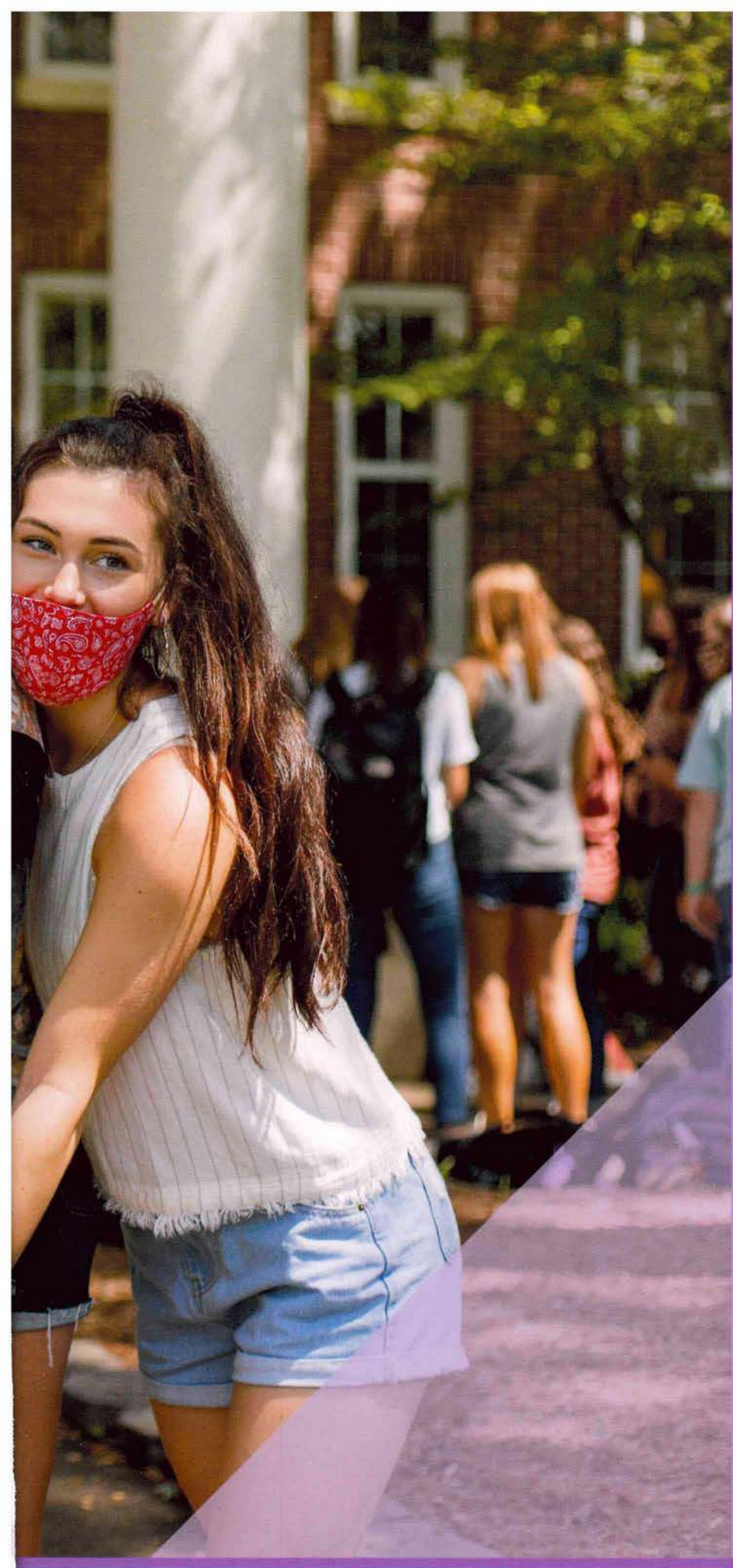




Ouachita women gather in front of Cone-Bottoms to take first day of school pictures. Amidst the pandemic, friendships still held strong.
Photo by Abby Blankenship



PEOPLE

It's the people that make Ouachita's world awe-inspiring. Tiger relationships cultivate healing, refuge, growth, relaxation, amusement and, in this hectic year, ***resilience.***

Many students spent quarantine with their eyes glued to the screen, but Sam Conine, a freshman business entrepreneurship major from Little Rock, was on the other side of the camera. Over the summer, Conine wrote, produced, directed and starred in *AEGIS*, the film of his dreams.

Conine's passion for creation began in his sixth grade Spanish class.

"I was able to take class and make it more exciting to me, which transformed into the ability to make a subjectively normal idea more fun and make people care about things that they normally wouldn't," Conine said.

From that point forward, Conine sought out opportunities to share his concepts with the world. For two years preceding his major film production, he made low budget short films shot on an iPhone. Though the pieces succeeded in film festivals, Conine desired more.

"I went to a film festival to pitch myself and projects to an audience of major art schools," Conine said. "They asked me of my motivation for film production to which I truthfully answered, 'I think it's fun and I like being around and inspiring people.'"

Conine walked out feeling confident only to have one of the 50 schools present call him back to inform him that film production was simply about making money, and he was foolish to have any other intention.

At that moment, Conine set out to prove his critics wrong.

Beginning in late June, he planned to have a completed film before the start of the fall semester. Though he did not know by what means, he says he trusted in God's provision.

"Literally the next day, I met the two guys who would be my cinematographers," Conine said. "We set up a Go-Fund-Me, and within 48 hours, we had raised \$600."

Motivated by both those who doubted him and the friends and family who rallied support for him, Conine wrote the *AEGIS* script in eight days. Though the pieces seemed to fall into place, Conine struggled with an internal conflict.

