, TX



Karigan Beckwith//Donaldson, AR
 Brittney Bedlington//Bedford, TX
 Jared Beehn//Kountze, TX
 Kelsey Bester//South Africa
 Jenna Biggers//Russellville, AR
 Connor Bjerke//Oak Leaf, TX
 Jordan Blydes//Little Rock, AR



Katie Bonge//Little Rock, AR
 Jeremy Boone//El Dorado, AR
 Grace Bornemeier//Little Rock, AR
 Jacob Bowman//Wooster, AR
 Lauren Bridgeman//Plano, TX
 Crystal Brown//Hot Springs, AR
 Cade Burris//Walnut Ridge, AR



Elizabeth Byrd//Little Rock, AR
 Reyna Cabrera//Dallas, TX
 Chaney Campbell//Rogers, AR
 Maddie Cargile//Frisco, TX
 Katie Carroll//Mineral Springs, AR
 Jessica Casper//Mineola, TX
 Sabrina Cheek//Hendersonville, TN



Jaycee Cheshire//Big Sandy, TX
 Reese Chesshir//Texarkana, AR
 Karigan Clay//Idabel, OK
 Cori Clower//Little Rock, AR
 Kelsi Coleman//Bentonville, AR
 Sarah Collins//Lucas, TX
 Chandler Cooley//The Colony, TX



Abby Costner//Fayetteville, AR
 Chris Couch//Jonesboro, AR
 Joy Covington//Cherokee Village, AR
 Jolie Crane//Pearcy, AR
 Craig Crawford//Rexarkana, TX
 Braden Crawley//Jonesboro, AR
 Austin Crook//Little Rock, AR

Serving his school, multicultural students and his country, Jomari Bailey dedicated his time at OBU to working hard to make a difference. A freshman art and graphic design major from Prescott, Ark., Bailey was once known as the shy kid but flourished through his first year in college.

"Being at OBU, joining the ROTC program, and getting to know the members of MORE, I've come to lean out of my introvert ways," said Bailey.

Reflecting back over all the wonderful experiences Bailey made with MORE and the ROTC program, he realized how much they supported him.

"I joined the ROTC program in hopes of continuing my education with the help of benefits the program provided, and to better myself as a soldier and future officer in the United States Army," said Bailey. "The ROTC program has come to mean a lot to me; it challenged me in ways I didn't deem possible and pushed me to become stronger both physically and mentally."

He dedicated most of his time to ROTC through how he maintained his physicality. He also pushed himself in his studies.

"I was the assistant to Cadet Hargrove who is our supply NCO. So, whenever there was a task he wasn't able to issue out, I came in and helped ensure whatever it was got to who needed them," said Bailey.

"I loved getting to hike Pinnacle Mountain with my fellow Cadets and Cadre members," he added.

On campus, the first step in creating memories was taking the leap and connecting with new clubs to meet people. Bailey had no idea what a blessing being part of MORE would be.

"I loved the fact that MORE was an organization solely built on making multicultural students feel safe and welcomed where there may only be a few like us," said Bailey.

Being active within these communities allowed Bailey to grow and connect with new people on campus.

"It's allowed me to open up and be a part of conversations I usually wouldn't put myself in. It's allowed me to build friendships through physical activities, debates, and singing in Berry Chapel," said Bailey.

Creating memories and milestones along the way some of Bailey's favorite memories included singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" for the Special Olympics, where Bailey surprised everyone including himself when he stepped up to the challenge of singing soprano.

College did not come without its own pressures. Bailey, like many other students, strived for perfection. Growing through his experiences he learned he couldn't break himself trying to be perfect, and knew God loved him always.

"But being here at OBU and getting to know others, has shown me that life itself isn't perfect all the time, so why should I continue to beat myself up to be," said Bailey. "With prayer and continuous meditation, I've been able to loosen up and become less hard on myself."

by Emily Barton



JOMARI
bailey



Tommy Crumpton//Mabelvale, AR
 Seth Curl//Russellville, AR
 Levi Dade//Senatobia, MS
 Madi Darr//Springdale, AR
 Rylie Davis//Benton, AR
 Ashley Davis//McKinney, TX
 Jennie Davis//Stuttgart, AR



Landon Denman//Ft Worth, TX
 Emma Dennis//Dallas, TX
 Caroline Derby//Arkadelphia, AR
 Brooklyn Dinkins//Nashville, AR
 Emily Dodson//Trussville, AL
 Caleb Donoho//Northlake, TX
 Jade Dorman//Benton, AR



Lauren Dowty//Benton, AR
 Christy Dunavan//Marion, AR
 Alexandra Dupree//Van Buren, AR
 Anna Eggburn//Sheridan, AR
 Savannah Ellis//Maumelle, AR
 Lauren Elmore//Hot Springs, AR
 Blythe Epp//Aurora, NE



Saba Esho//Iraq
 Hannah Estes//Boulder City, NV
 Lilykay Feimster//Atlanta, TX
 Emma Firestone//Deerfield, IL
 Natalie Fletcher//Little Rock, AR
 Ashton Ford//New Boston, TX
 Lexie Foreman//Garland, TX



Katelyn Franzke//Springdale, AR
 Tobias Fuerschuss//Austria
 Lindsay Fulton//Austin, AR
 Abi Gaddis//Cabot, AR
 Grace Gardner//Little Rock, AR
 Amanda Garmon//Texarkana, AR
 Hannah Garner//Russellville, AR



Kyle Gasaway//Memphis, TN
 Maggie George//Benton, AR
 Hannah George//Dardanelle, AR
 Taylor Gillham//Malvern, AR
 Maggie Goff//Carrollton, TX
 Pietra Gois Camargo//Brazil
 Valeria Gomez//Costa Rica



Johnny Green//Allen, TX
 Kaylie Green//Haslet, TX
 Noah Grimes//Fort Worth, TX
 Wes Guerra//Benton, AR
 Elizabeth Hall//Prairie Grove, AR
 Ashlyn Ham//Jonesboro, AR
 Rebecca Hamby//Van Buren, AR

The art of magic is wielded wisely by few. One of those skilled persons is freshman William Read. From illusion to hypnosis, this young man achieves it all.

However, instead of using magic for a negative impact such as pranking, Read would rather use it to preform for nursing homes or children's hospitals. This journey began was seven years ago when a friend taught him a fantastic card trick and he decided to continue learning. He loved the way this unique performance art made people smile and brought out the child in them.

"It's an interesting performance art," Read said. "You don't see the moves I do. If you watched a guitarist or theater person you could tell the effort they put into it and see the work pay off, but it's different for a magician. I'm like a secret agent with cards."

Read began by learning on YouTube, then through books, and even at in-person magician events. Motivation comes in many forms and for Read this came as a desire to perfect the art. He took inspiration from different influencers online and found them to be one of his greatest motivations to improve.

Magic impacts social life positively and negatively. One might believe that having such a skill would quickly gain anyone guaranteed friends for life. However, Read explains the opposite.

"It can impact my social life negatively by having people only recognize me for the magic or pay attention to me only when performing," Read said. "Positively, it impacts me by helping me make friends and new relationships. It's also easy to get carried away with it and have I try to find a balance."

Magic increases positivity and spreads hope. Whether out at a restaurant or in the middle of class, magic can change the atmosphere and make someone smile.

by Ana Oelenburger

WILLIAM read





Kelley Hayes//Fort Smith, AR
 Mea Heard/ Nashville, AR
 Natalie Helms//Bentonville, AR
 Alex Henry//Richmond, TX
 Seth Hernandez//Little Rock, AR
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Ashton Hurst//Van Buren, AR
 Jackson Huskey//Quitman, AR
 Broc Ingold//Benton, AR
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 Karli Latture// Searcy, AR
 Chloe Lay//North Little Rock, AR
 Julia Letcher//Plano, TX
 Hannah Lloyd//Hope, AR



Being the new kid can be intimidating, but also overwhelmingly exciting. Kyleigh Stevens, a freshman music major from Hot Springs, Ark., knew this feeling all too well after she moved to Serbia when she was only 8 years old.

KYLEIGH stevens

“It all started with my parents,” Stevens said. “My dad was a basketball coach and my mom was a therapist, but when I was 8 they felt called to missions.”

Through the International Missions Board, Stevens and her family packed up their life and moved to Serbia.

“I was so excited when my parents told me we were moving,” Stevens said. “I have always loved adventure and new experiences and it ended up being the most incredible adventure, even when things got hard.”

Stevens was always a very social kid who loved making new friends and getting to know everyone.

“Going to a place where I couldn’t understand anyone and they couldn’t understand me was really hard,” Stevens said. “I could talk but it didn’t mean anything to anyone that was around me.”

Stevens worked hard not to stay in the “American bubble” during her time in Serbia. She attended Serbian school, learned the language and overall figured out how to live like a Serb.

As for missions work, “we were not allowed to be missionaries there, so we set up a nonprofit where we taught English classes and made connections,” Stevens said. “In the summertime we would have teams of college students come and I’d really get to serve when I went out with them.”

When Stevens was 16 her family decided to move back to the United States.

“I did not want to move back to America,” Stevens said. “As soon as I graduate, I really want to do the Journeyman Program and live somewhere in Europe. If anyone ever has the opportunity to live overseas, be open to go wherever you’re called and don’t hesitate. It will be the most valuable experience.”

by Madison Cresswell



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 Seth Lybrand//Little Rock, AR
 Kaylee Martin//Harrisburg, AR
 Bailey Martin//Mount Ida, AR
 Caroline Massey//McGehee, AR
 Matthew Mayfield//Alexander, AR



Noah McCallum//Jonesboro, AR
 Samantha McCarty//Pflugerville, TX
 Katie McCorkle//Newport, AR
 Hattie McDonald//Tontitown, AR
 Seth McDowell//Benton, AR
 Elise McWilliams//Magnolia, AR



Dawson Miller//Heath, TX
 Mack Miller//McGehee, AR
 Payton Mixon//New Caney, TX
 Hibiki Monna //Japan
 Kaitlyn Montgomery//Montgomery, TX
 Karla Montiel//Fayetteville, AR



Natalie Moore//Ash Flat, AR
 Alex Moore//Gulfport, MS
 Abby Moore//Maumelle, AR
 Faith Morgan//Lowell, AR
 Ethan Morrison//Pickton, TX
 Chloe Morse//Georgetown, TX



Courtney Myers//Kansas City, MO
 Jack Nelson//Conway, AR
 Darryl Nicholas//Bossier City, LA
 Bay Novak//Caldwell, TX
 Ian Nuban//The Colony, TX
 Ana Oelenberger//Bartlesville, OK



Sarah Orr//Rison, AR
 Isabella Owen//Jonesboro, AR
 Karris Patterson//Traskwood, AR
 Emily Pease//Richardson, TX
 Jack Peterson//Little Rock, AR
 Lacey Pettigrew//Bentonville, AR



John Peyton//Little Rock, AR
 Jackson Pickard//Georgetown, TX
 Savannah Pierce//Dover, AR
 Caden Pulliam//Maumelle, AR
 Dawson Ramsey//Benton, AR
 Joshua Ray//Gilmer, TX

Trey Lamb, a freshman Christian Studies major from Oak Grove, Ark., had a plan, but it was going to take hard work, commitment, and prayer. He was selfless and totally reliant on the Lord. He had this plan for a while and had to figure out how to execute it with grace and efficiency.

“Every male in my family served in the military, so I have always felt this obligation, in lack of a better word, to serve my country through the armed forces,” said Lamb. “However, I also dreamed of being the first male in my family to complete college so it was very confusing for me.”

“Around the beginning of April I felt God stirring in my heart about the military. Things fell into place and I found myself, on April 22, swearing into the military,” he said.

This was not an easy journey for Lamb. It was stressful and exhausting, both physically and mentally.

“Right before I left for basic I was stressed out since I had a small window of time to make sure everything was taken care of with OBU,” said Lamb. “I did not want to ruin my chance to come to college in the fall. Thankfully, I had a wonderful admissions counselor who was always there for me and made me feel more at peace about the whole situation.”

Before coming to OBU, Lamb had to make a stop at basic combat training so that he could fulfill his duties as a member of the Army National Guard.

“Basic is for everyone entering the Army through the enlisted side,” said Lamb. “We learned how to properly greet people with higher ranks and how to operate our weapons. We got to experience the gas chamber, early wakeup times, and intense training.”

For Lamb, this was an experience that he will never forget. This was a lifetime commitment that was selfless. He knew the whole time that this was God’s plan, to serve his country well.

“No matter how hard life may seem, as a believer you are never alone,” said

Lamb. “God was with me every step of the way. He never left me and I knew that he was my battle buddy. He is good all the time.”

by Madi Darr

TREY lamb





William Read//Flower Mound, TX
 Trent Reeder//Haynesville, LA
 Grace Rew//North Little Rock, AR
 Brad Richardson//Lonoke, AR
 Johanna Rico//Bauxite, AR
 Eryn Riley//Fort Smith, AR



Kinley Ritter//Benton, AR
 Ariana Rizo//Eules, TX
 Olivia Rossini//Bryant, AR
 Emma Rouse//Thayer, MO
 Noah Sanders//Little Rock, AR
 Rachel Sansano//San Antonio, TX



Graham Scarborough//West Monroe, LA
 Joni Schneider//Garland, TX
 Anna Scott//Sabetha, KS
 Allisan Sealy//Little Rock, AR
 Ryan Shaughnessy//Highland Village, TX
 Juliana Shaw//Rogers, AR



Camryn Shelton//Casscoe, AR
 Tanner Shipman//Little Rock, AR
 Brock Shuffield//Arkadelphia, AR
 Hannah Sims//Oconomowoc, WI
 Kallen Smith//Jonesboro, AR
 Jacob Smith//Rowlett, TX



Michael Soldner//Flower Mound, TX
 Claire Sorg//Springdale, AR
 Halle Southerland//Bossier City, LA
 Sarah Spakes//Benton, AR
 Josh Spiva//Malvern, AR
 Chloe Spraggins//Hot Springs, AR



Karis Staley//Crossett, AR
 Emma Starkman//San Antonio, TX
 Kyleigh Stevens//Hot Springs, AR
 Gary Storment//Benton, AR
 Emily Stover//Rison, AR
 Andy Strauss//Eules, TX



Erin Strautman//Cypress, TX
 Kennedy Stringfellow//Benton, AR
 Abbigale Sullins//Benton, AR
 Diana Summerville//Arkadelphia, AR
 Ashley Sweeney//Sheridan, AR
 Maho Tanabe//Japan



Freshman graphic design major Katelyn Franzke had the opportunity to paint the distinguished Cone-Bottoms Hall for former White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders. Franzke had no idea that a

KATELYN franzke

post on Instagram would lead to her making a painting for Sanders.

Franzke did art for her whole life, but never took it seriously until college. She did not

think that she could make her art into a business.

"My parents would tell me to start a business with selling my art, but I never thought that I would be good enough," said Franzke.

Franzke said that she has been able to grow in her art through switching to a graphic design major. She said that she didn't take many art classes before college and has already seen an impact on her art since taking graphic design classes at Ouachita.

"This semester has been able to grow me in my art skills and Ouachita gave me a great opportunity and honor to create a painting for someone as influential as Sarah Huckabee Sanders," said Franzke.

Franzke never imagined that starting an Instagram to sell her art would lead to something as significant

as the opportunity to paint Cone-Bottoms for Sanders.

"At first I did not see it for the big deal that it was. The more I learned about Sarah Sanders the more I realized how it was such a cool opportunity to do something for Sarah that I love to do," said Franzke

The painting took most of Franzke's Saturday and she went home for the weekend to make sure that she had all of art supplies to complete the painting.

"I wanted to get off campus and be alone to work on the painting. It took most of my Saturday," said Franzke.

The Cone-Bottoms Hall painting was a 5x8 inch size. Franzke said that she is most comfortable with doing smaller paintings and that it is easier to create more meaning.

"I like doing smaller pieces of art because you have more freedom to give the art more detail and make it more unique," said Franzke.

"As an artist, I want to create images that mean something to people. I love that I got to do that for Sarah because I know that it meant a lot to her. I want to create memories for people in a unique way," said Franzke.

by Houstin Kirkpatrick



Andrew Tarlton//Van Alstyne, TX
 Maddi Terry//Boyd, TX
 Alex Thyes//Conroe, TX
 Grace Tidwell//Camden, AR
 Carson Tillery//Lonsdale, AR
 Morris Tsuma //Fort Worth, TX



Allison Tubbs//Cabot, AR
 Alissa Tucker//Shreveport, LA
 Emerson Turner//Haskell, OK
 Maria Urbina//Honduras
 Clarisa Valenzuela //Grand Prairie, TX
 Rebekah Van Namen//Little Rock, AR



Sam Vickers//Shreveport, LA
 Vanessa Vines //Bogota, Columbia
 Brock Wade//Plano, TX
 Josh Wallace//Arkadelphia, AR
 Sophia Ward//Fayetteville, AR
 Josh Watson//Frisco, TX



Drew Webb//Arkadelphia, AR
 Jack Webb//Arlington, TN
 Bailey Webb//England, AR
 Faith Webb//Hot Springs, AR
 Graca Webster//Frisco, TX
 Sophie Weghorst//Rockwall, TX



Marly Welborn// Fort Smith, AR
 Rebekah Wendt //Haworth, OK
 Mary Charles West//
 North Little Rock, AR
 Katie White // Sparkman, AR
 Kyla Williams// Weatherford, TX
 Wade Wilson// Springdale, AR



Elizabeth Wimberly//Malvern, AR
 Jillian Woodruff//Hope, AR
 Demarcus Yancy//Little Rock, AR
 Noah Yeamans//Allen, TX
 Ethan York//Mayflower, AR
 Josh York//Texarkana, TX

In Uganda, deaf children are commonly abandoned and left without assistance with medical needs or education. Within three months of visiting Uganda for the first time, Dani Imrie, a sophomore elementary education major from Jonesboro, Ark., saw a need and helped create a nonprofit overseas.

After hearing the story of a sick little girl in Uganda needing a heart transplant, Imrie felt the Lord calling her to serve.

“When we got there, I absolutely knew there was more work to do and we were being called to do it,” said Imrie.

When she returned to America, her family and two others created an official GEO nonprofit organization within three months of her first trip.

“It usually takes a year and a half and sometimes longer to fully establish a nonprofit, so the fact we did it in three months was amazing,” said Imrie.

The nonprofit sponsors deaf students from primary school to secondary school and assisted with medical and educational needs.

“Right now, we sponsor 13 children, which means we have 13 families partnering alongside us, paying for those children to go to school. We are actually building a school right now that our students can use instead of renting a facility,” said Imrie.

“We are still fairly small but are working every day to expand and reach more children,” added Imrie.

Imrie has a heart for education and hopes to use her abilities to teach in Uganda as much as she can.

“The year after college, I would love to go over there and teach for a year or two. I want to assist in enhancing the baby classes before the students go to primary school,” said Imrie.

Uganda was a step out of Imrie’s comfort zone, but it opened her eyes to see what the Lord has called her to do.

by Madison Cresswell

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imrie





Taylor Allen //Huntsville, AR
 Abigail Anderson//Blytheville, AR
 Grace Avery//Durham, NC
 Maddie Bailey//Bauxite, AR
 Garner Barnett//Hot Springs, AR
 Emily Barton//Hallsville, TX
 Anna Black//Paron, AR



Abby Blankenship//Little Rock, AR
 Ben Blocker//Grapevine, TX
 Andrew Boatman//North Little Rock, AR
 Graycie Bohannon//Springdale, AR
 Kaitlyn Bolton//Pine Bluff, AR
 Molly Mai Borneman//Greenfield, TN
 Corbin Bostian//Bonnerdale, AR



Adeline Boyd//Fayetteville, AR
 Matthew Branch//Bauxite, AR
 Cross Brandon//Little Rock, AR
 Jack Brent //Fordyce, AR
 Faith Briggs//Alexander, AR
 Luke Brinkerhoff//Celina, TX
 Jacob Brown //Carrollton, TX



Elisabeth Brown //Sheridan, AR
 Melissa Brown //Texarkana, AR
 Jessa Bryant//Benton, AR
 Greg Bryant//Springdale, AR
 Sydney Bufford//Austin, AR
 Darby Byrd//McKinney, TX
 Mary Grace Cahalan//Little Rock, AR



Mallory Cain//Little Rock, AR
 Johnathon Callum//Pine Bluff, AR
 Kaitlyn Campbell//Benton, AR
 Sam Campione//Waxahachie, TX
 Haylee Cannon//Denison, TX
 Jacy Carter//West Plains, MO
 Jimmy Castro//Arkadelphia, AR



Jacob Cates//Porter, TX
 Erica Chapman//Rogers, AR
 Erin Chappell//Bryant, AR
 Lilia Clark//Hillsboro, TX
 Bethany Colbert//Brookland, AR
 Josie Collins//Little Rock, AR
 Ty Compton//Sherwood, AR



Josh Conard//Denton, TX
 Alexa Copeland//Nashville, AR
 Katelin Cotton//Bryant, AR
 Olivia Crites//Poplar Bluff, MO
 Madison Crow//Benton, AR
 Taylor Darland//Forney, TX
 Lydia Dean//Nashville, TN



What started as just an idea in the minds of sophomores Mitchell Waite and Logan Daust soon turned into the campus-wide sensation known as Caf Reviews. Daust had seen a similar pizza review segment on the Barstool instagram accounts, and the

two decided to post a parody on Waite's instagram story.

"We thought we would do it every once in a while and it would be a funny thing," said Waite. "Then some one messaged me and said we should make an account out of it, so we decided to go for it."

