



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//Texarkana, 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  
 Hannah Hickman//Denton, TX



Benjamin Highsmith//Denton, TX  
 Maci Hill//Cordova, TN  
 Emmy Hipps//Russellville, AR  
 Ben Hodde//Bentonville, AR  
 Rebecca Holiman//Lucas, TX  
 Anna Holiman//Prattsville, AR



Elizabeth Holliefield//Rowlett, TX  
 Hayden Hommel//Tyler, TX  
 Emily Horn//Sherwood, AR  
 Hailey Houghton//Humphrey, AR  
 Tyranni Hubbard//Little Rock, AR  
 Sara Hulse//Sherrill, AR



Ashton Hurst//Van Buren, AR  
 Jackson Huskey//Quitman, AR  
 Broc Ingold//Benton, AR  
 Zoe Jennings//Pea Ridge, AR  
 Grant Jetton//Solo, MO  
 Andrew Johnson//Benton, AR



Hayley Johnson//Hot Springs, AR  
 Jessica Johnson//Little Rock, AR  
 Caroline Johnson//Springdale, AR  
 Abbie Jolly//Magnolia, AR  
 James Jolly//Pflugerville, TX  
 Kendall Jones//Texarkana, AR



Leon Kalinic//Croatia  
 Santiago Kearney//Argentina  
 Leah Kelley//Little Rock, AR  
 Brenna Kesterson//Malvern, AR  
 Karlee Kindy//Benton, AR  
 Cassie Lackey//Wylie, TX



Luke Lancaster//North Little Rock, AR  
 Katelyn Langston//Batesville, AR  
 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





Maddox Long//Morrilton, AR  
 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.”

## TREY lamb

by Madi Darr







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.

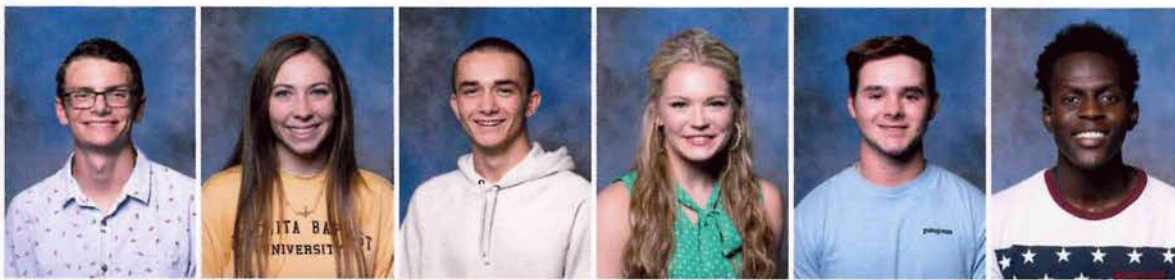
The Cone-Bottoms Hall painting was a 5x8 inch size. Franzke said that she is most comfortable with doing smaller paintings and that it is easier to create more meaning.

"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 Thyges//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