The account started to gain

popularity through word of mouth as well as some promotion on Waite and Daust's personal accounts. Waite also encouraged his WOW kids to follow the account. As the followers kept growing, the boys decided to add some new features.

"We've kept the account pretty much the same," Daust explained. "Halfway through last year we started incorporating guests, but it's always been one bite and then the score."

Both have had fun being able to meet new people

and seeing that people have fun with the account and appreciate what they do. After reviews were over, they got to sit and have a meal with whoever the guest was and get to know them as a person.

"My favorite part is having people say they check the videos before they eat," said Waite. "It's always funny to hear when we skip a review because we're busy that they're disappointed we didn't post."

Even though they never intended for their food reviewing skills to branch out from social media, their diligence in reviewing cafeteria meals led to a chance to directly impact the meals we had at Ouachita.

"I was pulled out of the caf and the head of Sodexo wanted to talk to me," explained Daust. "He said recently they had noticed our reviews and watched all of them, and they appreciated what we do. Then he invited us to be on the food committee so we could actually have an impact on what Sodexo serves on campus."

Waite and Daust wanted people to know they shouldn't be afraid to reach out and be on the show. In the future, both expressed hopes of releasing merchandise so they could benefit some from the work that they had done while also giving people something to help support the account.

Ultimately, the two hope everyone is able to enjoy the account for what it is.

by Anna Roussel

MITCHELL waite & LOGAN dust



Erica Dixon//Arkadelphia, AR
 Peyton Dodd//Nashville, AR
 Sydney Donaldson//Benton, AR
 Aidan Doss//Van Buren, AR
 Reganne Dumas//Texarkana, TX
 Carter Duren//McKinney, TX
 Ethan Elkins//Jonesboro, AR



Bailey Ellison//Walnut Ridge, AR
 Noel Elrod//Royal, AR
 Madi Esch//Benton, AR
 Piper Fain//Camden, AR
 Michaelyn Ferrell//White Hall, AR
 Paige Fett//Fayetteville, AR
 Sarah Freeze//Benton, AR



Lauren Gaharan//Frisco, TX
 Scott Gay//Argyle, TX
 Keaton Goodrum//Arkadelphia, AR
 Dawson Goodwin//El Dorado, AR
 Gracen Goudy//Benton, AR
 Katie Gray//Dallas, TX
 Emma Gregory//Pottsville, AR



Gwyneth Hadasa//Indonesia
 Mackenzie Hall//Bolivar, MO
 Gracen Hambrick//Des Arc, AR
 Taylor Hamilton//Murphy, TX
 Taylor Hansard//Fort Stockton, TX
 Thomas Harrington//Magnolia, AR
 Allie Harris//Arkadelphia, AR



Carrie Jo Harville//Greenbrier, AR
 Bennett Hasley//Fort Smith, AR
 Caitly Hatchett//Keithville, LA
 Cade Haynie//Prescott, AR
 Nic Hazlett//Greenville, TX
 Caleb Henry//Little Rock, AR
 Savannah Henthorne//Greenbrier, AR



Hannah Herrington//Paron, AR
 Payton Hickman//Siloam Springs, AR
 Gage Hill//Springdale, AR
 Tehya Hinkson//Benton, AR
 Cloe Humphry//Benton, AR
 Lexi Huse//Manchester, MO
 Lindsey Hyde//Spring, TX



Ben Inmon//Bentonville, AR
 John Ivester//Little Rock, AR
 Amy Jackson//Cypress, TX
 Dayja James//McGehee, AR
 Rebecca Janke//Arkadelphia, AR
 Harry Jeffrey//Conway, AR
 Kaitlyn Jertberg//Arkadelphia, AR

The idea came in seventh grade when Mallory Wallace, a sophomore Biblical Studies and Strategic Communications double major from Longview, Texas, was inspired by the ice cream truck circulating the neighborhood. What started as money for trips to the movies with friends became a way Wallace could pay for college.

"I know this is where the Lord wants me to go. I know exactly what I want to do here, but I can't afford it," said Wallace.

From novelty ice cream, popcorn, nachos, cotton candy, and lemonade "Sweets, Treats and More" is her family's food truck that provides a wide variety of menu items.

Working in food trucks is a bit of a tradition for Wallace's family. She inherited the passion from her father who had 15 years of experience.

Wallace focuses her time and energy on events and local festivals.

"I would take it out to birthday parties, car dealerships, mechanic shops, and set up at different businesses," said Wallace.

However, the occasional stroll through local neighborhoods is a great way to earn money on a Sunday afternoon. This was her favorite time of the week with the food truck.

Wallace worked all summer in the truck sometimes 12 to 14-hour days, but to her, it was all worth it.

"It's part of who I am; it's taught me great work ethic," said Wallace. "It's prepared me for other jobs and I can work well under pressure."

Working in her food truck has given Wallace more than good experience and life skills. It has provided her the means to attend Ouachita.

"I actually wouldn't be here without it," said Wallace.

Wallace goes home on any weekend she can and recently got to bring a friend home to work with her, having both of her worlds come together for the first time.

Her plan is to continue working in the ice cream truck to hopefully pay for her and her brother's undergraduate schooling.

What started as a seventh grade dream for Wallace ended in a reality of being a Ouachitonian for life.

by Emily Barton

MALLORY wallace





Dane Jester//Hot Springs, AR
 Hannah Johnson//North Little Rock, AR
 Holly Jones//Conway, AR
 Jillian Jones//Inez, TX
 Julianna Jones//Little Rock, AR
 Callie Jourdan//Port Neches, TX



Emma Kelley//Little Rock, AR
 Kylie Jo Kilgore//Harrison, AR
 Kaitlan Kinney//De Kalb, TX
 Able Kusaloka//Zambia
 Jahvel Lair//Richardson, TX
 Langley Leverett//Fouke, AR



Ben Lewis//Forney, TX
 Grace Loftin//Shreveport, LA
 Katie Loving//Richardson, TX
 Faith Lymburner//Rogers, AR
 Molly Maddox//Jonesboro, AR
 Elysian Majeske//Hot Springs Village, AR



Ethan Marshall//Carrollton, TX
 Allison Martin//Bella Vista, AR
 Victoria Martin//Bella Vista, AR
 Hannah Martin//Conway, AR
 Victoria Mayfield//Jonesboro, AR
 Lucas McCann//Camden, AR



John Michael McCollett//Arkadelphia, AR
 Leslie McElroy//El Dorado, AR
 Madison McGhee//Alma, AR
 Elaina McKenzie//Gulfport, MS
 Sean McKinney//Little Rock, AR
 Buck McKnight//El Dorado, AR



Emily McMaster//Texarkana, AR
 AJ McWilliams//Frisco, TX
 Jonah Mears//Bryant, AR
 Rachel Medina//Shreveport, LA
 Sydney Mendel//Allen, TX
 Addison Mercer//Gainesville, TX



Carson Miller//Little Rock, AR
 Brett Mills//Bentonville, AR
 Candace Moix//Conway, AR
 Mikaela Monahan//Alexander, AR
 Madison Montgomery//Cypress, TX
 Katie Moore//Fort Smith, AR



Growing up in Zambia, Able Kusaloka, a sophomore business administration major from Garneton, Zambia, never could have imagined leaving his home and one day returning to serve the community that served him his entire life.

ABLE kusaloka

When Kusaloka was 15, a group of missionaries came to Zambia and lived within his community for 10 months. "They always loved on me, but I was surprised when they asked me to come back with them to the US," said Kusaloka. "I honestly didn't really want to come because I didn't know what it was going to be like."

He moved to the United States when he was 16 and began his junior year of high school. "After I graduated, I wanted to go back home, but I guess God had some different plans," said Kusaloka. "We prayed

about me going to college possibly at Clemson, then God brings in OBU and for some reason I am here."

Over the summer, Kusaloka had a student ministry internship with First Baptist McKinney in McKinney, Texas. He worked with teenagers at camp, taught Bible studies and attended mission trips in Oklahoma and Zambia.

"It was different going back to Zambia because normally when I go, I am there for my family and friends, but this time I was on a mission," said Kusaloka. "So many people from the community recognized me and knew my family, so they wanted to learn more about God and what we were doing."

"Sometimes I still struggle with wondering what I'm doing in the United States, but opportunities like this show me exactly why God has me where I am now," added Kusaloka.

Kusaloka hopes to return to Zambia one day permanently to continue helping people improve their lives physically and spiritually.

by Madison Cresswell



Logan Moore//Gulfport, MS
 Zoar Moreno//Mexico
 Abby Morris//Conway, AR
 Ben Morris//North Little Rock, AR
 Jaelle Morrison//Rison, AR
 Kyndal Moyer//Lampasas, TX



Francisco Oliveira//Portugal
 Allyson Oliver//Bismarck, AR
 Sydney Parker//Edmond, OK
 Jazmyn Parker//Jefferson, AR
 Ben Parkhurst//Edmond, OK
 Thomas Parsons//Celina, TX



Jack Patterson//Abilene, TX
 Sara Patterson//Wylie, TX
 Michelle Phillips//Cordova, TN
 Ryan Pickelman//Texarkana, TX
 Samantha Pipkin//Waldo, AR
 Gabe Poe//Lake City, AR



Kinsey Potts//Wylie, TX
 Alyssa Price//Fayetteville, AR
 Josie Pringle//Hot Springs, AR
 Rue Ragsdale//Clinton, AR
 Lauren Reams//Hampton, AR
 Hayden Reedy//Plano, TX



James Renshaw//North Little Rock, AR
 Ashley Reynolds//Fort Smith, AR
 Abigail Roberts//Shreveport, LA
 Hannah Rossell//Allen, TX
 Anna Rousse//Searcy, AR
 Cora Saddler//Cabot, AR



Karlee Sanders//Caraway, AR
 Taylor Savage//Arkadelphia, AR
 Ben Scarbrough//Jonesboro, AR
 Luke Schmidt//Little Rock, AR
 Aubree Seibert//Wylie, TX
 Lucie Shepherd//Rowlett, TX



Lauren Sims//Hot Springs, AR
 Haddon Smead//Glenwood, AR
 Jared Smith//Fairfield, MT
 Peyton Smith//Maumelle, AR
 Zane Smith//Texarkana, TX
 Hailey Smith//Wichita, KS

Colin McWhorter, a business major from Rogers, is a sophomore baseball player but roaming the outfield and hitting a baseball is not all he's passionate about. On December 24 McWhorter's grandfather Jim McWhorter passed away. The family was searching for someone to administer the funeral and Colin stepped up.

In October McWhorter began his ordination process. He was motivated to be ordained by his grandmother Brenda Neal and she pushed him toward the finish line.

"My grandmother Brenda has been ordained for as long as I can remember," McWhorter said. "She inspired me to pursue the process of ordination and eventually pushed me to attain my ordination."

In the first week of November, McWhorter officially became an ordained minister.

"I got ordained so I could administer my grandfather's funeral," Colin said. "He meant a lot to me and being able to be there with my family on that day and stand in front of them administering the funeral meant a great deal."

McWhorter continued, "I learned a lot about what it means to be an ordained minister and how I should carry myself now that I am ordained. It was a strenuous process, but it was not anything that I couldn't overcome. I had to go through classes and even attain a license to be officially ordained. Despite all the things involved with ordination it was all worth it knowing the good I will be doing with my license."

As much as McWhorter loves his grandfather and enjoyed administering his grandfather's funeral, he also wants to be a part of happier days.

"I eventually want to officiate weddings," McWhorter said. "I want to use my ordination to marry off my family and friends. Serving people at funerals is important, especially for those who cannot handle the deed themselves, but I am especially looking forward to my first wedding. There is just something about a wedding day that is special."

McWhorter feels that there is no better way to start off his life of ordained duties than to celebrate his grandfather Jim McWhorter's life. Colin plans on continuing a legacy of love that his grandpa passed down from generation to generation. McWhorter plans on passing that same legacy of love down to those family members young and yet to come.

"When thinking of my family's impact on me and how they have motivated me to become the man I am today, I am reminded of what Jackie Robinson said, 'A life is not as important as the impact it has on other lives,'" McWhorter said.

by Ben Swanger



COLIN
mcwhorter



Matigan Snook//Cedar Hill, TX
Timothy Spiva//Malvern, AR
Clara Stevens//Dermott, AR
Mackenzie Stewart//Hurst, TX
Katelyn Still//Benton, AR
Liv Sweden//Richardson, TX



Allie Tarnowsky//Mabelvale, AR
Emily Tarr//Fort Worth, TX
Brianna Taylor//Trophy Club, TX
Kaitlyn Terry//Bentonville, AR
Kaleigh Thomas//Benton, AR
Jacob Thomas//Texarkana, TX



Dani Thompson//Benton, AR
Taryn Toles //Cabot, AR
Libby Tomlin//Fort Worth, TX
Tom Tran//Little Rock, AR
Tally Turnbow//Shreveport, LA
Makeilah Turner//Plano, TX



Jessalyn Vander Stucken//Groveton, TX
Zoey Vargas//Richardson, TX
Kate Vernon//El Dorado, AR
Carlee Vogel//Saint Jo, TX
Mitchell Waite//Van Buren, AR
Mallory Wallace//Longview, TX



Hannah Webber//Longview, TX
Hope White//Conway, AR
Aaron Whitten//McKinney, TX
Kayla Whittington//North Little Rock, AR
Athen Wilkerson//St. Petersburg, FL
Erin Williams//Richardson, TX



Sarah Williams//Tyler, TX
Noah Williams//White Hall, AR
Madison Williamson //Magnolia, AR
Erica Wilmath//Hot Springs, AR
Leighton Withers//Benton, AR
Isabella Wood//Paragould, AR



Bobbi Wooten//Arkadelphia, AR
Ryan York//Plano, TX
Sam Youmans//Siloam Springs, AR
Parker Zucha//Sachse, TX
Franco Zuniga//Glenwood, AR

It is not uncommon to hear of a student who went on a mission trip during the summer months as a Ouachita student. Morgan Masengale, a junior Communication Sciences and Disorders major from West Memphis, Ark., experienced something that you will not hear when talking about mission trip experiences.

Masengale backpacked two months in Indonesia, spreading the gospel with Nehemiah Teams through the International Mission Board.

“We would stay with different missionaries for about a week before breaking off into teams of four and my team would backpack through different remote islands. We would ask different people along the way to stay with them. They were always so friendly,” she said.

She spoke of one day that she would always remember looking back on this trip.

While sharing the gospel with a group of women, Morgan started to focus on this one person in the group. The woman then asked to speak with her team at a different time in a private area, something that had not happened before that moment on the trip. They soon found out that the woman had been a believer for years, but no one in her village could know, and she never had the privilege of talking about her faith. Before they left, they gave the woman her first Bible.

“I learned so much about myself, about my relationship with God,” Morgan said.

Masengale’s goals have changed after this life-altering trip. She has focused her long-term goals into using her career as a speech pathologist out in the mission field to help others overseas.

Emily Johns

MORGAN masengale





Ben Adair//Benton, AR
 Madison Allen//Beebe, AR
 Michaela Allen// Evening Shade, AR
 Kat Allen//Texarkana, AR
 Hannah Anderson//Austin, TX
 Holli Barger//Carrollton, TX
 Brady Barton//Russellville, AR



Addison Bates//Little Rock, AR
 Jasmine Baughman//Pangburn, AR
 Katelyn Bayless//Monticello, AR
 Jorie Beaumont//Lockport, IL
 Michael Bell//Stuttgart, AR
 Jack Bennington//Arkadelphia, AR
 Taryn Bewley//Conway, AR



Jordie Bone//Little Rock, AR
 Bec Braly//Eads, TN
 Dawson Bray//Arkadelphia, AR
 Bailey Buettner//Garland, TX
 Michael Burer//Forney, TX
 Brittany Burr//Shreveport, LA
 Cody Cagle//Wheatland, WY



Carlín Campbell//Rose Hill, KS
 Fallon Carder//Birmingham, AL
 Riley Carson//Springdale, AR
 Kaleigh Casada//White Hall, AR
 Scarlett Castleberry//Bryant, AR
 Ali Chapman//Rogers, AR
 Kayla Churchwell//Searcy, AR



Spencer Clark//Mauvelle, AR
 Chris Cobb//Little Rock, AR
 Hannah Cohen//Zimbabwe
 Cameron Collins//Scurry, TX
 Cameron Conner//
 North Little Rock, AR
 Andrew Coop//Gladewater, TX
 Carli Copell/ Canton, TX



Elizabeth Costner//Fayetteville, AR
 Cortney Crawford// Texarkana, TX
 Bethany Crawley//Jonesboro, AR
 Madison Cresswell//
 North Little Rock, AR
 Caleb Crow//Conway, AR
 Eden Crow//Texarkana, AR
 Preston Crowder//Arkadelphia, AR



Lindsey Crowder//Bentonville, AR
 Asaph Camillo Da Silva//Brazil
 Jessica Daniell//Benton, AR
 Rachel David//Benton, AR
 Gabrielle Davis//Little Rock, AR
 Sophie Davis//Russellville, AR
 Matt Day//Texarkana, TX



With dozens of Div. I athletes getting an invitation into the Coastal Plain League, standout Tigers' third baseman Tyler Riebock, a junior biology major from Rockwall, Texas, had the opportunity to spend his summer playing against top competition.

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The CPL is one of America's premier summer college baseball leagues. The league's history dates back to 1937 and has produced big name ball players like

Justin Verlander, Ryan Zimmerman, Kevin Youkilis, and even Super Bowl champion quarterback Russell Wilson. The league consists of 16 teams stretching from Georgia through the Carolinas and up to Virginia.

Every successful ball player sets goals and Riebock had a simple one.

"I had a lot of goals going into the summer," Riebock said. "There were a lot of guys from big name, power five conference schools that were on my team and the teams I played against. I just wanted to prove that I belonged right there alongside them."

The power five conferences are Div. I schools in the ACC, SEC, BIG TEN, PAC 12, and BIG 12. Riebock represented Div. II's GAC and represented at a high level.

Riebock was a member of the Martinsville

Mustangs who played their home games in Martinsville, Virginia. In 42 games for the Mustangs, Riebock was able to lead the team in homeruns with seven and runs batted in with 26.

One of the most prestigious teams in the league is the Savannah Bananas. The team has been able to sell out their stadium 88 straight games. Riebock said one of his favorite memories was taking the field against the Bananas, "It was truly an indescribable experience, no doubt."

With a huge bat and consistent defense, Riebock was named a CPL All-Star. Not only did he play in the All-Star game, but Riebock also competed in the league's homerun derby.

Riebock said, "When I was announced as an all-star, I felt like I had accomplished my goal of proving that I belonged alongside the power five players."

The most unforgettable moment didn't occur during the all-star game, but before it.

"The best part about the all-star game was getting to feel like a big leaguer," Riebock said. "There were kids walking up to me asking for my autograph left and right. It was cool to see baseball come full circle knowing that I used to be the one looking up to those players when I was a kid."

As an all-conference GAC third baseman, a CPL all-star and home run derby participant, Riebock is cementing himself as a standout ball player who's name is worth knowing.

By Ben Swanger



Kara Delaune//Conway, AR
 Gunner Dobbins//Little Rock, AR
 Anna Lee Drennan//Conway, AR
 Melodie Dubose//Minden, LA
 Lauren Dunaway//
 Rancho Cordova, CA
 Emme Edmondson//Benton, AR
 Josiah Elmore//Arkadelphia, AR



Kassidy Falco//Malvern, AR
 Grace Faulk//Maumelle, AR
 Katherine Fehlman//Little Rock, AR
 Taylor Fielder//Little Rock, AR
 Cannon Fisher//Wynne, AR
 Javier Fito//Spain
 Dakota Flores//Mountain Home, AR



Jordan Ford//Benton, AR
 Martha Kay Freeman//Freeport, FL
 Nathan Frick//Arkadelphia, AR
 Grace Gallagher//De Queen, AR
 Aryana Gardner//Conway, AR
 Jared Garner//Arkadelphia, AR
 Nicholas Gerber//Arkadelphia, AR



Mara Gillispie//Irving, TX
 Jordan Gills//Murfreesboro, AR
 Nicolas Gonzalez//Gunter, TX
 Madison Goodman//Texarkana, AR
 Hannah Gothard//Cleveland, TX
 Mandy Halbert//Allen, TX
 Danielle Hall//Prairie Grove, AR



McCallie Hall//Rison, AR
 Katie Harmon//Benton, AR
 Ashley Harrison//Argyle, TX
 Christian Hickingbotham//
 Little Rock, AR
 Brianna Hill//Fort Smith, AR
 James Hilton//Wylie, TX
 Mason Holder//Camden, AR



Bryan Honeck//Plano, TX
 Ellie Hooten//Bryant, AR
 Brooke Horton//Hot Springs, AR
 Taylor Huggins//Clinton, AR
 Carlee Hutchins//Benton, AR
 Avery Jackson//Little Rock, AR
 Katlin Jacobs//Marion, AR



Reid Jenkins//Texarkana, AR
 Emily Johns//Amity, AR
 Jenny Johnson//Benton, AR
 Felicity Johnson//Little Rock, AR
 Gracie Jones//Benton, AR
 Aaron Jordan//Little Rock, AR
 Katie Kemp//Anna, TX

Most people have had good experiences with glow-sticks and dance parties, but Carli Copell, a junior psychology and sociology double major from Canton, Texas, couldn't say the same due to an injury that involved a glow-stick and her losing her hearing.

"It was the summer of my senior year and I was at church camp," Copell said. "It was a glow stick dance party and everyone was dancing around throwing glow-sticks. My friend is standing next to me and she brings her arm back to throw the glow-stick and by some freak accident the glow-stick makes its way into my ear. I grabbed my ear and fell to the ground and it's bleeding and no one knows what's going on."

The pain Copell felt in her ear was a pain she hasn't forgotten.

"It was a really sharp deep pain," Copell said. "It felt like someone shoved something all the way into my ear and pulled it out as quick as they could. It hurt for the rest of the night and the next morning."

Copell didn't know she had lost the hearing in her right ear until the morning the following the glow-stick tragedy.

"I woke up and I could not hear anything out of my ear," Copell said. "I'm was next to my friend and she whispered 'how's your ear' into my right ear and I'm just sitting there and don't hear her. She whispers it again and I just tell her that I didn't hear her. She felt so bad."

When Copell had arrived back home she attempted to explain to her parents that she had lost her hearing but they didn't understand and opted out of taking her to get her ear checked out.

"I didn't really want to go to the doctor because I didn't want to know the extent of what happened to me," Copell said. "I just Googled a lot and waited it out. It took a long time for it to come back, a lot longer than normal. Usually it takes a couple of months but it took mine six months."

Losing her hearing wasn't a crutch to Copell. She learned to laugh and joke about it.

"It was a freak accident," Copell said. "It was just something I laughed about. I used the story as my fun fact when I got to Ouachita my freshman year. Those couple of months though where I couldn't hear were just annoying because everytime I picked up the phone I always put it on my right ear, so I had to switch to the left."

Overtime Copell's hearing came back slowly. By January 2018 the ear was completely healed up and working fine again.

"Throughout the school year my friends would make me put in one earphone [in the injured ear] and put the volume really low," Copell said. "When it was back, I knew it was back completely."

CARLI copell

By Spencer Benway





Molly Kennedy//Melissa, TX
 Houstin Kirkpatrick//Gurdon, AR
 Madeline Knight//Camden, AR
 Emily Koonce//Wylie, TX
 Gage Kropf//Nashville, AR
 Charleece Lake//Lewisville, TX
 Garrett Lee//McKinney, TX



Luke Livingston //Batesville, AR
 Ryan Lynch//Bryant, AR
 Hallie Lynch//D'Hanis, TX
 Barrett Malone//Jacksonville, AR
 Cailey Maples//North Little Rock, AR
 Morgan Masengale//West Memphis, AR
 Kaleb McAdams//Dallas, TX



Ansley McDonald//Benton, AR
 Erin McNully//Beebe, AR
 Blaine Miller//North Little Rock, AR
 Jacklynn Minton//Mena, AR
 Faith Moore//Marianna, AR
 Mallory Morris//Nacogdoches, TX
 Megan Mosley//Hot Springs, AR



Grace Oliver//Little Rock, AR
 Brooklyn Parker//Clarksville, AR
 Shae Parker//Wylie, TX
 Bri Penn//Benton, AR
 Beau Pennington// Bee Branch, AR
 Zack Perez//Nashville, AR
 Claire Phillips//Midlothian, TX



Kenzie Pickard//Vilonia, AR
 Joseph Presley//Shreveport, LA
 Paige Price//Plano, TX
 Trexler Proffitt//Marion, AR
 Raegan Pyle//Argyle, TX
 Stephany Quintero//
 Arkadelphia, AR
 David Rainwater//Sheridan, AR



Grace Rapert//Conway, AR
 Madison Rawls//Arkadelphia, AR
 Alyssa Reece//Paragould, AR
 Elizabeth Ring//Cabot, AR
 Grace Roark//Jonesboro, AR
 Emilee Roberson// Arkadelphia, AR
 Luke Roberson//Plano, TX



Joao Rodrigues//Brazil
 Aubrey Rogers//Jonesboro, AR
 Georgia Rogers//Little Rock, AR
 Mady Cate Rottinghaus/
 Hot Springs, AR
 Sarah Rountree/ Rogers, AR
 Jonathan Rubin //Dallas, TX
 Sarah Rush//Little Rock, AR

Luke Hill, a junior biology major with chemistry, military science and a math triple minor is from Sheridan, Ark. Hill spent his summer doing research at UAMS and ROTC training.

Hill made a big transition when he decided to not play football anymore. He always loved the sport and cherished the time he had with his team. He looked back on his time fondly and enjoyed sharing the special moment of getting a GAC ring with his teammates. "They will always be my friends, and I will miss it," said Hill.

"I was a walk on, and Coach Knight and Coach Dean always uplifted and encouraged the players. They would pray before and after about any needs a player had. They were very good men to look up to and have in my life. I will always be thankful for that," said Hill.

Hill was in ROTC and National Guard. He spent two weeks over the summer and one week every month performing drills. Hill took part in different tactics that demonstrated typical soldier activity, including drills with the infantry unit. Although Hill planned on being a doctor in the guard, he valued and appreciated experiencing this side as well.

Hill hoped to be a primary care or emergency medicine doctor to help people where the need is great. He went to basic training camp, where the Drill sergeants created a very memorable experience.

When talking about ROTC and football, Hill said, "I wouldn't want to leave either. I love them both."

Hill applied many life lessons he learned from both experiences and continued to carry his passion and admiration for both.

by Emily Barton

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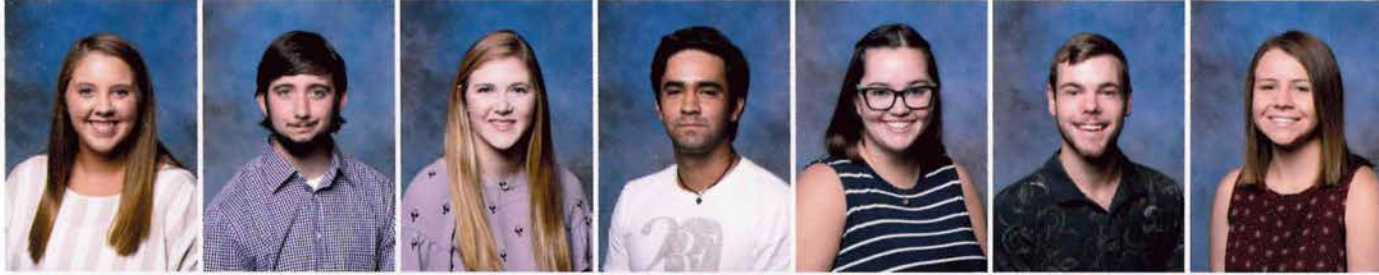




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 Colorado Springs, CO
 Allan Schroeder//Carrollton, TX
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 Holly Shipp //Arlington, TX
 Abby Shourd//Conway, AR



Ashley Simmons//Stuttgart, AR
 Rylie Stone//Bella Vista, AR
 Hayley Smith//Chandler, AZ
 McKenzie Smith//Fordyce, AR
 Bri Smith//Gurdon, AR
 Keller Smith //Mabelvale, AR
 Hannah Smith//Pine Bluff, AR



Rachel Smith//Sheridan, AR
 Hunter Smith //White Hall, AR
 Brooke Snyder//Benton, AR
 Carlos Solorzana//Mexico
 Danielle Sourber//Farmersville, TX
 Stuart Sowerbutts//Hot Springs, AR
 Hannah Spears//Imperial, MO



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 Allie Studdard//Benton, AR
 Ben Swanger//Forney, TX
 Bailey Swanson//Greenville, TX
 Grace Talley//Nashville, AR
 Miya Tatum //Cabot, AR



Hannah Terry//Texarkana, AR
 Shelby Tomlinson//Celeste, TX
 Emily Trigg//Arkadelphia, AR
 Abby Turner//Arkadelphia, AR
 Katie Tyree//Prescott, AR
 Alex Van Nice//Gulfport, MS
 Shelby Vassar//Hoxie, AR



Abby Walker//Benton, AR
 Jennifer Wallace//Little Rock, AR
 Payne Warren//Little Rock, AR
 Johnny Webb//Arlington, TN
 Will Weir//Walnut Ridge, AR
 Caleb West//Marion, AR
 Anna Weyenberg//McKinney, TX



Mallory Whitson//Hot Springs, AR
 Mason Woolbright//Benton, AR
 Jared Wright//Glenwood, AR
 Nathan Wuellner//Houston, TX
 Olivia Yarbrough//Rogers, AR
 Bates Yoakum//Fayetteville, AR
 Estelle Zhang//China

Throughout his teen life, Austin Clements, a senior history and social justice major from North Little Rock, suffered from chronic pancreatitis. This is when the pancreas is inflamed and prevents some functions of the body to not perform as well.

"In the seventh grade I developed chronic pancreatitis," Clements said. "It's very painful, you really can't function or do anything else. When people have pancreatitis it ends up going away, but with it being chronic it keeps reoccurring."

Clements had to be at many doctor appointments to be treated accordingly.

"I would stay in the hospital for three weeks and then be back in about three days," Clements said. "I would go back because I'd have another pancreatitis attack. I was tied to a hospital for four years. I had surgery my junior year of high school and by the time I had recovered from the surgery I was well enough to come to college."

Initially Clement wanted to attend Belmont University, but due to the chronic illness he found Ouachita.

"My surgery really influenced my decision to come to Ouachita," Clements said. "Belmont was at the top of my list, the problem with Belmont was that it was in Nashville, Tennessee. Being at Ouachita knowing I'd be an hour from home and still able to see the doctors I had been seeing for a long time."

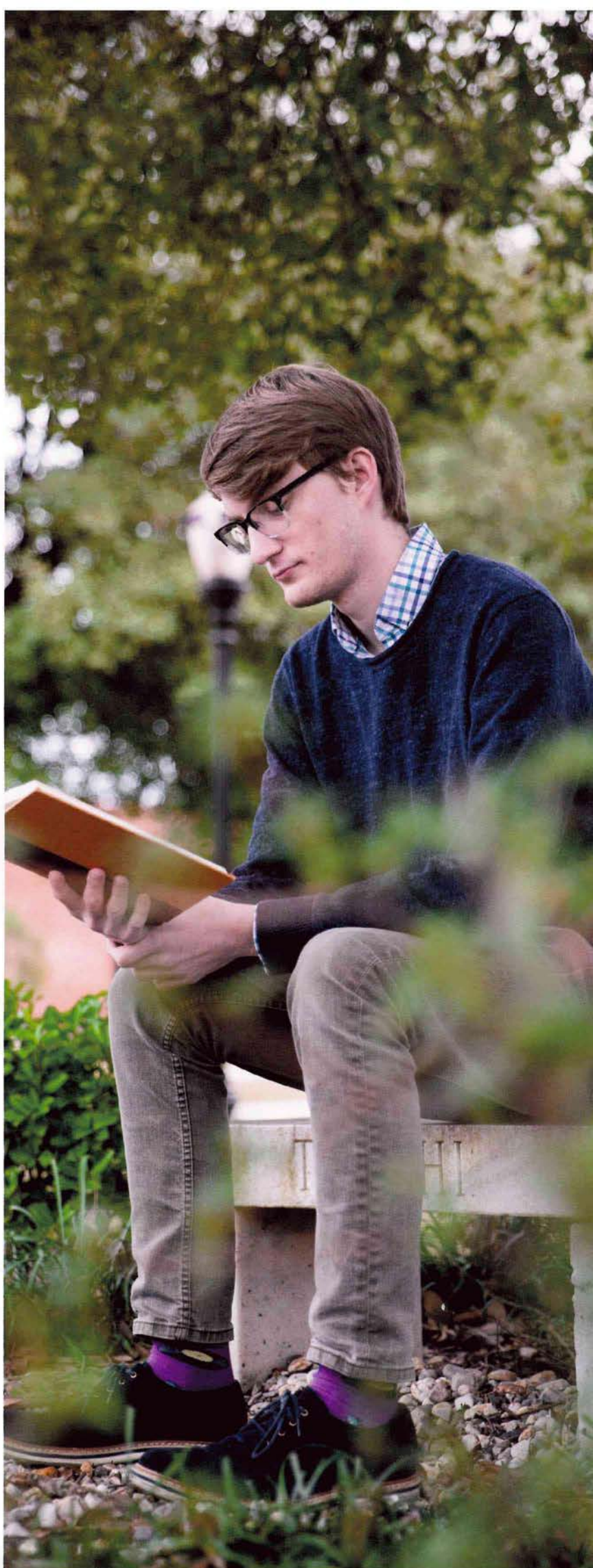
Having been in the hospital for four years Clements had developed a liking towards music. This encouraged him to become part of the social justice major.

"I've always been passionate about copyright law for the music industry," Clements said. "Within that industry is a lot of unfair contracts given. I

want to make sure copyright laws are in place to make sure that people are getting paid for the work they produce. When I was so sick, music was the one thing that had made me feel like I was part of the real world. Music had meant a lot to my life and will always mean a lot and I wasn't to protect music in the way that it protected me."

AUSTIN clements

By Spencer Benway





Nair Adi//Argentina
 Tyrese Allen//Savannah, GA
 Mason Archer//Arkadelphia, AR
 Lauren Archer//Fordyce, AR
 Nathan Arredondo//Prosper, TX
 Paige Bagley//White Oak, TX



Tori Barnhill//Lonoke, AR
 Zeb Barrett//Arkadelphia, AR
 Lexie Baxter//Murfreesboro, AR
 Brooke Bearden//Camden, AR
 Christina Beger//White Hall, AR
 Mandy Berry//Goodlettsville, TN



Dylan Bester//South Africa
 Rebekah Biles//Tulsa, OK
 Dylan Blackwood//Walnut Ridge, AR
 Kristen Boatman//North Little Rock, AR
 Hayden Bowman//Searcy, AR
 Samantha Boyd//Sherwood, AR



Shelby Bradley//Greenbrier, AR
 Hannah Bridge//McRae, AR
 Spencer Briley//Rogers, AR
 Emery Brock//Lowell, AR
 Bailey Brown//Colorado Springs, CO
 Olivia Brown//North Little Rock, AR



Brody Brown//Richardson, TX
 Brockton Brown//Sheridan, AR
 Lila Buchanan//Benton, AR
 Jaime Bunting//Germantown, MD
 Madison Burch//Benton, LA
 Makayla Burch//Marion, AR



Matt Burnham//Blytheville, AR
 Caleb Byrd//Little Rock, AR
 Ryan Caldwell//Plano, TX
 Katie Camp//Plano, TX
 Markie Campbell//Bismarck, AR
 Cayli Campbell//Texarkana, TX



Sean Carney//Little Rock, AR
 Tanner Caton//Bryant, AR
 Medora Chidlow//Fort Worth, TX
 Marcy Clayton//Conway, AR
 Austin Clements//North Little Rock, AR
 Mitch Colburn//North Little Rock, AR

A year and a half ago, Melissa's life changed forever, all by a coincidence. Through her faith, the Lord guided her here to Ouachita where she uprooted her entire life.

Melissa Lee, junior music major, is from Singapore. Singapore is an island city off the coast of Malaysia. The journey to Arkadelphia is 9,746 miles. Her dream was to study music, but her home of Singapore had limited options. She decided to go into the work field for four years.

As she worked, she started to attend an International Baptist Church where she began to serve in the church's ministry through choir and orchestra. The pastor of the church was an alumnus of Ouachita. At the time, Melissa didn't think Ouachita was in her plans so, she began looking at other schools.

Melissa said, "It seems coincidental on how I got to Ouachita." She started an application to Ouachita and other schools. As she started this process, her church sent her over to get trained for Children's choir. She was able to stop at Ouachita and tour it.

"I went by Speer pavilion and prayed that if God wanted me here it would take a miracle that only he could make happen," Melissa said. She would not have the means to support herself financially when moving across the world if it wasn't for God's provision.

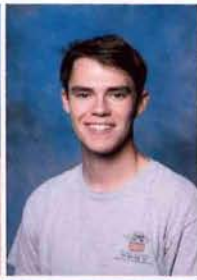
"This might be the very reason why I could attend Ouachita," Melissa said. She knew that it would take a miracle and a miracle is what she got. Melissa earned the President's scholarship which encouraged her to cement her plans at attending Ouachita.

Today, Melissa is passionate about worship arts and plans on pursuing a career in worship ministry.

by Houstin Kirkpatrick

MELISSA lee





Bethany Courtney//Little Rock, AR
 Trevor Craig//Hot Springs, OK
 Grayson Craig//Alexandria, LA
 Anna Crane//Percy, AR
 Katie Crouse//Allen, TX
 Jammie Cush// exarkana, AR



Tiffany Dee//Percy, AR
 Ethan Dial//Little Rock, AR
 Samantha Dixon//Arkadelphia, AR
 Isabel Dodds//Leslie, AR
 Maggie Donnell//Rogers, AR
 Logan Dooley/ Texarkana, TX



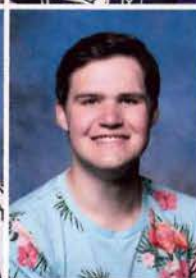
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 Tyler Duncan//El Dorado, AR
 McKenzie Duncan//Rogers, AR
 Allyson Edwards//Hawkins, TX
 Savannah Edwards//Searcy, AR
 Joy Estes//Benton, AR



Spencer Ewing//Little Rock, AR
 Hannah Gallagher//De Queen, AR
 Harrison Ganaway//Little Rock, AR
 Haleigh Gardner//Kent, IL
 Bonnie Gentry//Arlington, TX
 Aaron George// Rogers, AR



Addy Goodman//Arkadelphia, AR
 Grace Gorman//Ozark, MO
 Loyrie Gray//Keene, TX
 Spencer Greer//Conway, AR
 Lee Grisham//Augusta, AR
 Madison Hale//Bentonville, AR



Caleb Harmon//Benton, AR
 Taylor Harper//Mena, AR
 Megan Harris//Nacogdoches, TX
 Geoff Hartley//Rockwall, TX
 Hannah Hill//Alexander, AR
 Dana Holley//North Little Rock, AR



Hannah Horner//Bentonville, AR
 Lesley Howard//Lavon, TX
 Tabatha Kaye Huckabee//North Richland Hills, TX
 David Hudson//Little Rock, AR
 Phoebe Huff//Jonesboro, AR
 Tiffany Jackson//Amity, AR



For many students, college was a time when an abundance of new opportunities were in their grasp. Mattie Mae Motl, a senior English major from Arkadelphia, took advantage of one such opportunity when she applied for a travel grant through the

Ouachita Honors Program.

MATTIE motl

In the week before the application was due, she considered where she'd like to go. She decided to apply to stay in a

convent to gather research for her thesis on women in the early church.

"I started looking for convents and then Dr. Amy Sonheim asked, 'What if you went overseas and did that?'" said Motl. "She really helped me to widen my expectations of what I could do with that."

Motl chose to go to Italy, a place rich with Catholic history. Adjusting to life in a different country could be difficult, but Motl had experience living abroad in the past that helped her prepare for her time overseas.

"It wasn't really too foreign to me, but I had never been to Italy, so I was very excited," said Motl. "I love to travel, and I also love different languages."

Motl's mission for her trip was to learn more about how women influenced the beginning of the church. During her three weeks abroad, Motl stayed

in convents in Rome and Venice and also took a trip to London.

"In Venice, the nuns did speak English, so I got the opportunity to interview them and talk to them and build relationships with them," said Motl. "I even have the email of one of the nuns I connected with there, and we've corresponded since then."

For Motl, her time overseas spent learning and building relationships was full of growth. She enjoyed analyzing her own perspective and learning from the women she lived with.

"When you're confronted with a different culture and a different way of worshipping than you're used to, you really have to figure out what you believe," said Motl. "You have to establish what's important about those differences and what's not so important about those differences."

Though the women in the convents worshipped differently and had some differing views than Motl, she saw that they were her sisters in Christ. Her faith did not have to be rigid; she could learn from them and grow as a Christian.

"I think that's the way it impacted me the most, just being able to grow and appreciate different cultures and different ways of worshipping God while being familiar and comfortable with my own beliefs and still being okay with those being challenged and evolving."

by Abby Leal



Natalie Jackson//Mansfield, TX
 Whitney Jetton//Solo, MO
 Emily Johnson//Benton, AR
 Margaret Johnston//Spring Grove, IL
 Hunter Jones//Roland, AR
 Dan Kaplun//Uruguay



Zack Kelley//Little Rock, AR
 Cole Kelly//Coldwater, MS
 Chandler Killian//Bedford, TX
 Kathryn Knight//Camden, AR
 Tiffany Koba//Benton, AR
 Katie Kumpuris//Little Rock, AR



Bethany Lagen//Cordova, TN
 Abby Leal//Hot Springs, AR
 Mitchell Lee//Moscow, TN
 Ruthie Lenards//Jonesboro, AR
 Catherine Lyp//Benton, AR
 Alex Marrin//Van Buren, AR



Brandon Matros//Arkadelphia, AR
 Stephanie McCann//Camden, AR
 Sheldon McCown//Nacogdoches, TX
 Jeremy McGee//Benton, AR
 Justin McGee//Benton, AR
 Emily McGee//Cabot, AR



Heather McLarry//Flint, TX
 Daryn McMinn//Royse City, TX
 Faith Melton//Maumelle, AR
 Johnathan Miles//Arkadelphia, AR
 Lexis Miller//Marion, AR
 Colton Miller//Stephens, AR



Rachel Mills//Longview, TX
 Sarah Mobley//Belgium
 Clay Mobley//Wylie, TX
 Juan Moncada//Argentina
 Kelsea Moore//Manila, AR
 Jacob Moreno Robles//Bryant, AR



Jake Morris//North Little Rock, AR
 Abby Morse//Georgetown, TX
 Ben Moss//Krugerville, TX
 Michael Neathery//Canton, MI
 Elise Nelson//Princeton, TX
 Sara Neumann//Valley Mills, TX

William Goodson, a senior strategic communications and political science major from Little Rock, Ark., was offered a job in the United Kingdom to work for Parliament, the British government.