**DANI**  
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.

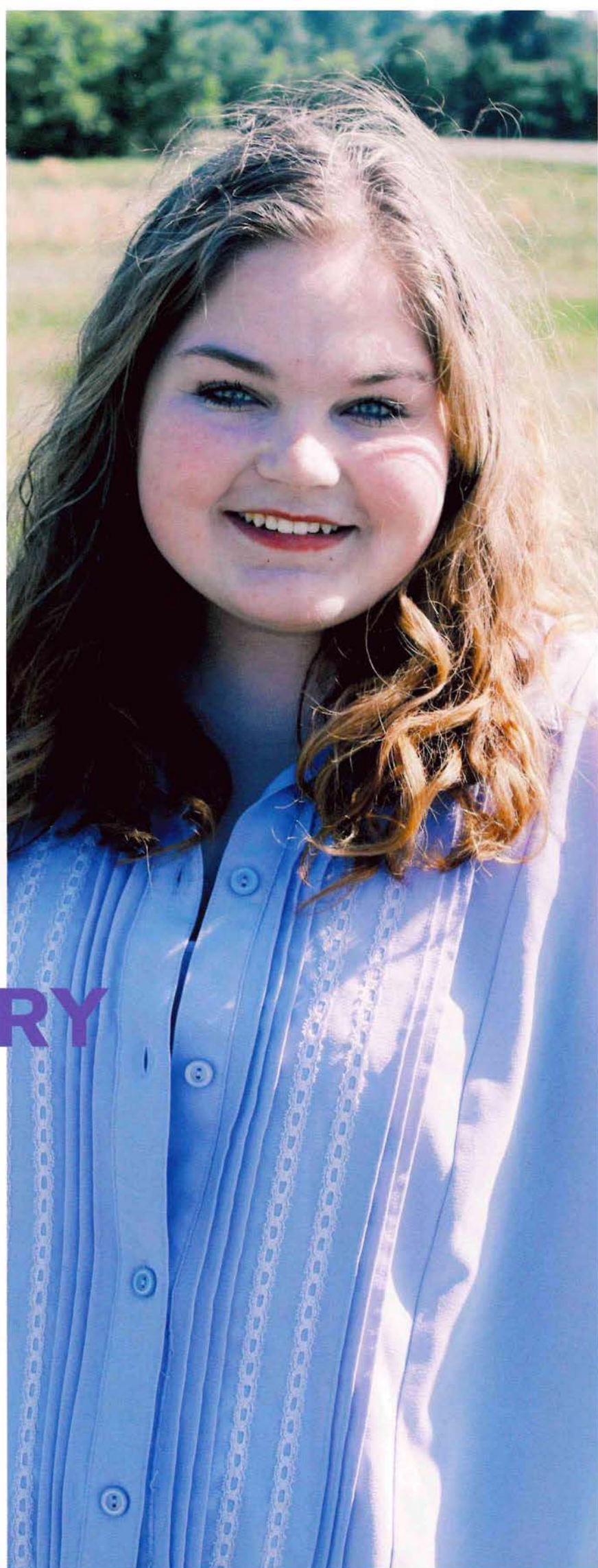
Wallace goes home on any weekend she can and recently got to bring a friend home to work with her, having both of her worlds come together for the first time.

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 Russell//Allen, TX  
 Anna Rousel//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."