“There’s a cultural exchange program here in Arkansas that began between congressman French Hill and Rehman Chishti,” Goodson said. “They started a thing where U.S. students will go and work for the district in Parliament and U.K. students work for the district in the U.S..”

While he was in the United Kingdom, Goodson worked with Chishti to advocate for the development of stroke service centers.

“We had been advocating for the development of new stroke service centers which is a huge problem right now,” Goodson said. “If you don’t have a stroke service center within an hour from you than your odds of having permanent damage raise drastically.”

The first Saturday that Goodson was in the U.K. was October 19, which happened to be the first Saturday in 37 years that Parliament had a debate on a Saturday.

“This was one of those things that definitely stuck with me the most,” Good said. “Just getting to sit in the gallery for the debate on that Saturday was a huge historical moment. The last time they called a debate on a Saturday was when they declared war. To be there was amazing, it was so packed. Just seeing them debate was an amazing experience.”

Goodson had already met Chishti a few times while attending government events. Chishti offered Goodson the job at Parliament and encouraged him to reach out.

“I reached out to him and he gave me the details, it happened to be in the middle of the semester,” Goodson said. “I was primarily staffing him and conducting research with the other staff members in the office. Basically anything they needed done, I was able to help with. There was a lot of stuff happening because the big Brexit event was happening.”

Goodson was able to experience a monumental parliamentary debate, help advocate for stroke service centers, and work for Parliament all in one semester.

by Spencer Benway



WILLIAM goodson



Seigen Nichols//Forest Hill, LA
 Adrianna Nolly//Corinth, TX
 Mallory Nutt//Arkadelphia, AR
 Hannah Oliver//Japan
 Emily Pankiewicz//Brookline, MO
 Betsy Patterson//Garland, TX



Rachel Patterson//Wylie, TX
 Raleigh Peterson// Branson, MO
 Barrett Pfeiffer// Benton, AR
 Chanelle Pieterse// Zimbabwe
 Robert Pilcher// Maumelle, AR
 Glory Pinkerton// Little Rock, AR



Emma Pitts//Bentonville, AR
 Jakarta Powell//Stephens, AR
 Sadie Prejean//Nashville, AR
 Hannah Primm//Jonesboro, AR
 Abigail Putterill//Zimbabwe
 Eden Putterill//Zimbabwe



Morgan Rainey//Crossett, AR
 Maisie Ray//Gilmer, TX
 Kelcie Roberson//Maumelle, AR
 Rylee Roberts//Grand Junction, CO
 Autumn Romines//Cabot, AR
 Sara Rothwell//New Boston, TX



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 Cheyann Royals//Horatio, AR
 Josh Salim//Dallas, TX
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 Brooke Sanderford//Stephenville, TX
 Susanna Schleiff//Arkadelphia, AR



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 Emily Siemens//Bentonville, AR
 De'Ja Smiley//Little Rock, AR



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 Ashton Spence//Marion, AR
 Laura Spradlin//Cordova, TN
 Savannah Stacks//Damascus, AR
 Ashly Stracener//Cabot, AR
 Tyler Stratton//Crystal City, MO



Madison Burch, a senior Christian studies major from Benton, La., knew she had a heart for God, and people knew it even in elementary school.

Burch recalled, "I was at the neighborhood pool when I was eight years old and baptized my peers.

My parents had to do damage control and tell the parents of the kids to not be confused about their salvation."

Since then, Burch's calling focused more

on having a passion for women's ministry. In high school, Burch created a platform to reach others and encourage them in their faith called The Edifying Effect. This platform started with a blog which led to social media and now has reached to conferences.

Burch said that there are many ideas that sit in her head constantly and that she was constantly thinking of ways to share the gospel with women.

"The best way to reach others is gathering them together," said Burch.

Burch did a conference for middle school and high school girls in her hometown and wanted to do one for college girls before her Ouachita career ended.

Burch said, "The goal of the Edifying Effect conference was to support and equip young women to follow Christ and not let them sit alone."

The Edifying Effect conference was held at Second

Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. Burch prepared for the conference with lots of prayer and thoughtful consideration of which girls would lead the different sessions. The conference took several months of planning and meetings with the session leaders. Burch also delegated different jobs to girls that included greeters and those to help set up and clean up.

"I picked the girls through prayer and thought about their stories and who had walked through current situations. I wanted girls that had the most knowledge on each of the different topics," said Burch.

The conference consisted of different small businesses. "Shaped By Faith" and "Mallorie LaRue Designs" were both represented at Edifying Effect. Burch wanted to have these young women set up their businesses to have feel supported and loved.

"It is important to support other believers and what God has gifted them with. It is better to be unified with one another in faith. This isn't a one person job and it is important to support the spiritual gifts God has given others," said Burch.

Burch has used Edifying Effect to empower women around her to pursue a close relationship with the Lord. She wanted girls of all ages to know that they have a strong community of Christian women and that they are not alone in any aspect of life.

by Houstin Kirkpatrick

MADISON burch



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 Mallorie Svercauski//Hot Springs, AR
 Mercedes Svercauski // Hot Springs, AR
 Caroline Sweet//North Little Rock, AR
 Megan Taylor//Alexandria, LA
 Alex Terry//Benton, AR



Jess Thomas//Arkadelphia, AR
 Daniel Thomas//Fayetteville, AR
 Libby Thompson//Bauxite, AR
 Selby Tucker//Hamburg, AR
 Ashlyne Turner//Burlison, TX
 Faith Twyford//Hot Springs, AR



Cedar Valdez//Garfield, AR
 Felicia Valdez//Terrell, TX
 Mariel Van Horn//Fayetteville, AR
 Sarah Vickers//Lowell, AR
 Madeline Wallace//Arkadelphia, AR
 Sharayah Wallace//Bryant, AR



Ashlynn Walton//Benton, AR
 Michael Ward//Fort Smith, AR
 Caleb Webb//Benton, AR
 Erin Webster//Alvin, TX
 Trent White//Traskwood, AR
 Brooke Woessner//Springdale, AR



Jeffrey Wood//Valley Mills, TX
 Meagan Woodard//Alvarado, TX
 Travis Woods//Arkadelphia, AR
 Teresa Workman//Fort Worth, TX
 Noah Worley//Camden, AR
 Thomas Worley//Camden, AR



Jhonika Wright//Bowie, MD
 Paige Wright//Mount Ida, AR
 Chris Wright//Stuttgart, AR
 Olivia Wylie//El Dorado, AR
 Stephen Yates//Hope, AR
 Cammie York//Glenwood, AR

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- a future teacher
- a future editor
- a future accountant
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- Ouachita Singers
- Ouachita Sounds
- Ouachita Chapel Band
- spring musical
- men of Kappa Chi
- regional NATS winner
- state NATS winner
- Shambarger competition
- cum laude graduate
- guitar instructor
- led worship at
The Church at Rock Creek
- future performer and teacher



KATIE KUMPURIS

- Campus Ministries leader -
freshman ministry
- MORE leadership team and
gospel choir
- Ouachita Singers - vice president
- TRIO gifted and talented mentor
- Miss Ouachita Baptist University
contestant
- Eta sweetheart
- dean's list
- Spanish Club
- International Club
- NATS semi-finalist
- future cross-cultural educator



BRANDON MATROS

- Ouachita baseball team
- portfolio manager of the Eddie
and Phyliss Ary Student Fund
- the men of Beta Beta
- EEE beau
- Peake Partnership
- Hickingbotham School of
Business Advisory Board
- dean's list
- president's list
- 2019 all-conference pitcher
- 2019 Ouachita All-Academic Team
- future work in finance



ABBY PUTTERILL

- Campus Ministries leader -
prayer ministry
- ROTC program
- International Club
- Recreational Life
- Zondervan Elementary Greek
Award
- dean's list
- president's list
- Sodexo catering
- future professional wildlife guide
in Zimbabwe



COLTON MILLER

- the men of Eta Alpha Omega -
philanthropy chair
- Chi Mu beau
- Campus Ministries leader - Refuge
- future seminary student



BROOKE WOESSNER

- Campus Ministries leader -
discipleship
- life group leader
- Campus Ministries Tiger Tunes
leadership team
- Tiger Serve Day leadership team
- president's list
- dean's list
- Ouachitonian yearbook staff -
editor-in-chief
- cum laude graduate
- future graduate school student in
social work



AARON GEORGE

- men of Kappa Chi
- Kappa Chi president
- Tiger Tunes host
- Tiger Tunes director for the men
of Kappa Chi leprechauns
- Tri Chi beau
- finance chair of OSF
- junior class vice president
- tutor for Academic Success Center
- dean's list
- president's list
- future external auditor at
PricewaterhouseCoopers



MATTIE MAE MOTL

- women of Tri Chi
- Sigma Tau Delta
- Theta Alpha Kappa
- Carl Goodson Honors Program
- Young Democrats
- Pruett Sisterhood
- Academic Success Center
- First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia
- dean's list
- president's list
- Garrett Ham Scholar Award
- summa cum laude graduate
- future biblical studies professor



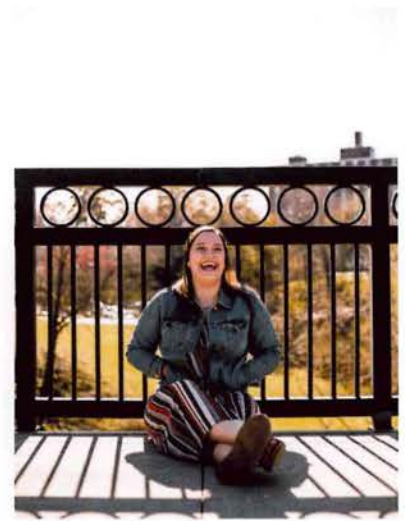
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- the men of Kappa Chi - vice president
- Campus Ministries leader - discipleship
- lifegroup leader
- Arkadelphia Badger radio/ JR Eldridge Show
- The Signal
- Ouachitonian
- Young Democrats
- Alpha Chi
- Sigma Delta Pi
- Pi Sigma Alpha
- future missionary



MERCEDES SVERCAUSKI

- Campus Ministries noonday leader and Christian Focus Week leader
- women of Tri Chi
- Tri Chi chaplain and president
- RA for Georgia Hickingbotham Hall
- apartment manager for Kluck Hillside Apartments
- Eta sweetheart
- lifegroup leader
- WOW leader
- youth leader at FBC Hot Springs
- future work in human resources



BETSY PATTERSON

- Campus Ministries leader
- Campus Ministries Tiger Tunes director
- life group leader
- Wind Ensemble
- Eta sweetheart
- dean's list
- president's list
- 2019 Homecoming queen
- Upward Bound mentor
- tutor
- RA for Frances Crawford Hall
- future math teacher



MALLORIE SVERCAUSKI

- the women of Tri Chi - keeper of the beaus, t-shirt chair, and vice president
- Campus Ministries leader - publicity and events, discipleship
- life group leader
- WOW steering committee
- big sister program
- dean's list
- beloved community exhibit
- Sunday School teacher at FBC Hot Springs
- future graphic designer



SEAN CARNEY

- men of Eta Alpha Omega - social chair
- Tri Chi beau
- Campus Ministries leader - discipleship
- life group leader
- Ouachita Singers
- piano teacher
- T bar M camp counselor and leadership team
- future Midwestern Seminary student



CATIE SHIRLEY

- the women of EEE - historian
- American Chemical Society - president
- College Republicans
- OSF
- Carl Goodson Honors Program
- Alumni Discovery Program ambassador
- president's list
- dean's list
- America Counts tutor
- future dental school student



BROOKE SANDERFORD

- Campus Ministries leader - Backyard Bible Club
- the women of EEE
- NSSHLA - representative
- Carl Goodson Honors Program
- Spanish student of the year
- Carl Goodson Grant Recipient
- Big Sister program
- RA Maddox Hall and apartment manager for Caddo Apartments
- future speech pathologist



ADDY GOODMAN

- OSF - director of special events
- Ouachitonian yearbook editor - yearbook editor of the year from ACMA
- the women of EEE
- Tiger Serve Day leadership team
- Carl Goodson Honors Program
- Humanities presidential scholar
- yearbook Gold Medalist rating from CSPA
- yearbook ACP Pacemaker finalist
- Alumni Discovery Program ambassador
- future publisher



CEDAR VALDEZ

- the men of Kappa Chi
- Alpha Psi Omega
- Ouachita Singers
- Ouachita Sounds
- Tiger Tunes host
- volunteer children's theatre ministry at Second Baptist
- Camp War Eagle counselor
- music library work study
- future ministry in children's theatre



ALLYSON EDWARDS

- women of Chi Mu
- Campus Mministries leader
- life group leader
- Tiger Serve Day leadership team
- Pruett Sisterhood
- Park Hill Baptist Church kids club and college ministry
- Theta Alpha Kappa
- outstanding missions student
- ElderServe
- student athletic trainer
- tutor
- future Christ-follower



ROBERT PILCHER

- Campus Ministries leader
- Ouachita Chapel Band
- Refuge leader
- life group leader
- WOW leader
- Ouachita Singers
- International Club
- Tri Chi beau
- led worship at Epoch Church
- Theta Alpha Kappa
- future world traveler



MAGGIE DONNELL

- the women of Tri Chi - Tiger Tunes director, social chair, community chair and president
- OSF - chair of student recruitment
- Student Senate
- Carl Goodson Honors Program
- Rho Sigma sweetheart
- life group leader
- Judicial Council
- ElderServe
- fit5 volunteer
- future juris doctorate candidate and family lawyer



DANIEL THOMAS

- the men of Beta Beta
- EEE beau
- Tiger Serve Day leadership team
- Eddie and Phyllis Ary Student Fund
- Student Senate
- president's list
- dean's list
- Enactus
- Carl Goodson Honors Program
- Kanakuk Kamps
- future job in finance



MADELINE WALLACE

- the women of EEE
- Eta sweetheart
- Student Dietetic Association
- work at CHI St. Vincent Hospital in Hot Springs
- work with Arkadelphia Clinic for Children and Young Adults
- volunteer work with Little Rock Children's Nutrition Research Center
- future grad school student in dietetics



EMMA PITTS

- the women of Tri Chi
- Tiger Tunes director for the women of Tri Chi
- Tiger Tunes hostess
- Miss Ouachita Baptist University 2018
- Student Senate external vice president
- Kappa Chi little sis
- dean's list
- ElderServe
- student development office
- future music teacher



SEIGEN NICHOLS

- the women of EEE
- EEE co-rush chair
- WOW steering committee
- Student Advisory Board
- Theta Alpha Kappa president
- youth leader at Second Baptist
- president's list
- Mrs. Betty Oliver Grant Endowed Award
- big sister program
- tutor for Academic Success Center
- future work at Apptegy



ETHAN DIAL

- Signal editor in chief and online editor
- men of Eta Alpha Omega
- Student Senate president, internal vice president, executive secretary
- youth intern at Life Line Baptist Church
- editor of the year award by ACMA
- telecounselor
- Alumni Discovery Program ambassador
- future communicator



JHONIKA WRIGHT

- Tiger Tunes hostess
- Shelby Seabaugh Spirit of Tiger Tunes Award
- women of Chi Delta
- Kappa Chi little sis
- Alpha Psi Omega, national theatre honor society
- admissions office
- theatre women's NATS award
- second runner-up Homecoming court
- future Broadway star



JUSTIN MCGEE

- the men of Eta Alpha Omega - president
- OSF
- biomedical scholars program
- president's list
- dean's list
- Ouachita volunteer service award
- Upward Bound mentor
- telecounselor
- Alumni Discovery Program ambassador
- FBC Benton
- future medical school student then soon-to-be doctor



DYLAN BESTER

- International Club - president
- Backyard Bible Club
- intramural soccer championship
- International Food Festival committee
- Conversation Club partner
- president's list
- International Student of the Year
- Kluck Service Enrichment Grant for International Club
- RA for Flippen-Perrin
- apartment manager
- future work with AT&T



FELICIA VALDEZ

- Ouachita Chapel Band
- La Fuerza
- Women's Chorus
- Tiger Tunes hostess
- Student Life Tunes director
- HSU dance company
- president's list
- Alumni Discovery Program ambassador
- sales associate at Campus Store
- telecounselor
- future special education teacher



SELBY TUCKER

- women of EEE
- OSF president/vice president
- Frank Hickingbotham Scholar
- Carl Goodson Honors Program
- Hickingbotham School of Business Student Advisory Board
- Enactus presentation team
- internal/external vice president of Student Senate
- College Republicans
- Ben Elrod Scholar Award
- future audit staff at PricewaterhouseCoopers



EDEN PUTTERILL

- Campus Ministries leader-prayer ministry
- cross country
- International Club
- Dr. Brune's Bible Study
- Kanakuk Kamps
- missions to Memphis, Mexico and Vietnam
- dean's list
- president's list
- future global missionary



Dr. Jeff Root never considered going anywhere else but Ouachita for his undergraduate education. Since both his parents worked at

JEFF root

OBU, he spent much of his time growing up on campus. In 1991, Dr. Root came back to Ouachita as a member of the administrative

staff and faculty, and in 2002 he became the dean of the School of Humanities.

When the dean of the Huckabee School of Education left in 2016, Dr. Root became the interim Dean of Education. He eventually became the permanent Dean of Education and the only “double-dean” at Ouachita. Dr. Root worked with the education school previously, since many students majoring in English and Spanish in Humanities also certify to teach.

“I had enjoyed being on the Arkadelphia School Board, so [the School of Education] seemed like a natural place for me to be,” Root

said. “It felt like home, even though I had to learn a lot to catch up where the details were concerned. I knew about major issues in education, but had to learn all the catalog details. The opportunity came at a time in my career when a new challenge was welcome,” Root said.

Dr. Root gracefully took on the challenge of managing over twice as many majors, degree plans, and dean’s checks that come with the role of a double-dean.

“I have a strong devotion to what both schools do,” Root said. “I really believe in the mission of what we are doing in both education and humanities.”

Dr. Root has worked with many of the faculty members in Humanities since 1991, some of whom were former students of his.

“It is fulfilling to be able to work with great people over a long period of time,” Dr. Root said. “That’s been true in humanities and is certainly becoming true in education.”

by Lindsey Hyde



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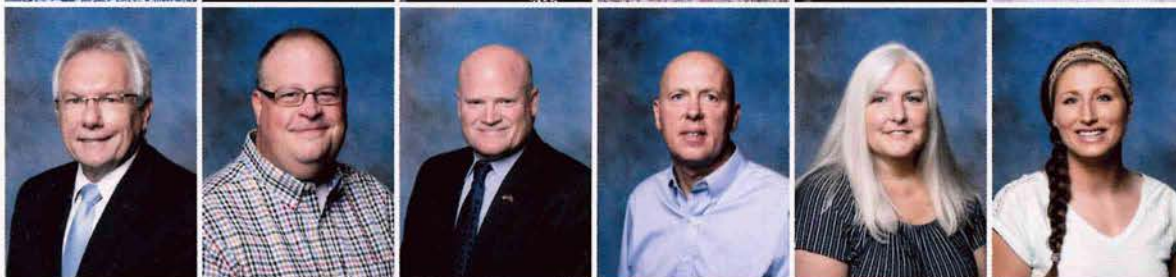
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Donnie Copeland had an unconventional upbringing. He grew up over 6,000 miles away from the United States in Ogbomosho, Nigeria. His parents taught at a local seminary and did mission work, such as traveling to remote villages to connect with local churches.

“In a way you’re just there to support that village,” said Copeland. “You’re there supporting the work of a local pastor.”

Copeland fondly remembers his time spent in Ogbomosho floating down river through a rainforest, buying pineapple out of a car window from street side vendors, and picking up words from the local Igbo and Yoruba languages.

When it came time to choose a college, Copeland made an unusual choice. He wanted to attend Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, to study art.

“All of the flights to get to Nigeria went through Europe, so I got to go to Europe several times as a small kid and see art and architecture,” said Copeland. “I think that had an impact on why I chose to do what I’m doing. Art didn’t seem like something foreign or weird or impossible.”

After Ouachita, Copeland earned his master’s degree in art and went on to teach kindergarten through 12th grade art. He thought he was settled in southern Missouri until he was asked to return to Ouachita to teach.

“We think Arkadelphia is a great place to call home,” said Copeland. “There are opportunities here to be close to nature, and you can take advantage of what the universities have to offer.”

Though Copeland’s surroundings were dramatically different in Arkansas, he hadn’t forgotten what an amazing place Nigeria is.

“I don’t think we should be afraid to go explore the world,” said Copeland. “I think we find more often that people are more like us than different from us.”

by Abby Leal

DONNIE copeland





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 Patty Jones//Student Accounts



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 Rebecca Jones//Associate Professor of Communications
 Teresa Jones//Administrative Assistant, TRIO
 Justin Keeler//Assistant Professor of Business Administration
 Elizabeth Kelly//Associate Professor of Sociology, Applied Research Associate - Elrod Center
 Wesley Kluck//Vice President for Student Development and University Physician



Students who major in Communication Sciences and Disorders are commonly known around campus as “Speechies.” The speech pathology program is led by two professors,

Dr. Nancy Hardman, professor and chair, and associate professor Carol Morgan.

NANCY hardman & CAROL morgan

“Having only two professors results in a lot of opportunity for face to face feedback on performance in the classroom and practicum,” Morgan said. The students are able to build meaningful relationships with the professors.

The students are required to have a semester of practicum experience as therapy interns. They get a lot of hands-on experience and knowledge about their future careers working with clients.

“No one ever knows who is going to come to the clinic with a unique and interesting situation that possibly we can help them with,” Morgan said.

Students get their practicum experience many

different ways. They can work in the clinic on campus and elementary or preschools off campus.

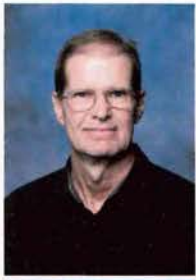
The practicum requirement allows students to gain “hands-on experience working with clients who have some type of communication deficit,” Morgan said. Many other programs do not provide experiences like this until students get to graduate school. All the hard work pays off because it puts OBU students ahead of others in the field.

“Although the practicum component is time intensive for both the professors and students, we believe it gives our students much needed experience and gives them a competitive edge over others who apply to graduate school,” Hardman said.

Students go on to work in speech pathology, audiology, second language instructing or working with special needs students. Over the years, Dr. Hardman has had the pleasure of seeing students grow throughout their time in the program.

“We see them grow spiritually as they see how their calling to be a Speechie is part of their mission to be followers of Christ by serving those around them – in and out of the therapy room,” Hardman said.

by Emily Barton



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Coming to Ouachita as a student many years ago, Bill Phelps never could have imagined being at Ouachita for 36 years. Studying history and planning to attend law school, programming and IT were far from Phelps' radar at the time. The trajectory of his future changed forever whenever he became willing to try something new.

"I got married senior year and was looking for a job," Phelps said. "I found an advertisement at a local bank for a computer night operator, so I went and told them I had never seen a computer before but I needed a job and was willing to learn. They taught me how to operate the computer at night, and I was kind of interested in it and started learning to program."

After graduation, Phelps continued to work for the bank as an operator and programmer. He also had the opportunity to travel across the country and install software. When the job opened up at Ouachita, he got connected back to his alma mater and became the full time programmer.

"It is a lot of crisis management and solving various issues that pop up across campus," Phelps said. "I try to figure out solutions to the problem and how to make things happen."

As the assistant to the President for IT Services and Facilities Management, Phelps role includes more administration than programming. Phelps played a major role in Ouachita's new printing system across campus.

"We looked at the Student Satisfaction Survey that goes out every year," Phelps said, "Last year we were having very serious wifi issues; I heard that and we began working on it. That was predominantly what the students said, but the second predominant thing that the students said was that they wanted printing available in the dorms."

Through a software called Papercut, students now have access to printing inside their dorms. There are 20 different locations of these copiers including one in the Student Center.

"This summer we had a lot of changes figuring out how to get them to work, but it all came together at the last minute," Phelps said.

"We have not had any major problems, in fact we have had few even minor problems."

Phelps experienced some major changes throughout his time at Ouachita, but it seems as if the friendliness and quality of people have remained the same.

"I have seen a lot of faculty and staff members come and go over the years," Phelps said. "Ouachita has some of the finest people I have ever known in my life. The people in IT are some of the best friends as well as co-workers. We are a pretty cohesive team, so I enjoy coming to work every day."

Phelps' decision to learn something new not only led him back to Ouachita, but led him to have an impact on Ouachita.

by Gracen Goudy

BILL phelps





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Batesville, AR



Members of the Board of Trustees meet via Zoom to discuss university decisions related to the coronavirus.
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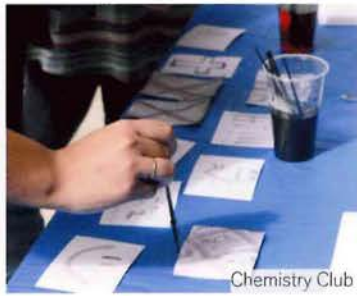
Freshmen Grace Bornemeier and Joshua Spiva enjoy the Campus Ministries Barn Bash. Students and their dates ate a BBQ meal and square danced at the event, which was held at the Bridges' farm.
Photo by Hannah Smith

FROM DEVELOPING
LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO
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THAT *moment* **WE SERVED TOGETHER**
CLUBS AND
ORGANIZATIONS



Pruet Sisterhood



Chemistry Club



Women in Science



Kappa Delta Pi Induction

CELEBRATE THE

Moment

- Communication sciences and disorders majors carry on the tradition of lighting a campus Christmas tree
 - the tree lighting is almost a 20-year tradition
- Dr. Hardman's daughter, Emilee, came up with the idea for the tree
 - the trees are from the Hardman's property, and are naturally-grown wild trees



Members of Sigma Tau Delta sell used books as part of a fundraiser. Faculty, staff and students donated books to the English national honor society.
Photo by Hannah Anderson



Dayja James and Aubree Seibert, members of the student chapter of the American Chemical Society, demonstrate an experiment at Dr. Jack's. The event was a demo show celebrating National Chemistry Week.
photo by Mikaela Monahan

From holiday festivities to guest speakers visiting campus, the academic clubs always had something going on.

The academic clubs across campus played a major role in the constantly buzzing activity. These activities, although very fun, served a much more important purpose. The academic clubs and their activities all worked effortlessly to better prepare their members for life after OBU.

One of the clubs on campus was the Kinesiology Club. Savannah Hart, a senior kinesiology major from Clarksville, Ark., described the impact the club has had on her life at OBU. "It has helped me to become closer to other students in my major and also the teachers. I know if I ever need help with something I can turn to any of them," she said.

This feeling of community was something that was valuable on a college campus. This community also helped students to succeed. One of the biggest events the Kinesiology Club helped sponsor was the Special Olympics.

Another active club on Ouachita's campus was the Pre-Law Society. This club placed a major emphasis on preparing students for law school. Abby Turner, a junior communications major from Arkadelphia, Ark., described how this club has prepared her for her life after OBU. "Pre-Law has given me so many resources

that have aided me in preparing for law school. These resources are helping me prepare for the LSAT, the application process, & deciding where I want to attend school," she said. The LSAT and law school applications were very daunting, but the Pre-Law Society successfully guided students through this process with practice LSAT tests and multiple guest speakers throughout the year.

Brooke Bearden, a senior Communication Sciences and Disorders major from Camden, Ark., served as the treasurer of the NSSLHA (National Student Speech Language Hearing Association) Club.

"Joining NSSLHA is not only a good way to make yourself stand out on grad school applications, but it truly helps students learn more about the profession in which we are about to begin in a few short years. If you are planning to further your education and obtain a master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology, then joining NSSLHA will be one of the best decisions you ever make."

"Pre-Law has given me so many resources that have aided me in preparing for law school."

• Abby Turner

by Caroline Johnson

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE



A relaxing time at the traditional honors BBQ gives student the chance to get acquainted and learn about the honors program. The cookout was held at the Eubanks' lake.
Photo by Grace Talley

CELEBRATE THE *Moment*

- Alpha Chi teamed with Tri Beta Biology Honor Society and HSU's Department of Biology to help Goza Middle School students dissect sheep plucks
- Alpha Chi members attended the national group's first-ever virtual convention, presenting their research project on Cultures and Conspiracy



Dr. Barbara Pemberton



Honors BBQ



Getting acquainted



Alumnus Dr. Alan Bagley

CHALLENGE AND MOTIVATE

The Carl Goodson Honors Program motivated and challenged students to work hard in their classes and further develop their passions. Students were given opportunities to explore subjects and interests beyond those taught in the classroom.

Kara DeLaune, a junior Spanish and family and community services major from Conway, Ark., was thankful for professors who invested in her and helped her succeed.

"The honors program gives me a further sense of belonging at Ouachita, knowing that I have other students and professors who are part of this and who are there for me," DeLaune said.

Through the honors program, students were able to direct a study on a topic of their choosing. This encouraged students to find something they were passionate about and gave them an opportunity to learn even more about it.

"I have been able to dive further into my passion for learning the Spanish language by providing an opportunity for a directed study in conversational Spanish," DeLaune said.

Chris Cobb, a junior business finance major from Little Rock, Ark., credited the honors program for encouraging him to do his best in his classes as well as

prepare him for his postgraduate plans.

"Being a part of the honors program has impacted my academic experience because it helps keep me motivated," Cobb said.

"It helps me hold myself to my highest standard of performance."

Students were thankful for the opportunity to learn things through the honors program that they wouldn't have otherwise learned in their other courses. Jordie Bone, a junior biology major enjoyed her honors seminar classes that helped further her knowledge.

"This program is benefiting my Ouachita education because it challenges me to go more in depth with what I am learning," Bone said.

"I have been able to dive further into my passion for learning the Spanish language by providing an opportunity for a directed study in conversational Spanish."

• Kara DeLaune

by Abby Turner



1. Students enjoy the traditional Black and White dinner hosted by the Carl Goodson Honors Program. *photo by Hannah Smith*

2. A get-acquainted BBQ includes a few yard games as students learn about the honors program. *photo by Grace Talley*

3. After canoeing and playing games, honors students enjoy a break at the honors cookout. *photo by Grace Talley*



Christmas Concert



Jazz Band



Jazz Band



Wind Ensemble

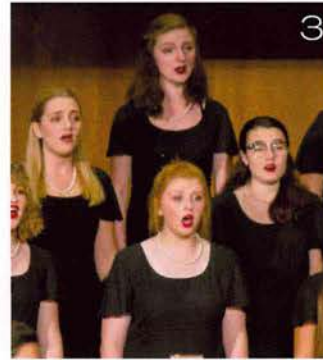
CELEBRATE THE *Moment*

- Pan Jouvét, the beginning steel drum ensemble, focuses on the music and culture of Trinidad and Tobago
- Tiger Steel, the advanced ensemble, specializes in calypso and soca music from Trinidad and Tobago, as well as other styles of music
- Pan Harmony is an after-school community band for students at Peake Elementary School, made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts



Dr. Natilan Crutcher directs the Women's Chorus during the annual Lessons and Carols concert in Mabee Fine Arts Center. Other choral groups that performed were the Ouachita Choir and the Ouachita Singers. *photo by Spencer Clark*





1. Felicity Johnson plays the harp with the Symphonic Band during the spring concert. Johnson was a biblical languages major from Little Rock. *photo by Faith Lymburner*
 2. The Christmas Band Concert is always a favorite campus event, welcoming in the Christmas season. The concert was held in Jones Performing Arts Center. *photo by Hannah Adamson*
 3. The Women's Chorus and Ouachita Singers perform in a combined concert in Mabee Fine Arts Center. *photo by Levi Dade*

Whether a student's talent was in vocal performance or instrumental performance, or perhaps both, the Division of Music provided 15 ensembles to provide instruction, entertain audiences, and advance the arts through music on and off campus.

"The music ensembles at Ouachita give students the opportunity to share their creative outputs and their extraordinary talents with the community," said Dr. Gary Gerber, dean of the School of Fine Arts. "The variety of ensembles from choral to instrumental, from large to small, and from auditioned to non-auditioned are a vital part of the diverse artistic production in the Division of Music. In addition to their musical performances, ensembles help students interact with the other students and build lasting relationships."

Hannah Adamson, a freshman choral music education major from Clinton, Ark., was a member of both the Concert Choir and the Women's Chorus. As a freshman, she found the ensembles as a way to make connections her first year.

"Being a part of an ensemble helped my Ouachita experience by quickly introducing me to people with a common interest so I could make friends quicker," Adamson said. "It also taught me about the Ouachita community and made me feel at home at college."

"I was able to learn from other students as we practiced and performed together. I not only learned music, but I learned spiritual and social disciplines as well," Adamson added.

Like Adamson, some students were a member of more than one ensemble. Allan Schroeder, a junior worship arts major from Carrollton, Texas, gained

valuable experience by being a part of five ensembles. "Being in an ensemble allowed me to have more creative experiences with my peers," he said.

As a member of both instrumental and choral ensembles, Logan Dooley, a senior musical theatre major from Texarkana, Texas, said, "From singing to playing an instrument, there are so many different ways of perceiving art and music that only those that participate can understand. Leaving the different ensembles every day grew my understanding for how the rest of the world worked, and at Ouachita, it grew my understanding and love for the place I have grown academically, due to my ability to express myself as a student there and as a person."

"Being in an ensemble allowed me to have more creative experiences with my peers."

• Allan Schroeder

One of the valuable aspects of the ensembles was that students did not have to be a music major to be part of the group. For Hannah Eggburn, a freshman accounting major from Sheridan, joining four ensembles allowed her to continue her love of instrumental music.

"Being a part of musical ensembles has contributed to my Ouachita experience by being my entire Ouachita experience," she noted.

The ensembles participated in several events throughout the year. However, the annual Prism Concert featuring the instrumental ensembles was cancelled due to COVID-19.

MUSIC EXPRESSES EMOTIONS



Despite being miles apart, the goal was to

stay connected

Zoom. Instagram. Facebook. Emails. GroupMe. At time we hear complaints about social media and the impersonal aspect of virtual meetings, but in the face of a worldwide pandemic, it was technology that helped us stay in touch. For a campus such as Ouachita, it's the unique community that connects us, and we had to find a way to keep those connections.

Campus Activities director Tim Harrell worked with his team to develop ways for students to still feel connected to campus. "The students physically weren't on campus; they had their lives on campus yanked out from under them. We wanted them to know we're still here, we're wanting to help you out," he said.

Social clubs continued to meet via Zoom and GroupMe to fellowship and conduct business,

such as voting on new officers.

The women of Tri Chi continued weekly Monday night meetings. Members used creative ways to fellowship via Zoom, including game nights and in-home scavenger hunts.

Campus Activities also kept the tradition of Fridays at Dr. Jack's alive with Instagram Live music and an end-of-year music video. The video, produced by Cameron Conner and Holden Royals, featured students performing "Man in the Mirror."

Rec Life continued to offer activities and information, such as the best ways to get outside while still following COVID guidelines. This information included listing tips and tricks for getting out as well as state park and trail closures. According to Shane Seaton, director of Rec Life, students contacted him about locations for



camping trips with their families.

Rec Life also hosted intramural video game competitions, used Instagram Live to host weekly Yoga workouts, and Zoom for Zumba workouts.

One important aspect of the campus community is weekly Chapel. James Taylor, director of Campus Ministries, was tasked with how to continue Chapel with students not on campus. The answer was a weekly Chapel podcast. Other CM activities included Noonday on Instagram three days a week, Refuge livestreaming on Facebook, Life Groups meeting on Zoom, and leadership team meetings by Zoom. Summer Life Groups were led by faculty and staff utilizing Right Now Media.

“I think the main reason to stay connected was because we knew they still needed community,

and we needed it as much as they did,” said Taylor. “The changes to the spring and summer all involved stress and grief at the loss of community, internships, plans and closure for seniors. Though we couldn’t get rid of those feelings, we could at least walk through them together as best we could.”

Harrell agreed that the community was just as important for the faculty and staff as it was for the students. “It was important for us to stay connected with students,” he said. “Campus life was abruptly taken away from us. Staying connected helped us to reasonably engage with the world - to engage outside of campus.”



Connor Bjerke assists with Generation U's Fall FAFSA workshop at Arkadelphia High School. Enactus members helped students and parents fill out the FAFSA form required for student financial aid in college.
 Photo submitted by Debbie Francis

CELEBRATE THE

Moment

- GenU provided an opportunity for students to reach people in need
- students enjoyed getting to know the people they helped
- building relationships was a reward of being involved in GenU activities



Innovation and Entrepreneurship



FAFSA workshop

IMPACT AND INSPIRE

Entrepreneurial Action Through Us, ENACTUS, sponsored projects geared toward helping others. The students in the international non-profit organization dedicate themselves to projects that create a ripple effect that not only impact students involved, but spreads throughout the entire campus and individuals throughout the country.

Unfortunately, the group's projects were cut short, but despite the condensed number of projects, students involved still learned valuable lessons.

Breanna Parker, a junior elementary education major from Clarksville, had the privilege of serving as a project leader for Generation U, which worked with the Pregnancy Resource Center and Arkadelphia High School this year.

Parker said, "The main goal of Generation U is to help students and young adults through these transitional seasons of their lives so that they are better equipped and mentored to then serve the people in their lives."

GenU also hosted a FAFSA workshop at the beginning of the 2019 school year designed to help Arkadelphia High School students fill out the FAFSA forms so they can pursue a higher education beyond high school.

Joao Rodrigues, a senior finance major from Brazil, was a project leader for Dr. Jack's Coffee. Rodrigues worked with eight fellow students in order to innovate ideas and strategies for the future of Dr. Jack's.

In 2012 Ouachita ENACTUS entrepreneurs turned Dr. Jack's from a dream into reality. In 2020, Dr. Jack's is still being run by ENACTUS students.

Rodrigues said, "My favorite thing is the hands-on

opportunity of developing business skills as well as serving the Ouachita community and places in need locally and internationally."

Natalie Ward, a senior accounting major from Fayetteville, Ark., was the president of ENACTUS. This year ENACTUS was in a transitional phase in order to take a step back and look at improving the projects the organization has been renowned for. Ward said, "As president this year, I was there to help brainstorm different ideas for the projects and help find solutions to problems that the different projects were facing. This year we really came together as a team to all contribute and help each other."

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 outbreak important projects like Mission 58:10 that focuses on impoverished citizens of Clark County were cut short. Despite the shortened year, the students involved in ENACTUS left their mark on the community and impacted the Lord's creation for the better.

"My favorite thing is the hands-on opportunity of developing business skills as well as serving the Ouachita community and places in need locally and internationally."

• Joao Rodrigues

by Ben Swanger

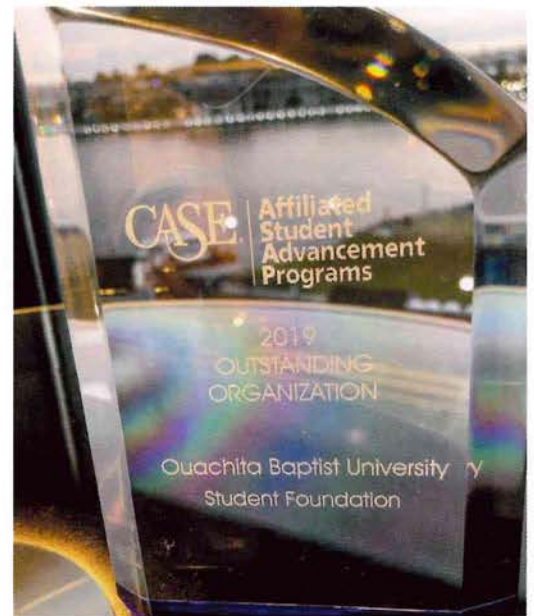


Abigail Sanders, Parker Zucha and Buck McKnight provide entertainment at Dr. Jack's in the student center. The students in the Innovation and Entrepreneurship class did marketing research for a Dr. Jack's project. *photo by Levi Dade*



CELEBRATE THE *Moment*

- OSF won the CASE Outstanding Organization award out of 700 organizations
- OSF won Outstanding Student Advancement Program the previous year for Tiger Tunes
- Mason Woolbright, Addy Goodman and Selby Tucker led sessions at the conference about Tiger Tunes and the scholarship process



Jon Merryman, director of alumni and OSF, shares in Chapel what Ouachita Homecoming means to him. Merryman spoke about his experience as a survivor of Flight 1420, the 1999 plane crash involving the Ouachita Singers.
Photo by Daniell Sourber



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1. OSF leadership Mason Woolbright, Selby Tucker and Addy Goodman celebrate after the CASE awards presentation.

2. Students, faculty and staff enjoy dinner by Taco Mama as part of the Tunes celebration. *photo by Jon Merryman*

3. Jhonika Wright sings with the hosts and hostesses during Tunes. She was the winner of the coveted Shelby Seabaugh Spirit of Tunes Award presented by OSF. *photo by Hannah Smith*

Forty-six years after its founding, the Ouachita Student Foundation was still serving in order to raise money for students. The two major events sponsored by OSF are Tiger Tunes and Tiger Traks. However, Traks did not take place this year due to COVID-19.

The passion behind the members who serve was what inspired senior Selby Tucker, an accounting and political science major from Hamburg, Ark., to run for president.

"In the role of president, you wear many hats," Tucker said. "I have had lots of experience scheduling meetings, coordinating groups, motivating individuals, and keeping members accountable. More specifically, I schedule all meetings, both full body and committee, set forth guidelines for each semester, help plan events, market events, solicit sponsorships, and represent the Ouachita Student Foundation and her members at many events."

Tucker credited OSF for some of her greatest memories during her time spent at Ouachita including Tiger Tunes, Tiger Traks and Sunday night meetings.

Sophomore bio-med major Caleb West from Marion, Ark., decided to join OSF because of his love for Ouachita. He wanted to have a way to serve both Ouachita and its students.

"OSF has taught me that while service is great, passionate service is better," West said. "There are lots of ways and places that you can spend your time helping people, but it means so much more when it is an area that matters to you. OSF has shown me that the best way to get the most out of myself is to be plugged in to different areas that are important to me."

Sophomore accounting and business major Lauren Kinley, from Conway, Ark., was so moved by OSF's mission that she decided to run for an officer position.

"I wanted to run for a leadership position because I wanted to help make a difference in this great organization on Ouachita's campus," Kinley said. "I love being able to be a part of a team who work together to accomplish the same goal."

"OSF is a great organization, and I am very proud to be a part of it," Kinley said.

"There are lots of ways and places that you can spend your time helping people, but it means so much more when it is an area that matters to you."

• Caleb West

by Gracen Goudy

TEACHING SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Student Senate provided a place for

voices heard

For those involved in Student Senate, representing an entire body with a single voice is a great burden and responsibility, while also being one of the foremost takeaways and learning opportunities. It's a great duty, but those at the forefront of the Senate are eager to take it on.