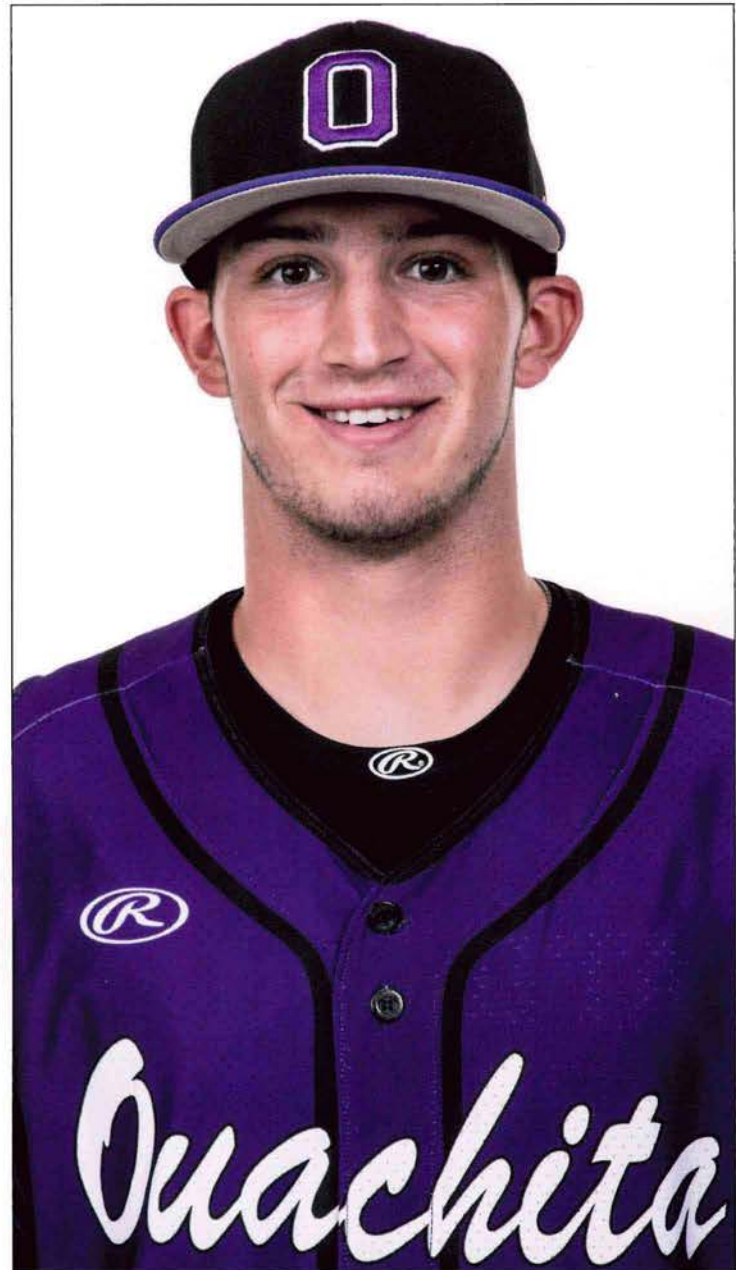
As much as McWhorter loves his grandfather and enjoyed administering his grandfather's funeral, he also wants to be a part of happier days.

"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 Sweeden//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//Mauwelle, 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.

## TYLER reibock

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  
 Chariece 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

**LUKE**  
hill



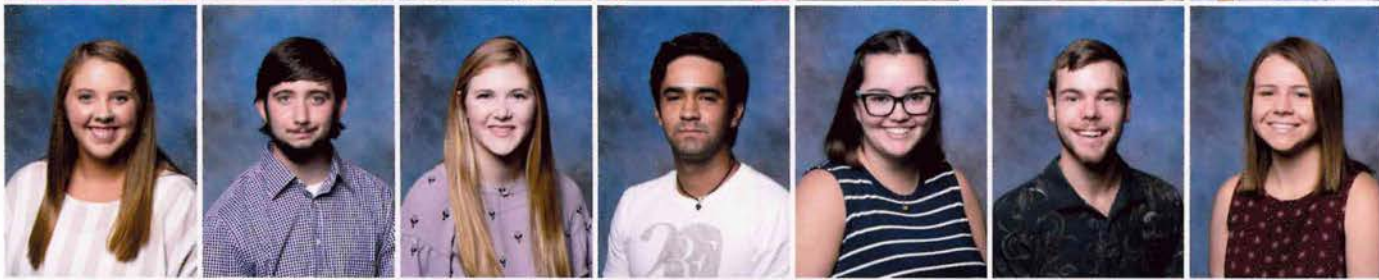




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 Holly Shipp //Arlington, TX  
 Abby Shourd//Conway, AR



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



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 Carlos Solorzana//Mexico  
 Danielle Sourber//Farmersville, TX  
 Stuart Sowerbutts//Hot Springs, AR  
 Hannah Spears//Imperial, MO



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 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."