Student Senate President Ethan Dial, a communications major from Little Rock, embraced the opportunity to represent the university and student body.

"Nothing beats attending Ouachita except for being involved on Ouachita's campus," Dial said. "My experience with Student Senate was truly a highlight of my four years. God taught me a great deal about being dependent in my service. I quickly realized that I needed to not only depend more on Jesus, personally, but also be grateful for all of the fellow senators that served alongside me."

Junior Class President Tyrese Allen, a biology/psychology double major from Savannah, Ga., felt as if the greatest lesson he's taken away from representing a class, is how to listen.

"Through my position on Senate as the junior class president, and now the elected incoming student body president for 2020-21, I've learned not only the trivial things such as time management and self-control, but I've also learned how to listen," Allen said. "How to listen to my peers and understand their questions and concerns."

Two of Allen's favorite events the Senate is involved with is Homecoming Week and Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

During Sexual Assault Awareness Week, which had to be canceled when campus closed in March, several panels are hosted by staff and other speakers, pledges are made for change, and self-defense classes are held. The Senate aims to be a

leading force in awareness and change for those who have been victimized and those who might be.

During Homecoming Week, the Senate was at the forefront of activities including ordering flowers, scheduling the voting for Homecoming queen, planning the crowning ceremony, and coordinating the party on Wednesday of Tunes with cake and watching old Tunes shows.

The school year was unconventional, down the stretch, but it was not lacking in opportunities for growth and change.

One of the biggest opportunities Senate had this year was helping influence decisions made regarding the Caf renovations. "We met with a designer and staff to assess how the renovations could better students' eating experiences," said Dial. "We talked about seating a lot, and how we could have better traffic flow in the Caf. We also proposed that there be more booths since they are so popular among students."

Even when students went home, Student Senate was still active as a voice for the students, both in meetings with Dr. Sells and with student representation on committees.

Dial commented, "It was a privilege meeting with the COVID-19 task force and speaking on behalf of the students about decisions that were made in face of coronavirus."

Student Senate was active in forming a group of seniors to help advise on decisions regarding graduation, according to Dial.

"Although this school year was cut short, it has been one of the most memorable at Ouachita," Allen claimed. "It's such a blessing to serve Christ through Student Senate and to know that I am making a difference; a Ouachita difference."

by Ben Swanger



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depend more on Jesus, personally, but also be grateful
for all of the fellow senators that served alongside me.”

- Ethan Dial



Fall Festival



Carlin Campbell



EEE s'mores



Game Night

CELEBRATE THE *Moment*

- planning a new event meant listening to what students wanted
- to pull off events and make sure students had a good time, taking care of details was important
 - surprises still happened that were out of the group's control, so they had to be willing to adapt



Hannah Perkins and Susanna Schleiff make pancakes for students at Throwbacks and Flapjacks in the student center. The CAB event included the viewing of favorite childhood cartoons.
 Photo by Mikaela Monahan





1. CAB sponsored "nacho" average TWIRP night with nachos and a movie on the student center overlook. It was the first year for this TWIRP activity.

photo by Mikaela Monahan
2. Junior Caity Hatchett leads the crowd in Game Night in the student center. Caity served as vice president of CAB.

photo by Mikaela Monahan
3. Gregory Bryant gets a pie in the ace from Paige Fett at Fall Festival. The new event included games and food by campus clubs and organizations.
photo by Mikaela Monahan

Making playlists, flipping pancakes, acting, and photography are just a few of the skills that students in Campus Activities Board (CAB) gained this year. With events ranging from a "nacho" average TWIRP night to the annual Christmas party to an exciting murder mystery, this group of students worked hard throughout the year to put on free events for students.

Sophomores Katie Kemp, Caity Hatchett, and Graycie Bohannan served as the organization's executives.

"I liked getting to see the whole picture as president," Kemp said. "Sometimes that included less glamorous details behind the scenes, but that's part of the job. Being president gave me great experience with leading a team."

CAB hosted staple events like Throwbacks and Flapjacks and its yearly Christmas party, but also introduced new events including a fall festival and a murder mystery night. CAB also revamped its TWIRP night, deciding to serve nachos and show a movie on the newly renovated ESC balcony.

Throwbacks and Flapjacks was nostalgic, involving pancakes and childhood TV shows. "Everyone was flipping out when we started playing episodes of TV shows none of them had watched since they were kids," said Bohannan, who served as secretary.

CAB hosted its first Fall Festival on a busy Friday night in November. Social clubs and other groups on campus hosted different booths for the festival, and CAB recruited student musicians to play live music throughout the evening.

With the sudden shift to remote learning in the middle of March, many of the events planned for the spring semester never happened.

"Leaving campus at the end of the spring semester was difficult," Kemp said. "We had several events already in the works that fell through."

Despite this, CAB still managed to give their fellow students opportunities to have fun throughout the year, and for Bohannan, that's what made all of the group's work important.

"Seeing everyone have fun and connect with each other makes every event we do with CAB worth it."
by Caity Hatchett

"Seeing everyone have fun and connect with each other makes every event we do with CAB worth it."

• Graycie Bohannan

EVENTS PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT



Students gather to square dance with their partners. Campus Ministries hosted a barn bash party during TWIRP week.
Photo by Hannah Smith

CELEBRATE THE

Moment

- Pancake Palooza took place the morning of bid day
 - the event began over a decade ago by Campus Ministries
- senior Hannah Walker served with Campus Ministries' Pancake Palooza for three years



A night at Refuge



Anna Hampson in CM Tunes practice



Robert Pilcher



Leaders

FOSTER CARING COMMUNITY

Ouachita provided students with a multitude of different clubs and ministries in which to serve. One of the biggest and most popular was Campus Ministries or CM.

“Our mission is to foster meaningful relationships with Christ among students, to guide them in fruitful ministry, discipleship, and fellowship, and to train leaders who will continue to engage the world and serve the church,” said Anna Rosenthal, assistant director of Campus Ministries.

Campus Ministries’ Life Group ministry saw significant growth this past year. Life Groups were small groups that CM directors and leaders put together to encourage students to connect with one another and grow their relationships with Christ together.

“I believe that small groups are vital to spiritual development in college,” said Rosenthal. “We have invested time and energy to make this ministry purposeful.”

Brooke Sanderford, a senior communication sciences and disorders and Spanish double major from Stephenville, Texas, has served through CM’s Backyard Bible Club ministry for the past four years. This past year, Sanderford hosted a girls night for BBC.

“We were able to spend four or more hours loving on girls from Arkadelphia,” said Sanderford. “At the end of the night we had the chance to share the Gospel with them and talk about why we want to spend our time with them.”

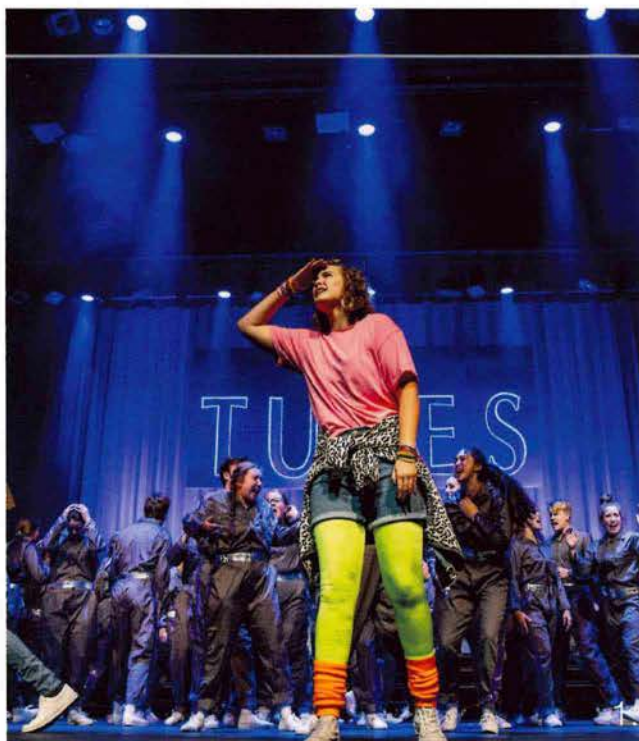
One of CM’s biggest pull for students happened in the fall during Tiger Tunes. Connor Bjerke, a freshman business management and finance double major from Red Oak, Texas, played a special solo role in this year’s show, Time Travelers. For Bjerke, Tiger Tunes with CM brought him some of his best friends and memories.

“Getting fourth place and celebrating with all of my friends was something I will never forget,” Bjerke said.

“We were able to spend four or more hours loving on the girls from Arkadelphia... we had the chance to share the Gospel with them...”

• Brooke Sanderford

by Abby Turner



1. Freshman Karis Staley went back in time in her solo during the Tunes show. Campus Ministries’ performers were time travelers.

photo by Justin Trostle

2. Junior Holly Shipp leads devotion while speaking at Noonday. Noonday allowed Holly to share what the Lord laid on her heart.

photo by Hannah Smith

3. Sophomore Emily McMaster dances her way through two-step Tuesday. Hosted by Campus Ministries each semester, the event was enjoyed by students who learned how to line dance.

photo by Erica Wilmath



CELEBRATE THE *Moment*

- the 2019 Ouachitonian was named a Pacemaker Finalist by ACP
- College Media Association awarded the yearbook a Gold Medalist rating
- The Ouachitonian received first place in General Excellence from ACMA





1. Selby Tucker, Ethan Dial and Addy Goodman celebrate the publication of the Tiger Tunes edition of The Signal. Dial served as editor of the print and online editions of the newspaper.
photo submitted

2. Matthew Branch and Barrett Pheiffer assist with the production of the AAA state basketball tournament in Hot Springs.
photo by Chris Babb

3. Jack Bennington does play-by-play and Caity Hatchett directs the livestream of soccer. This was the first year of OSDN and the first year for Ouachita to livestream soccer games.
photo by Chris Babb

From the press box to the broadcast studio to the newsroom, the publications at Ouachita were woven throughout campus life. Ouachita's publications garnered 36 from the Arkansas College Media Association (ACMA). These wouldn't have been possible without the students who worked to ensure that this year was a spectacular one.

Along with its awards, The Signal got a makeover. Editor Ethan Dial turned the newspaper from a traditional broadsheet, weekly edition into a tabloid-style, bi-monthly publication. He also shifted the focus to Ouachita's students, and enhanced the online edition.

"I wanted every cover to feature a student who was doing something extraordinary that my peers and I would want to read about," Dial said, who was named Online Editor of the Year by ACMA.

This was also the inaugural year of the Ouachita Sports Digital Network (OSDN). These students were in charge of broadcasting Ouachita's sports, and they also worked on The Roar Rundown. Sophomore Matthew Branch was involved in starting the program, and OSDN became his second family.

"We went through just about everything a sports network could in the short year we had," Branch said.

The video production department managed the Tiger Tunes and Miss OBU livestreams and produced The Roar

Rundown and the J.R. Eldridge Show. These student workers served under Dr. Dave Ozmun and student editor Ashton Spence to create videos for the Ouachita community.

"The experience for the student workers is great," Spence said. "It's prepared us for future jobs and taught us how to do things that are hard to learn in a classroom."

The Ouachitonian yearbook staff faced the challenge of completing the book after the students moved home in mid-March, but continued its work remotely. The 2019 yearbook received first place in General Excellence from ACMA, and was a Pacemaker Finalist from Associated Collegiate Press.

The publications at Ouachita were not only award-winning, but they allowed their students to gain experience that will prepare them for life after college.

by Caity Hatchett

"I wanted every cover to feature a student who was doing something extraordinary that my peers and I would want to read about."

- Ethan Dial

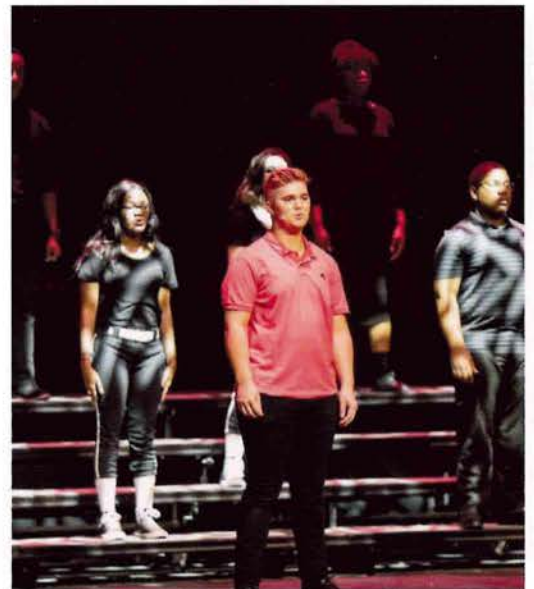
LEARNING THE ART OF STORYTELLING



The club hosts a choir night at Greater Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. MORE's choir sponsored the event as apart of Black History Month. photo by Hannah Adamson

CELEBRATE THE *Moment*

- junior Tyrese Allen and Sophomore Bri Benton led the club in all activities
- MORE performed in Tiger Tunes for the first time as the Gospel Choir with the hosts and hostesses
 - students joined in order to promote equality



Soul food lunch



Sarah Sanders Banquet



Choir night



MLK banquet

FOCUSING ON EQUALITY

The Multicultural Organization Reaching Equality (MORE) is committed to making all underrepresented students on campus have an enjoyable experience.

"We have focused on building community within the club. Hosting Friend giving allowed members and friends to come together," said Brianesia Benton, a senior studio art major from Bryant, Ark. She was the president and saw the club change over her four years at Ouachita.

"I was reserved, but through these experiences, I have gained confidence and gotten so many different opportunities that I would have not gotten if I did not step out of my comfort zone," said Benton. Being involved in MORE allowed Benton to blossom in all aspects of her life.

The club was active throughout the community. They partnered with a local church, singing with their choir and building a parade float.

"For me, being a part of MORE fills a gap between minority and majority students," said Tyrese Allen, a sophomore double major in psychology and biology from Savannah, GA. "To see it start so small, and grow into something so large with just a few people has been something incredible to experience," said Allen.

The club would not be the same without its dedicated

sponsors who are involved and intentional about facilitating community on campus.

"I'm excited about some of the recent changes

that have been made and look forward to walking alongside these student leaders as they accomplish this year's goals," said Nicole Porchia, co-sponsor for the organization.

"We encourage all minority students to be involved across campus in various leadership positions," said Porchia.

The increase in minority students participating in all aspects of the Ouachita experience has developed a more diverse and inclusive environment on campus.

by Emily Barton

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- Tyrese Allen



1. Junior Brittany Burr performs her praise dance solo. Burr's performance was to the song "It's in the Room," by Shana Wilson which was one of her favorites.

photo by Hannah Adamson

2. Current members gather on Sunday morning to attend church. The club built a relationship with Greater Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and served the church throughout the semester.

photo by Dayja James

3. Senior Brianesia Benton serves as the president for MORE. Benton led the members through a time of change and growth for the club.

photo by Wesley Kluck



Kappa Chi games



EEE America night



Rho Sigma Red

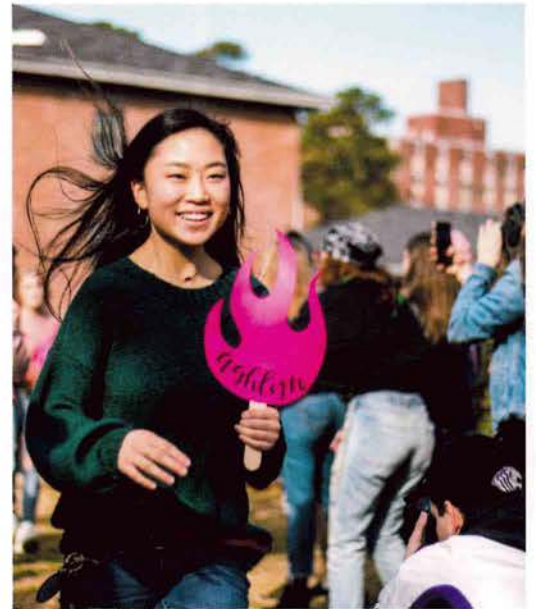


Gamma Phi Party

CELEBRATE THE

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- one week of parties for men's and women's social clubs
- up to 25 parties among all clubs on campus
 - around 300 rushees
 - up to 30 hours of voting



Noah McCallum, Chris Couch, Braden Crawley and Kallen Smith take a photo after rushing Eta Alpha Omega. The club celebrated outside of Berry Chapel.
Photo by Danielle Sourber



1. Allyson Edwards skates her way through Bid Day. Chi Mu's theme was the 80's.

photo by Hannah Smith

2. James Renshaw chats with a rushee. The Men of Beta Beta honored tradition during their parties.

photo by Danielle Sourber

3. Women of Chi Delta greet their new members. Bid Day was as sweet as honey for the club.

photo by Hannah Smith

Students who rushed found themselves at the beginning of a new adventure. Rush Week was a time for students to visit with the social club's current members to see what makes each group special.

"It made the friendships I already had stronger because we were all supporting each other through a stressful time and bonded over this unique experience," said Natalie Helms, a freshman biology major from Bentonville, AR. "I got to know what each club stands for, made new connections and saw familiar faces," said Helms.

Balancing school work with Rush was all worth it in the end when she decided to join Chi Mu.

"If I wasn't doing my homework, I was thinking about Rush," said Mallorie Svercauski, a senior graphic design major from Hot Springs, AR.

Svercauski served in the women of Tri Chi as the vice president and Rush chair.

"I got emotional because I was overwhelmed with how much I loved the girls. They were not trying to impress; but show who we are," said Svercauski, about her Tri Chi sisters.

For the males on campus Rush looked different, but the experiences resembled many experiences that the female students shared. Students sought authenticity and friendship among the clubs.

"Everyone seemed to be a group of friends that

knew everything about each other and weren't ashamed of hiding anything. It made me feel as if this group really would accept people for who they are," said Samuel Vickers, a freshman Christian studies and aviation major from Shreveport, LA.

"I grew closer to my friends, the amazing people in my club and in my faith," said Vickers, a new member of the men of Eta Alpha Omega.

There were many alumni and supporters within faculty and staff on campus. Sponsors had the opportunity to walk alongside and help guide the members during the rush process.

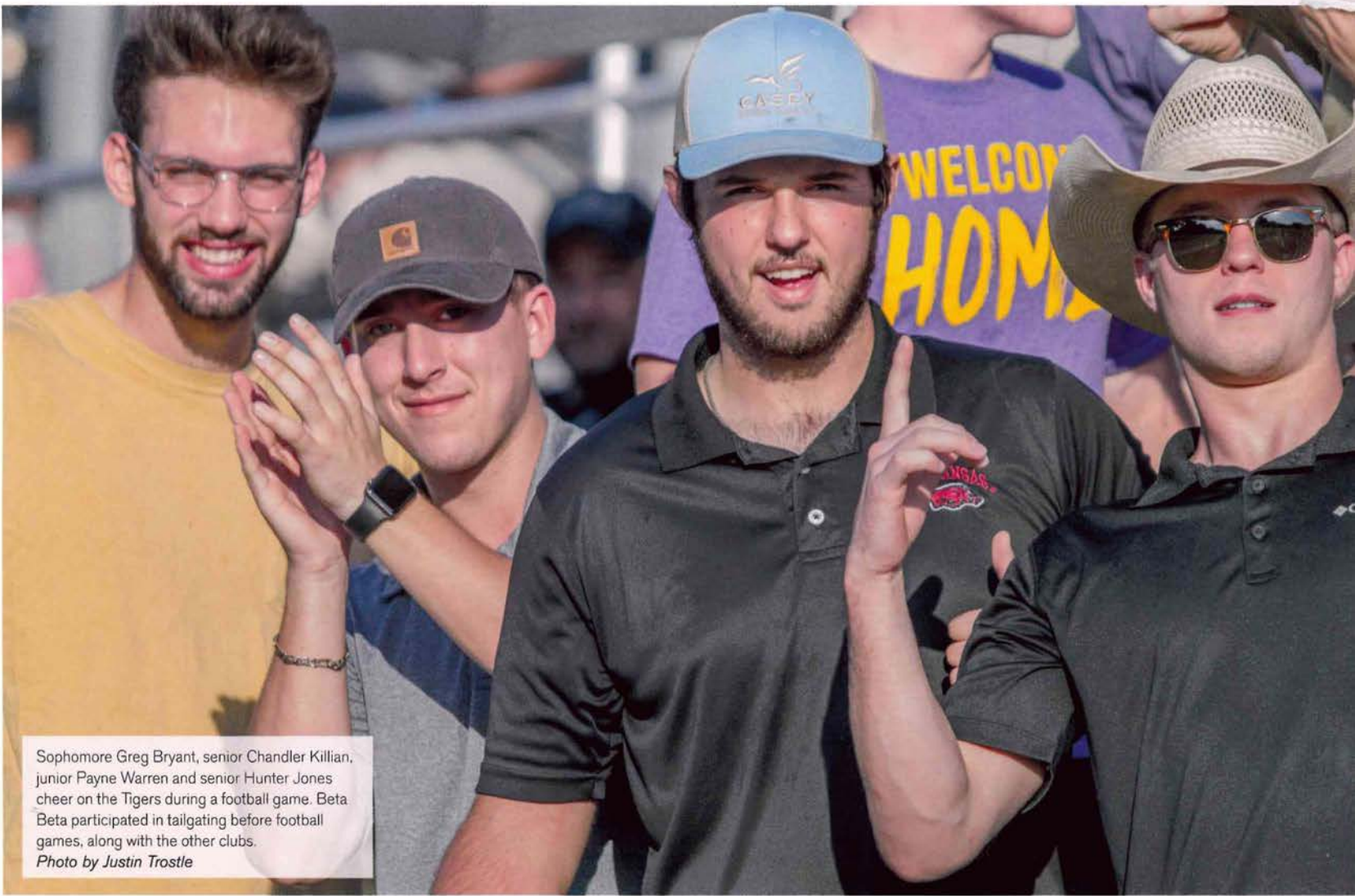
"Rush is a time to meet new people and find where they fit in," said Stacy Freeman, a sponsor for the men of Kappa Chi. "I enjoy being involved in the clubs, and getting to know the guys. They are very respectful and encouraging," said Freeman. Rush Week facilitated community and created life long bonds.

"Everyone seemed to be a group of friends that knew everything about each other and weren't ashamed of hiding anything."

- Samuel Vickers

by Emily Barton

MAKING NEW MEMORIES



Sophomore Greg Bryant, senior Chandler Killian, junior Payne Warren and senior Hunter Jones cheer on the Tigers during a football game. Beta Beta participated in tailgating before football games, along with the other clubs.
 Photo by Justin Trostle

CELEBRATE THE *Moment*

- when the second-place Tunes award is announced, the Betas always yell, "Beta"
- "We aren't the best dancers, or the best singers, or the best anything, but Top Gun will forever and always be people's favorite last place show." - Ryan Maloch



Tunes Show



Fighter Pilots



Beta Rush



Tiger Spirit

GROWING CLUB BROTHERHOOD

Anyone who has ever walked through Ouachita's campus, especially on a Wednesday, could attest the members of Beta were proud to wear the blue and gold. Whether they were wearing boots and blazers on letter day, cheering in the stands at football games, or waving glow sticks during Tiger Tunes, the men of Beta Beta were a brotherhood whose bonds ran much deeper than the letters they wore.

Brad Richardson, a freshman Christian studies major from Lone Oak, Ark., had already felt a bond with the club before he became a member of pledge class 2020.

"My prayer before school was that God would reveal to me who He wanted me to spend my time with," said Richardson. "Beta was the group of guys where I felt like I was supposed to be."

The idea of brotherhood resonated in the identity of Beta. Whether an alumni or current member of the club, the letters seen on shirts, stickers, and on the field at football games represented a family.

"Whatever you need, a brother is willing to help", said Franco Zuniga, a sophomore biology major.

This sense of belonging to the brotherhood was one felt by all members of the club. Beginning with induction week, a time that could seem chaotic and stressful to inductees, older members took the time to get to know and pour into the new pledge class.

Richardson recalled this as being one of the most influential periods after joining the club. "I've never felt anything like that before. Coming into Beta I instantly had people pouring into me," he said.

These relationships only grew, and the club planned events that allowed members to engage with one another as well as the community. Through events like Tiger Serve day, weekly Bible studies, and mixers with other clubs, the bonds of brotherhood only grew stronger.

The sense of brotherhood transcended things like Tunes, football games, and rush week; it carried on even after members graduated.

Beta president and senior biomedical science major Hayden Bowman looked back on his time as a member of the club, and the lifelong friendships that were made along the way.

"The bonds I have formed with these guys will last a lifetime, and I couldn't be more thankful to Beta for providing me this opportunity," he said.

"I've never felt anything like that before. Coming into Beta I instantly had people pouring into me."

• Brad Richardson

by Claire Phillips



1. Sophomore Jacob Street and senior Hayden Bowman play a game of corn hole at the Homecoming Alumni event. Beta Beta alumni were invited to interact with current members before the football game.

2. Sophomore James Renshaw mingles with other students during the Wednesday night rush party. The men's social club rush parties took place later in the evening, after women's parties.

3. Senior Hunter Jones and junior Payne Warren stand with the rest of the club at the Homecoming football game. Beta Beta wore suits to attend the game.



Beaus in Tunes Show



Meeting with the President



Bid Day



New letters

CELEBRATE THE

Moment

- sophomore Anna Black and senior Blanca Rodriguez stand among fellow Chi Delta sisters at the alumni tea
- the alumni tea took place the morning of the Homecoming game, and members and alumni came together and shared memories
- Chi Delta was approved as a social club 50 years ago



Hot * XΔ
 * chocolate *
 BAR

The Women of Chi Delta host a s'mores bar at the Fall Fest on the bridge. Members also handed out hot chocolate to students.
 Photo by Danielle Sourber



1. Madi Tate sings along side beau Cannon Fisher in their duet. The Women of Chi Delta were fairy godmothers.

photo by Justin Trostle

2. Senior Jhonika Wright won second runner-up on Homecoming court. Wright was also awarded the Shelby Seabaugh Spirit of Tunes Award for her work in being a host for Tiger Tunes.

photo by Wesley Kluck

3. Alexandria Henry and Samantha Pipkin pose for a picture together on Bid Day. The Women of Chi Delta had a honey Bid Day theme and some dressed as bees.

photo by Hannah Smith

What did it mean to be a member of a social club at Ouachita Baptist University? Memories of Tiger Tunes performances, philanthropy days, and undeniable bonds entered the minds of Ouachita's students.

"Being in a social club at Ouachita has truly allowed me to open up to girls that will accept me and love me for being myself," said Kennedy Stringfellow, a freshman biology major from Benton, Ark.

Stringfellow explained that the club taught her so much about herself. She said her sisters have helped her strengthen her relationship with Christ, motivated her to study for chemistry, and helped her balance time between social events at Ouachita and her studies.

Sophomore nutrition and dietetics major Cannon Fischer, from Wynne, AR, was a beau for Chi Delta.

He said, "I would definitely encourage guys to be a beau for any club on campus. The memories and the friendships you make will last a lifetime. I know for me it has been very rewarding, especially since I am not in a social club."

Fischer described one of his favorite memories was

having a solo in their Tiger Tunes show while dressed up as a princess.

Samantha Pipkin, junior a mass communications major from Willisville, Ark., described her favorite memory as bid day freshman year as she ran up to meet her new sisters.

"Chi Delta has taught me so many lessons. I grew up with a brother, so having 40 new sisters was a culture change for me," Pipkin said.

She explained that she has experienced ups and downs with her sisters, and they have become like a real family.

"Chi Delta has taught me so many lessons. I grew up with a brother, so having 40 new sisters was a culture change for me."

- Samantha Pipkin

by Gracie Stover

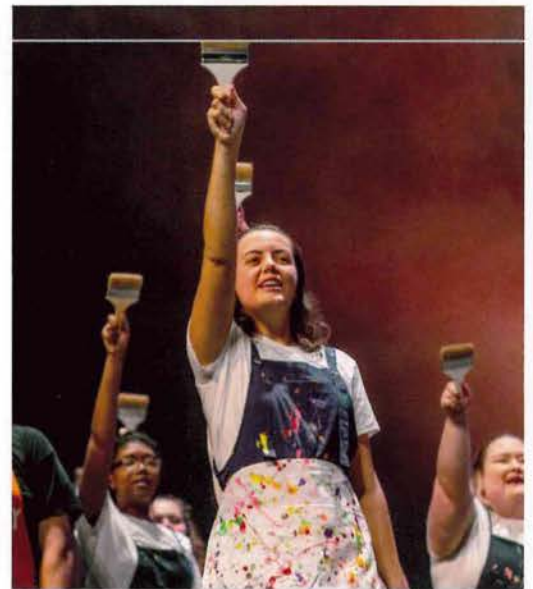
SISTERS GROW IN ACCEPTANCE



The Women of Chi Mu greet their new members on Bid Day. Their Saved By The Bid attire made Bid Day special for the entire club.
Photo by Hannah Smith

CELEBRATE THE *Moment*

- seniors Ashly Stracener directed the Tunes show with seniors Lexi Reimer and Paige Bagley
- during practices, the club wrote notes of encouragement to every Tiger Tunes participant in each of the shows
- each costume was splatter-painted by the member



Beaus in Tunes



Masquerade



Rush week



Chi Mu Mixer

LEADING WITH HUMILITY

The women of Chi Mu faced some changes in events and grew in depth during the process. As with all clubs, events had to be canceled in the spring semester, but enthusiasm remained unchanged.

"There are countless reasons why I chose Chi Mu, but I believe my main one is that some of my closest friends I had made my first semester were either Chi Mus or beaus for the club; there was a kindness and genuineness about them specifically that made Ouachita feel like home," said Chloe Spraggins, a freshman music education major from Hot Springs. "My friends in the club strongly encouraged me to participate in rush, and it turned out to be great experience."

Chi Mu was heavily involved on campus. From performing at Tiger Tunes to volunteering with Tiger Serve Day, Chi Mu led with service and humility.

"As a newer club, Chi Mu has so many fun events," said Spraggins. "We participate in campus wide activities like TWIRP, tailgates, and Tunes, but we also have formal, club mixers, and beau mixers."

The Autism Walk was a new event last year that Chi Mu organized for philanthropy week and autism awareness. However, this year the event was cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak. "A tradition that was started last year was our Autism Walk," said Isabella

Wood, a junior psychology major from Paragould. "Sadly, that did not happen this year, but we hope it continues in years to come."

Chi Mu's rush week was special for the all the girls who participated, and Chi Mu welcomed 23 new members.

"Rush week was amazing this year," said Wood. "It was a blast getting to know all the girls. My favorite part was being on rush committee. I got to see all the time and effort that is put into rush, and it made me really appreciate it. We bagged so much cotton candy for the girls that I thought I'd smell of it forever."

With the year that came to an abrupt end, Emily McGee, a senior English major from Cabot, expressed her feelings on becoming an official Chi Mu alumna. "As a senior becoming an alum is a bittersweet experience," said McGee. "Chi Mu has been such a huge part of my life these past four years. But I'm also excited to see where the club goes as a proud alumna."

"... There was a kindness and genuineness about them..."

-Chloe Spraggins

by Ana Oelenberger



1. Zoe Jennings and Hannah Rossell run to greet the Women of Chi Mu. New members had received their bid earlier that morning. *photo by Hannah Smith*

2. Grace Talley and Halle Southerland pose for a Bid Day picture. The Women of Chi Mu were so excited to welcome new members.

photo by Danielle Sourber

3. Senior Paige Bagley sings her heart out in her Tiger Tunes solo. The Women of Chi Mu were artist in their Tunes show.

photo by Justin Trostle





Thanksgiving baskets



Valentine's Mixer



Caroline Derby



All Star Tiger Tunes

CELEBRATE THE *Moment*

- seniors Allyson Edwards and Rachel Mills attended the EEE and Chi Mu mixer where they wrote Valentine's Day cards for nursing home residents
- "Club love is important because it allows you to meet new people and become closer to those you don't normally talk to every day." - Rachel Mills



Addy Goodman and Becca Grace pose for their first letter photo together. The Women of EEE had a dreaming of EEE Bid Day theme.
Photo by Abigail Blankenship



1. Seniors Ali Chapman and Mady Cate Rottinghaus were the club's social chairs. The Women of EEE greeted alumni at Tiger Fest. *photo by Abigail Blankenship*
 2. Senior Grace Gorman energizes the audience during her last Tunes show. The Women of EEE were All Star baseball players for Tunes. *photo by Justin Trostle*
 3. Junior Hannah Johnston welcomes her dad to a special event. The Women of EEE hosted a Dad's Day to celebrate their families. *photo by Abigail Blankenship*

The Women of EEE had a unique history that came from their 95-year legacy. As one of the largest clubs on campus, members were involved in various activities on campus, as well as having leadership opportunities within their own social club.

In the fall, the EEEs won second place with their Tiger Tunes show, All Stars. Laura Beth Warner, a junior Christian studies major from Benton, Ark., directed the show. For Warner, directing a Tunes show was a unique way to minister to her friends while also being able to grow closer to her entire club.

"It's the hardest thing I've ever done, but it was so rewarding. I would do it all again just for the feeling right before we went out for the last show," Warner said. "Everyone had finally chosen to believe in the show and was 100% on board. The love for the Women of EEE I felt at that moment made it all worth it."

In the spring, the club welcomed 53 new members, including Katelyn Franzke, a freshman graphic design major from Springdale, Ark. Her reason for joining the club came from both alumni her hometown who had poured into her, as well as the girls she had met her first semester. Franzke knew she wanted to pledge EEE by the third night of rush.

"They made me feel very welcomed and very loved the second I walked into the room; everyone was so

intentional," Franzke said. "I knew I wanted a place where I felt connected, but also where I knew people truly did care for me and wanted to see me grow and stand by my side through everything. That's what I found in EEE."

For Brooke Bearden, a senior communication sciences and disorders major from Camden, Ark., the Women of EEE had been more than just a social club. Through her past three years in the club, she met her best friends, was pushed spiritually, and has been shaped into the person she is today. Bearden's favorite memory from her time in the club was when she was elected vice president, which would lead to her role as president of the social club.

"In my prayer journal from my freshman year of high school, I had prayed for this," Bearden remembered. "It was so cool just to see his timing all work out over five years later, and to see my prayers answered."

by Anna Roussel

"The love for the women of EEE I felt at that moment made it all worth it."

- Laura Beth Warner

A UNIQUE HISTORY OF TRADITION



Senior Denis Sullins was the mail man driving the delivery truck across the stage in their tunes performance. The Men of Eta Alpha Omega won the OSF award Saturday night.
 Photo by Justin Trostle

CELEBRATE THE *Moment*

- sophomore Katie Loving hugs member Keaton Goodrum when initiated as an ETA sweetheart in the spring, along with junior Jorie Beaumont
- 16 sweethearts, including 10 seniors
- the sweethearts had the opportunity to be in the Eta Tunes show, and went to ETA-hosted events



Mail Men Solos



Tiger Serve Day



Tunes Show



Team Spirit

DIFFERENCES BUILD EMPATHY

The men of Eta Alpha Omega was one of the staples of campus, sponsoring annual events including Muggin' and Eta Date Auction. Most people associated them by their motto, "Honor God," but members such as Thomas Harrington, a sophomore biology major from Magnolia, Ark., wanted people to know it is much more than a worship club.

"It's a good mix of different types of personalities, and most people are pretty laid back," Harrington explained. "It balances well and helps us to be well rounded."

Harrington felt like his experience on campus so far would have been much different had he not been involved with Eta. The social club allowed him to meet a wide range of people, have more of a presence on campus, and grew him as a Christian and person in general.

"I've come to understand where people come from just by hearing all of their stories about what they've gone through in life," Harrington said. "It has helped me to be more empathetic toward people and realize we take for granted what we've been given. Their positive attitude despite all of their circumstances is inspiring."

One of the new additions to Eta was Kallen Smith, a freshman biomedical sciences major from Jonesboro, AR. Smith came to Ouachita not knowing many people or much about the social clubs, but through life groups

and other activities he saw the club as a diverse group of guys who made Christ the center of their club.

"I didn't really know many guys in my pledge class, so just having that instant bond with countless brothers I can count on has been the best thing," Smith said. "We ask each other for prayer whenever we need it, and everyone has been so genuine."

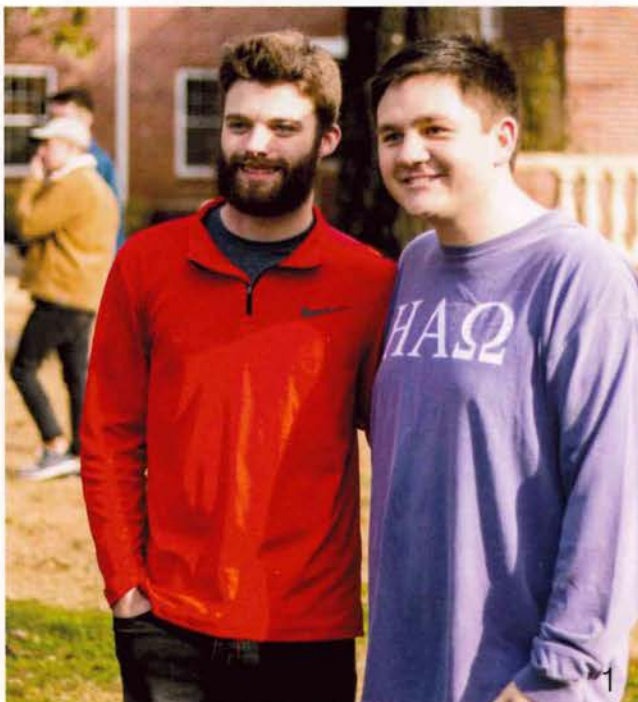
Jack Bennington, a junior mass communications major from Arkadelphia, served the club as vice president for both semesters. Being in Eta helped him in surrounding himself with like-minded people who were aiming to be a light on campus, and also introduced him to friends he may not have met otherwise.

"Eta always played an important part of my life, but since I've gotten the chance to invest in the club in a different way, I've been able to learn how to run this whole thing and do it the Eta way," Bennington said.

"It has helped me be more empathetic toward people and realize we take for granted what we have been given."

- Thomas Harrington

by Anna Roussel



1. Ethan Dial and Levi Dade take pictures on Bid Day. The Men of Eta Alpha Omega gathered in front of Berry Chapel.

photo by Hannah Smith

2. Sophomore Harry Jeffrey serves the community by washing cars. On Tiger Serve Day the The Men of Eta Alpha Omega volunteered together.

photo by Hannah Smith

3. Senior Stephen Yates plays corn hole during Tiger Fest. The Men of Eta Alpha Omega greeted alumni Homecoming weekend.

photo by Justin Trostle



Elisabeth Brown



Gamma Rush



Homecoming



Gamma reunion

CELEBRATE THE *Moment*

- Gamma Phi was originally founded on March 2, 1944
 - the club was in existence until 2000
- there was a 19-year gap before the club was rechartered in August, 2019
- Elisabeth Brown began researching the club with the thought of bringing it back to campus, and served as its new president



Jorie Beaumont welcomes rushees to the Gamma Phi Rush party. The party was held in the Alumni Room, and was decorated in a jungle theme.
Photo by Danielle Sourber



1. The Gamma Phi club table at Homecoming includes photos of past events including Homecoming, induction and Sadie Hawkins.

Photo by Danielle Sourber

2. Members of Gamma Phi enjoy a Thanksgiving party. The event was held at the home of Donna Reynolds, Gamma alumnae and sponsor.

Photo by Sue Shults

3. The women of Gamma Phi anxiously await their new pledge class. The club welcomed 20 new members in its first rush since its return to campus.

Photo by Sue Shults

The Women of Gamma Phi centered their year on campus around acceptance, diversity, and growth. These common themes were present throughout everything the club was involved in.

Athen Wilkerson, a sophomore graphic design major from Little Rock, Ark., who served as the vice president of Gamma Phi, described her club as a group of girls who were, "very diverse over all, but when we come together we are a united front." This united front faced many "firsts" during their first year back on campus after the club was revived by Elisabeth Brown, president of Gamma Phi.

Wilkerson described this first year as "a learning process," but there was not discouragement behind these words, only hope and excitement for the future. Looking into the future years, freshman Michelle Byers, a nutrition and dietetics Major from Houston, Texas, described that she was looking forward to "seeing how Gamma can become a home for other girls like it has been for me."

Hannah Harrington, a sophomore biology major from Little Rock, Ark., had very strong beliefs and goals for the future of Gamma Phi. Harrington said, "I don't want Gamma to stay small. I firmly believe that Gamma is going to become just like one of the bigger clubs on campus."

Gamma Phi was a club centered around loving the Lord. Allie Tarnowsky, a junior speech pathology major from Mabelvale, Ark., described her spiritual growth facilitated by the club by saying,

"Gamma has allowed me to grow spiritually. Through small groups weekly with my sisters, I've started studying the Bible in a way that I haven't before. It has pushed me to be closer to God and closer to the word."

The diversity of Gamma Phi was something that the members took great pride in. Harrington said "it will continue to be accepting. I never want there to be one single word that you can pin to Gamma and describe what all of the members are, we are too different for that." Tarnowsky also described the uniqueness of her club by saying "every single girl in our club is special in their own way... no one is the same."

Gamma Phi completed its first year back on campus and was thriving. Their growth and passion for the club was all fueled by their club motto, "Just Keeping It Real."

"It has pushed me to be closer to God and closer to the Word."

• Allie Tarnowsky

by Caroline Johnson

GROWING CLUB COMMUNITY



The men of Kappa Chi present their Leprechaun show for Tiger Tunes. The show earned them first place in the competition. Photo by Hannah Smith

CELEBRATE THE

Moment

- three-fourths of the Kappa show was choreographed at 2 a.m. in the director's apartment
- the club had a motivational shout-out from Miss Ireland the night of the first show
- a week before practice began, the Kappas had to scramble to find a place for off-campus practices



Late Night



Aaron George



Seth Lybrand



Rushees

WINNING TUNES MEMORABLE

The men of Kappa Chi enjoyed serenading the campus by going to each female residence hall and singing ballads. The club also participated in events on and off campus including a camp out, mixers with all the clubs, Late Night with Kappa Chi, caroling, and bowling.

"The brotherhood that we have in the club - being a good group of guys I know I can always rely on, I never had anything like it," said Nic Hazlett, sophomore pre-engineering major from Greenville, Texas.

"Getting a little (brother) is so exciting because now I can pass down these traditions and the things I love about the club," said Hazlett.

Hazlett was the intramural director and the special events assistant coordinator where he helped plan the mixers and the other events hosted by the club.

Tunes practice was a chance for members to come together, and even in their breaks they got to goof off and enjoy each other's company.

"Having Tiger Tunes rehearsals every night and getting to make practice enjoyable was fun," said Aaron George, senior accounting and finance major from Rogers, Ark.

"Show week was really my highlight to my college experience, getting to have fun and goof off with everyone," said George.