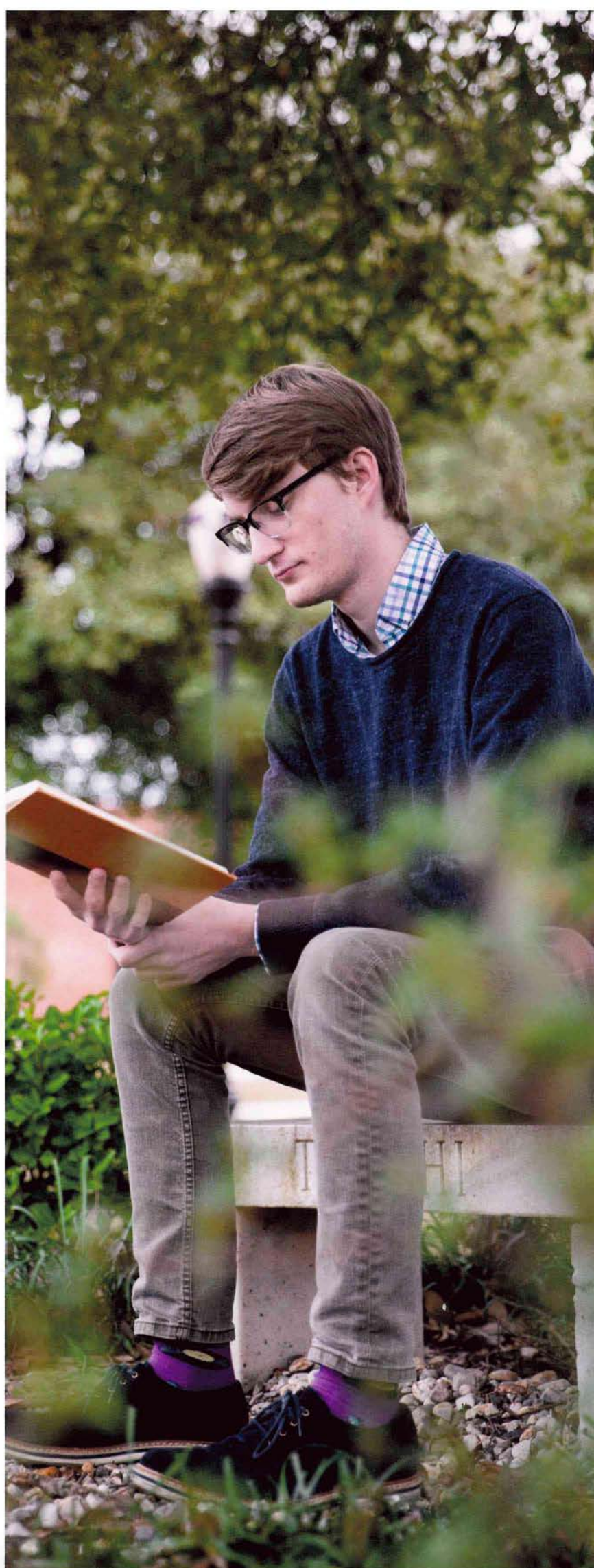
Having been in the hospital for four years Clements had developed a liking towards music. This encouraged him to become part of the social justice major.

"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.

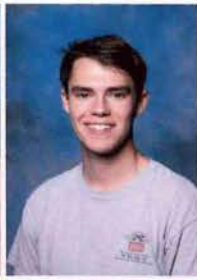
Today, Melissa is passionate about worship arts and plans on pursuing a career in worship ministry.

by Houstin Kirkpatrick

## MELISSA lee







Bethany Courtney//Little Rock, AR  
 Trevor Craig //Hot Springs, OK  
 Grayson Craig//Alexandria, LA  
 Anna Crane//Pearcy, AR  
 Katie Crouse//Allen, TX  
 Jammie Cush// exarkana, AR



Tiffany Dee//Pearcy, AR  
 Ethan Dial//Little Rock, AR  
 Samantha Dixon//Arkadelphia, AR  
 Isabel Dodds//Leslie, AR  
 Maggie Donnell//Rogers, AR  
 Logan Dooley/ Texarkana, TX



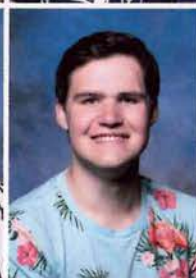
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 Tyler Duncan//El Dorado, AR  
 McKenzie Duncan//Rogers, AR  
 Allyson Edwards//Hawkins, TX  
 Savannah Edwards//Searcy, AR  
 Joy Estes//Benton, AR



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

## MATTIE motl

Ouachita Honors Program. 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  
 Channele 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



Holden Royals//Garland, TX  
 Cheyann Royals//Horatio, AR  
 Josh Salim//Dallas, TX  
 Landon Salman//Little Rock, AR  
 Brooke Sanderford//Stephenville, TX  
 Susanna Schleiff//Arkadelphia, AR



Brittney Schroeder//White Oak, TX  
 Claire Seale//Little Rock, AR  
 Keleigh Shands//Searcy, AR  
 Catie Shirley//Wylie, TX  
 Emily Siemens//Bentonville, AR  
 De'Ja Smiley//Little Rock, AR



Christie Snow//Tulsa, OK  
 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





Denis Sullins//Arkadelphia, AR  
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  
Ashlynn Turner//Burlleson, 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



# WHO'S WHO

## • 31 exceptional seniors

- a future Broadway star
- a future counselor
- a future author
- a future grad school student
- a future professor
- a future artist
- a future business owner
- a future CEO
- a future celebrity
- a future Senator
- a future fashion designer
- a future teacher
- a future editor
- a future accountant
- a future missionary
- a future **friend**



### CLAY MOBLEY

- 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 Phyllis 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



### CALEB BYRD

- 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 Aptegy



**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

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

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

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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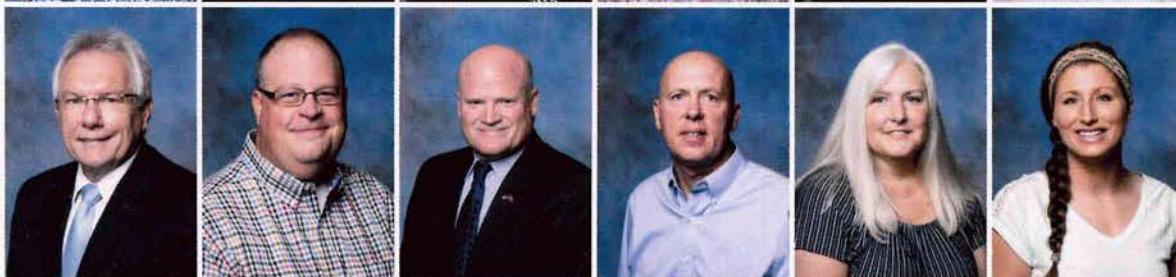
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Donnie Copeland had an unconventional upbringing. He grew up over 6,000 miles away from the United States in Ogbomosho, Nigeria. His parents taught at a local seminary and did mission work, such as traveling to remote villages to connect with local 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

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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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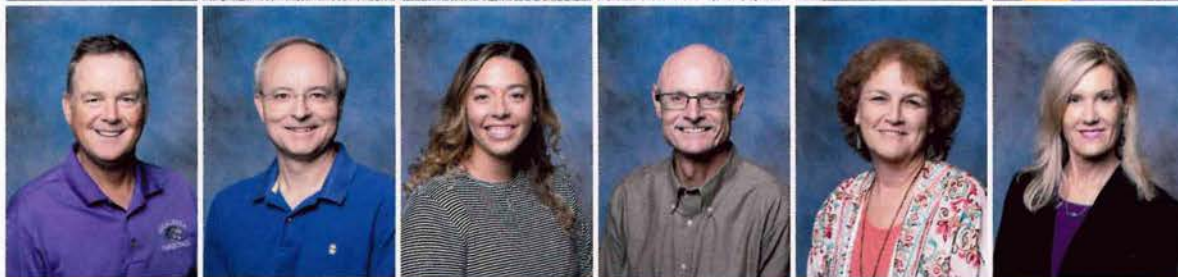
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Coming to Ouachita as a student many years ago, Bill Phelps never could have imagined being at Ouachita for 36 years. Studying history and planning to attend law school, programming and IT were far from Phelps' radar at the time. The trajectory of 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

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