George served as the president and Tunes director at the same time. It took a lot of time and hard work, but

was all worth it in the end when their Tunes show won first place overall.

"This year has been special to me; we are all friends. The club went to Daisy State Park, grilled, camped out, and had a time where they could just hang out," said George.

From the woods to giving back to the community, the men of Kappa Chi stayed busy the entire year.

"We sang with Chi Mu at the nursing home, and had so much fun," said George.

Late Night with Kappa Chi was a Jimmy Fallon spin-off. The entertainment helped them raise money for the animal shelter in town.

"The final night of rush I saw myself fitting in, and knew I belonged in Kappa," said Mark Spurlin, freshman computer science major from Whitehall, Ark.

"They value the same things, and I saw their hearts for serving and knew I picked the right club," said Spurlin.

"The final night of rush I saw myself fitting in, and I knew I belonged in Kappa."

• Mark Spurlin

by Emily Barton



1. Gunner Hopman and Jeffrey Wood are interviewed by Dr. Sells during Kappa Late Night. The annual event was a fundraiser for the club.

photo by Justin Trostle

2. Jhonika Wright provides entertainment at a Kappa event. She was a little sis for the club.

photo by Justin Trostle

3. Lee Grisham and Ryan Lynch play Foosball during Kappa Rush. The clubs chose different themes or activities for the Rush nights.

photo by Justin Trostle



CELEBRATE THE

Moment

- junior Alex Harris dances with a resident of The Plaza Assisted Living Facility at a Valentine's party
- the Red Shirts partnered with ElderServe to dance and sing with the residents



Junior Luke Roberson sings a solo during the Red Shirt's Tunes show. Roberson was both Tunes director and president of the club. *Photo by Justin Trostle*





1. Members of the Men of Rho Sigma come together to guard the Tiger. They met every night during Battle of the Ravine week.

2. The club takes the stage for their rowdy Tunes show. The show's theme was wrestling.

3. Sophomore Will Broussard visits with a resident of The Plaza. The residents enjoyed the Valentine's party sponsored by The Elrod Center.

Founded on March 6 of 1955, Rho Sigma is the oldest Men's social club on Ouachita's campus. Rho Sigma's brotherhood and history sets them apart from other clubs on campus.

With the long-standing presence on campus, Rho Sigma made memories that last beyond the four years the members stood together in college. This past football season, Rho Sigma was featured in an article written in Sports Illustrated that discussed how the club stands together in tents to guard the famous marble Tiger during Battle of the Ravine week.

"I didn't think that it would come this way, but I cannot think of a better way than to be in one of the greatest sports publications with my fraternity brothers, participating in one of my college's coolest traditions—one that has its roots in Rho Sigma," said Luke Roberson, a junior communications major from Plano, Texas.

Medora Chidlow, a sweetheart for the Men of Rho Sigma for the past two years, had found a group of men that showed her the importance of brotherhood.

"My mom has been sick this year and when she was going in for more testing, the boys in Rho Sigma

brought me flowers and notes of encouragement, and that personally meant so much to me," said Chidlow, a senior kinesiology major from Fort Worth, Texas.

The club added five members during pledge week. "I look forward to growing my relationship with my new brothers and pledge brothers," said Noah Grimes, a freshman communications major from Fort Worth, Texas.

There was more to the Men of Rho Sigma than what they were known for, "rowdy Red Shirts." From community service at The Plaza to school spirit at athletic events, Rho Sigma enjoyed a brotherhood while supporting others.

"My mom has been sick this year and when she was going in for more testing, the boys... brought me flowers and notes of encouragement..."

- Medora Chidlow

by Houstin Kirkpatrick

A LONG-STANDING PRESENCE



Bonnie Gentry, Bailey Swanson and Grace Loftin share a special connection within the sisterhood by being each other's big and little. The girls partied with the Women of Tri Chi at the formal. Photo by Hannah Smith

CELEBRATE THE Moment

- seniors and twin sisters Mercedes and Mallorie Svercauski served the club not only in their numerous club positions, but also by their enthusiastic character
- Mercedes served as fall president and Mallorie served as vice president, and helped plan Rush



Bid Day



Diner Tunes Show



Tiger Serve Day



Homecoming Court

FOCUS ON BEING INTENTIONAL

The Women of Tri Chi could be heard around campus chanting “Chi Chi Chi till’ I die die die,” but did you know the letters, TC, that so many girls will hold dear until they die, have a deeper meaning? Standing for “togetherness in Christ,” the letters have a deep hold on the members and alumni of Tri Chi. President Maggie Donnell, a senior psychology and social justice double major from Rogers, Ark., said, “We have really wanted to dig deeper and intentionally show Jesus Christ to one another.”

Abbigale Sullins, a freshman music education major from Benton, Ark., described the impact on her spiritual life since she became a member of the social club with their newest pledge class, PC 20.

“I have learned to dig deeper in my prayer life, and I’ve learned what it really means to be faithfully praying intentionally,” said Sullins.

Intentionality flowed throughout the women of Tri Chi throughout the year. Sullins also mentioned that TC taught her “what it really means to encourage and support someone.”

This theme of encouragement carried over with the club’s beaus. Logan Daus, a sophomore business administration major from Plano, Texas, talked about the “weekly written encouragement that he always looked forward to from his sisters.”

Tri Chi left a lasting impact on many throughout their time at Ouachita. Donnell reflected on her time as president. “I don’t want to be remembered for my position... I want to be known as a faithful member and friend,” Donnell said.

Although the school year got cut short due to COVID-19, the club continue to encourage one another any others. From having a weekly meeting on Zoom to making social media trends, the women of Tri Chi kept their “togetherness,” despite the distance among them.

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- Maggie Donnell

By Caroline Johnson



1. Lila Buchanan and Holly Shipp wear biker attire to welcome new members on Bid Day. The theme was Born to Ride with Tri Chi.

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2. Senior Emily Siemens sings her solo in Tunes. The Women of Tri Chi were waitress in their Diner Tunes Show.

photo by Justin Trostle

3. Clara Taylor and Katie Loving welcome the new members into the club. The Women of Tri Chi held formal initiation following Induction Week. *photo by Danielle Sourber*



CELEBRATE THE *Moment*

- the International Food Festival, held Feb. 18, was sponsored by the International Club and the Grant Center for International Education
- Sodexo worked with the students to provide food from different countries
 - approximately 35 countries were represented
 - international students dressed in traditional clothes and answered questions about their dishes
- students heard stories about the different cultures represented on campus



Zoar Moreno from Mexico, Pietra Gois from Brazil, Maria Urbina from Honduras, Valeria Gomez from Costa Rica and Chloe Morse from Tanzania enjoy a hike with the International Club.
Photo by Danielle Sourber



1. Maho Tanabe, Kaitlyn Terry and Kelsey Bester enjoy a selfie photo during the International Club trip. *photo by Abigail Blankenship*
 2. Saba Esho serves food from her home country of Iraq at the International Food Festival. Esho was a freshman graphic design major. *photo by Justin Trostle*
 3. Members of the International Club treat guests to a variety of foods from different cultures at the annual International Food Festival. *photo by Abigail Blankenship*

International Club not only brought about beauty and diversity to Ouachita's campus, but also provided community and a family for those within the club. Senior elementary education major Chantelle Pieterese, from Zimbabwe, appreciated the impact the club has had on her time at Ouachita.

"International Club was the perfect platform for students from around the world to begin and grow relationships with the OBU community," Pieterese said. "This was certainly the case for me, and I've loved the people I met and can call friends because of it. IC connected me to the culture of OBU and helped me find a place of belonging. Not only did I make friends, I also gained new appreciation for the diverse cultures around me. I have really loved learning how to look at life from different world views," Pieterese said.

Those within the club hosted many events including the International Food Festival, which provides the opportunity for students to celebrate and share in so many different cultures. Hannah Oliver, senior communications & media major from Japan, attended the Food Festival every year.

"I enjoy trying foods from other countries," Oliver said. "It is time consuming preparing a dish from your country for the festival, but it was so much fun having

people try what I have grown up with and what I love."

Both Oliver and Pieterese also traveled with the International Club during fall break. In the past years, students have traveled to San Antonio, Tennessee and Northwest Arkansas.

"The annual Fall break trip always promises a weekend of crazy adventures and opportunities shared with the most special people," Pieterese said.

Because of all the events hosted and memories shared, this club created a family-like community for students whose family may be far away.

"A lot of us are from overseas and we don't have family close by, so it was nice that we were like a family for each other," Oliver said. "The impact and the importance of friends is what I took away from being a part of this organization."

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• Chantelle Pieterese

by Gracen Goudy

A WINDOW TO THE WORLD



Seniors Zack Tomlinson and Joao Rodrigues discuss a task for Tiger Serve Day. Over 100 teams, comprised of students, staff and faculty, went out into the Arkadelphia community to work on service projects.
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SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS

OBU alumna and former White House Press Secretary
delivers Birkett Williams Lecture

“Surviving the White House...[is] all about knowing who you are before you ever step in the building and knowing that nothing that anyone says about you can define you if you don’t allow it to. And I really tried to remind myself of that every day and really live out who I decided I was going to be beforehand,” said Sarah Huckabee Sanders, former White House Press Secretary and Ouachita alumna.

As a part of the Birkett L. Williams Endowed Lecture Series, Sanders spoke to students, staff, faculty and guests March 2 in Jones Performing Arts Center. While answering questions from President Ben Sells, which were formed by communications students in Dr. Deborah Root’s Senior Seminar class, Sanders addressed various aspects of her personal and professional life, while also encouraging students to enjoy the cherished moments spent on this campus and boldly take on life when they leave this place, standing up for their faith and family.

Thanking professors, including Dr. Bill Downs, who passed away last year, Dr. Doug Reed, Dr. Kevin Brennan and Dr. Hal Bass, Sanders emphasized the vital role her education at Ouachita has played in her success.

“I stepped onto this campus almost 20 years ago...and if you had told me at that time, when I was coming to Ouachita, that I would one day be the White House Press Secretary and I would do that for Donald Trump, I would have laughed in your face. And I got the preparation I needed from Ouachita to do that job, and frankly if Ouachita can prepare me for that, then it can prepare anybody for anything,” Sanders said. “It was the relationships and the environment that Ouachita put such an emphasis on that really helped empower me to go out and take on pretty much anything.”

Ouachita not only gave her a strong sense of community, but was a place that enabled her to grow in her faith. That faith was the foundation of the perseverance and stamina she needed to handle the stressful demands that came with the job of press secretary.

“In terms of confidence, it goes back to my faith: the fact that I don’t need anybody from the Washington Post or the New York Times or Saturday Night Live to define me; God has already done that,” Sanders said. “I know exactly who I am and I don’t have to wake up every day wondering who that is and what that’s going to look like, and to have that comfort and that confidence going into every day, it makes everything else disappear. When you can focus on who God created you to be and know that He has a unique purpose for your life, then it is a remarkable feeling and gives you all the confidence you need to face even the greatest challenges you could imagine.”

While Sanders was only the third woman to ever hold the honor of being White House press secretary, she was the first mother to have the job, and she has seen her experience parenting as great preparation and above all else, her greatest accomplishment.

“I got a lot of different exposure to a lot of different political and campaign practice, and in the midst of all of that, the greatest achievements I had [were] I got married and I had three kids and, you know, it’s certainly the greatest thing I’ve ever done. And my biggest success are those things, for sure,” Sanders said.

However, juggling parenthood in the political frenzy of Washington D.C. was not an easy task, especially after receiving so many substantial threats on the job that she became the first White House press secretary in history to require Secret Service protection.

“It was, you know, very difficult for our family during that time, but it was still important for us to stand up and talk about what we thought was right and to stay strong and steadfast in our faith throughout that process. And I think we’re stronger and closer as a family because we went through that and came out on the other side,” Sanders said.

Sanders also remarked on the distortion of her relationship with the press and encouraged students to “never read the comments.”

“Despite what most people saw on TV, I actually had a very good working relationship with a large number of the White House press corps. They’re some of the shrewdest, most talented, toughest reporters anywhere in the world, and we had a good back and forth. Sometimes, it was difficult for both sides, but there was sort of a sense of ‘I have a job to do, you have a job to do,’ and behind the scenes we actually a lot of times worked very well together,” Sanders said.

Ultimately, in the midst of all the chaos, Sanders credits her faith as her driving force. “If your faith is real to you, it defines who you are and it’s something that you should be very proud of and be very public about. I have no apologies for my faith. At the same time, I never want to impose my faith on somebody else, so while I’m open about it, I’m not going to force anybody else to follow what I’m doing,” Sanders said. “I would want to live a life that they see something different and something different inside of me that they want too. I want to live a life that’s full of joy even when it’s hard to have it and I want people to want that and to see that light and hope that they can have it. I think that’s the best way that Christians can impact other people is to live a life that is worthy of the grace that God has shown us.”

In the end, Sanders marveled at the Lord’s provision and realized the importance of constantly remembering, “God is in control.” “Every single day that I stepped into that building, I knew that it was an honor and a privilege to be there, and one that I didn’t want to take for granted. I knew that I had a responsibility to serve in that role and to serve the American people and it was one that I cherished...one I was proud beyond belief to have held and something I never thought that I would be able to do,” Sanders said. “I always said that if I ever went into the White House and I didn’t have a sense of reverence and a sense of appreciation then I didn’t need to be there, and I’m thankful that I never had that moment, that I always respected not just the president that I served but the presidency as an institution. And I think that our government and our democracy and what America is is so incredible and so special and so unique that we should never allow it to be upended and destroyed. And I think that we all have a part to play to make sure that we protect and preserve an America that we love [and] an America that we want our kids to get to experience and grow up in.”

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Caroline Derby

Miss OBU 2020

Ouachita hosted the 53rd annual Miss OBU Pageant on Saturday, Feb. 1, and crowned Arkadelphia, Ark., native Caroline Derby Miss OBU 2020.

"To be Miss Ouachita Baptist University is a dream come true," Derby said. "I have been dreaming of representing my favorite place on earth since I was a little girl. I am grateful, honored and humbled to serve Ouachita in this capacity.

"Miss OBU is so much more than a crown and sash," she added. "It is a job, an opportunity and a blessing. I only have one year as Miss OBU, and I have full intentions of making the absolute most of it."

Derby is a communications & media/multimedia journalism major. She is the daughter of Jay and Susan Derby and represented Student Senate. Her platform, "Aspire to Achieve: Ready, Set, Go!," encourages people of all ages to chase after their dreams and achieve their goals. In addition to winning the Miss OBU crown, Derby received the Kristen Glover Belew Overall Talent Award for her clogging dance to "Perm" and the Julie Williams Academic Award, which was a three-way tie.

"Being an Arkadelphia native, Ouachita has and always will be my home, and I grew up loving this incredible place," said Derby. "I have always considered myself a product of the people I come from, and I come from the people here. They have shaped me and molded me into the Caroline that I am today. I will forever be thankful for them."

Elizabeth Steely was the first runner-up. A junior communications & media/multimedia journalism major from Conway, Ark., Steely is the daughter of Dr. Don and Molly Steely and represented Beta Beta men's social club. Steely also received the Julie Williams Social Impact in Eveningwear Award, tied for the Julie Williams Academic Award and tied for the Children's Miracle Network Miracle Maker Award.

Danielle Hall was the second runner-up. A junior musical theatre major from Prairie Grove, Ark., Hall is the daughter of Lee and Susan Hall and represented Chi Mu women's social club. Hall also received the Spirit of Miss OBU Award, the Suzie Gresham Barham Alpha Award and tied with another candidate for the Mac Sisson Alpha Talent Award for her operatic piece "Non So Più" from *The Marriage of Figaro*.

Melody Stotts was the third runner-up. A junior middle school education major from Brookland, Ark., Stotts is the daughter of Jeff and Wendy Stotts and represented Tri Chi women's social club. Stotts tied with Steely for the Children's Miracle Network Miracle Maker Award.

Katie Kumpuris was the fourth runner-up. A senior social justice studies and psychology double major from Little Rock, Ark., Kumpuris is the daughter of Gordon and Lori Kumpuris and represented Eta Alpha Omega men's social club.

Other award-winners included:

- Bawo Asagba, a junior musical theatre major from Wylie, Texas, represented Tri Chi women's social club and received the Miss Congeniality Award.
- Samantha Pipkin, a junior communications & media/multimedia journalism major from Willisville, Ark., represented Chi Delta women's social club and received the People's Choice Award.
- Autumn Romines, a senior musical theatre major from Cabot, Ark., represented Alpha Psi Omega national theatre honor society and received the Photogenic Award, Sharon Bale Non-Finalist Talent Award and tied with Hall for the Mac Sisson Alpha Talent Award for her song and dance to "Show Off."
- Catie Shirley, a senior biology major from Wylie, Texas, represented EEE women's social club and received the Alpha Social Impact in Eveningwear Award and the Sharon Bale Non-Finalist Onstage Interview Award.

- Laura Beth Warner, a senior Christian studies/Christian ministry major from Benton, Ark., represented EEE women's social club and tied for the Julie Williams Academic Award.

Patti Thorn Lusk, a 1988 Ouachita alumna, former Miss OBU 1985 and Miss Arkansas 1988, served as emcee for the pageant. Sarah Teed was the pageant's new executive director and worked alongside Melissa Carozza, campus director of the pageant and 1998 Ouachita alumna. Miss Arkansas 2019, Darynne Dahlem, also made a special appearance.

Special entertainment for the evening was presented by Miss OBU 2019 Julie Williams, Miss Outstanding Teen 2019 Sarah Cate Lay, Miss Natural State 2020 Avery Jackson, Miss Greater Little Rock 2020 Taryn Bewley, DancePraize Dance Studio and the Miss OBU Court of Honor.

Performers from DancePraize Dance Studio included: Blaise Batson, Malea Borland, Kelsey Boyles, Cassie Carozza, Emorie Carozza, Avery Garner, Kate Manning and Cassidy Parker.

The Court of Honor included: Bethany Courtney, a junior music major from Little Rock, Ark.; Cameron Conner, a junior music industry major from North Little Rock, Ark.; Aaron George, a senior accounting and finance double major from Rogers, Ark.; Clay Mobley, a senior music industry major from Wylie, Texas; Emma Pitts, a senior music education major from Bentonville, Ark.; and Felicia Valdez, a senior psychology major.

Alumni Stephen and Abby Curry served as court of honor directors.

Derby was scheduled to represent Ouachita at the 2020 Miss Arkansas Scholarship Pageant in Little Rock, Ark., June 13-21. However, due to COVID-19, the pageant was cancelled. Eleven Ouachitonians won preliminary titles leading up to the state pageant. These 2020 title holders were given the choice to continue their service for another year, and compete in next year's state pageant.

By Ashly Stracener

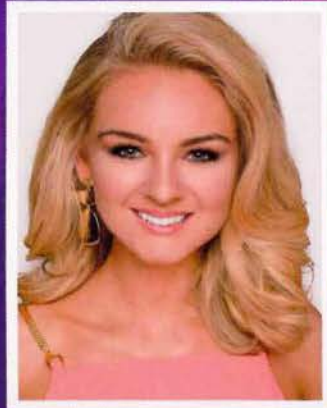


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Miss Texarkana Twin Rivers



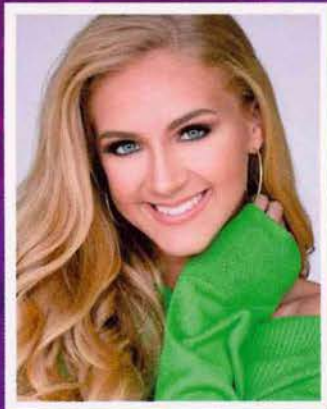
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I was quickly humbled whenever I signed up to work with the yearbook as my work study position my freshman year. I had never done yearbook or news writing prior to this. Little did I know what this position would turn into. In a role that I felt unprepared, unequipped and uneasy about also revealed a new side of myself. Being the Editor pushed me in my leadership abilities as well as self-motivation. I can confidently say that I could not have completed this year and book on my own. There was an army that helped make this possible. I have many thanks to give to my support team; some of which don't know the impact he or she made to the making of this book.

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DANIELLE SOURBER

Four years ago, during first my campus tour, Dr. Root showed me the newsroom and he told me all about the photo lab and how they work with the university's publications. By the time my senior year came, and I had the opportunity to be editor, I didn't really believe it would happen. Fast forward a few years and there I was; life surprises you sometimes! I am so grateful that I was given the opportunity to work for the photo lab throughout the entirety of my Ouachita journey, but being an editor was a special privilege and it helped me grow and learn so much.

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Seniors Cassie Cantu and Tori Barnhill have one final photo made in front of Jones Science Center, a place where they spent numerous hours as biology majors. Although commencement was postponed, they chose to wear their caps and gowns when they returned to campus to gather their belongings from their campus apartment.
Photo by Lori Mott



In every **MOMENT**, it is important to treasure the details, the hardships, the people, the smell, the feeling, the tears, the noise, the pain, everything. The end of the school year came sooner than we all imagined. Because of a global pandemic, the details that made up the school year quickly were put to a halt. Freshmen were sad to leave their new friends and not experience many 'Ouachita firsts.' Seniors felt like their last few Ouachita memories were taken away from them. Final goodbyes weren't able to happen due to the rush of moving home, yet time still ticked as it did before. Time didn't, all of the sudden, go faster or slower; 60 seconds was still 60 seconds. The reality was: Time was not taken away from us; it just changed. Change was inevitable, whether we liked it or not. In every **MOMENT**, through the change, let us be a people that grasped onto the details. Then, detail after detail produces growth and memories that we can hold onto forever, despite time.

IN EVERY *Moment*