"The biggest conflict making the film was how it affected me internally. I had to constantly remind myself that my identity lies in Christ and not in the making of the movie," Conine said.

Nevertheless, Conine and his crew were able to finalize the movie the night before its premier on August 11—a mere two days before Ouachita's move in day. The event brought in 175 people dressed to the nines, accessorized with face masks – with many classmates arriving in their prom attire, which would have otherwise collected dust due to COVID-19 cancellations.

Conine later got a call informing him that he had hosted the largest student event throughout the churches of Little Rock.

"Seeing the final cut brought feelings of disbelief," Conine said. "Just seeing people rally around a concept and form a community was the most rewarding part of the production. I thought [to] do this in a way that shows the beauty of Christ's creation and gets people excited to be a part of something that's bigger than themselves."

Sophia Talley

Sam Conine

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As high school graduation grew near for Kirsten Swanson, a dietetics and nutrition major from Canyon Lake, Texas, she struggled to make a college decision. After realizing she was unsure of what she wanted to do career-wise, Swanson decided to take the year off and started her journey for what would become a seven-year gap period.

During her first year, Swanson decided to work and volunteer as the assistant coach for her high school's track team. As her year volunteering as a track coach came to an end, Swanson had the opportunity to enroll at School of the Deaf in Austin, Texas.

At School of the Deaf, Swanson learned and interpreted sign language, a language she had studied in high school.

Initially, she hoped to transfer the credits from her classes over to San Antonio Community College where she was to major in sign language. Due to unforeseen circumstances that year, Swanson decided to stay with her family and started working at Chick-fil-A for her third year.

While at Chick-fil-A, Swanson held a leadership position within the franchise getting to open a restaurant in Ohio. As her third season was ending, Swanson began asking the Lord for revelations about her future.

"My best friend at Chick-Fil-A challenged me to figure out what I wanted to do. I felt I was stuck in this rut of not knowing

what I wanted to do. I did not know if I should keep working or interpreting. He really challenged me to seek the Lord and ask for revelations of what he wanted me to do," Swanson said.

The Lord delivered, and in 2018, Swanson started volunteering at Timberline Lodge, a discipleship and Bible school in Fraser, Colo. At Timberline, Swanson volunteered as a RA and program assistant for the school. Having a heart for mentorship, she fell in love with her job and continued to volunteer with Timberline for two years.

In late 2019, Swanson felt the Lord prompting her to go back to school to major in dietetics and nutrition. While attending church in Colorado, Swanson learned about Ouachita from her pastor. After looking at several schools, she felt at peace and applied for admission. When reminiscing on her seven-year gap, Swanson was thankful for the seasons the Lord walked her through and the opportunities He provided.

When reflecting on the seven seasons Swanson said, "I've gotten to have a lot of neat experiences. Looking back, I'm very grateful for what I learned through taking a gap period."

Through it all, Swanson experienced the Lord's faithfulness and His perfect timing. Getting to experience different cultures and places and spend time with her family was an opportunity she is forever grateful for.

MacKenzie Hall

Kirsten Swanson



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For Rickey Rogers Jr., a freshman communications and psychology double major from Arkadelphia, Ouachita has always been home.

When Rogers was 10 years old, his family moved into O.C. Bailey Hall because of his father's new position as the Tigers' wide receiver coach and residence hall director.

"I've lived in O.C. for a lot of my life, I've eaten in the caf almost all of my life, and I've walked the halls for years; it's just like I'm home," Rogers said.

During his freshman year of high school, Rogers' father, Rickey Rogers Sr., became the Dean of Students, as a result his mom took over as the residence hall director. Over the next four years, Rogers continued to live on the Ouachita campus.

However, in March of 2020, Rogers' mother became the Senior Woman Administrator and Director of Athletic Compliance for the athletic department. Despite having to move out of O.C. Bailey due to his mother's new job, Rogers knew that he would soon be back on Ouachita's campus.

Moving just one floor above his childhood home for his first official year as a student at Ouachita, Rogers said, "Move-in day was like returning home from a vacation."

Although Rogers knew the Ouachita atmosphere and staff, he was excited about the perks that come with being a student.

"I've been so excited to be a part of the social scene," Rogers said. "I now know what it's like to go to WOW and

other social events. I [can't wait] to experience other events [in the future]."

In addition to getting involved socially, Rogers stayed busy with his classes and two sports teams: Tiger football and Tiger wrestling. Having pre-existing relationships with some of the upperclassmen and coaches, Rogers was excited to officially be a part of the teams. Despite his parents' connections to Ouachita, Rogers knew that he wanted to continue to live on the Ouachita campus, but this time as a student.

"The weirdest thing about being on campus this year was actually having to go to class. It's an adjustment, but so far so good," Rogers said.

To Rogers, being around the campus staff was like hanging out with old friends and family. Although he didn't live in his parents' house anymore, he always sees them all over campus.

"Overall, it's not too awkward for me to see my parents, because we have always shared a really close bond," Rogers said.

Despite being around the people he has always known, Rogers was excited to begin his new adventure as a Ouachita student.

"I look forward to getting to know Ouachita better as a student and not just a resident," Rogers reflects. "But in the end, there's no place like home."

Kathryn Totty

Rickey Rogers Jr.

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Julianna Parsons, a freshman business entrepreneurship major from Celina, Texas, is Madame Pastry.

Parsons has baked recreationally and professionally in her time as a baker and has drawn her inspiration from the sweeter things life has to offer.

"I was inspired by my rather infamous sweet tooth and many Instagram videos that involved baking cakes," Parsons said.

Parsons baked her first cake in July of 2016. She constantly experimented with her baking techniques and tried her hand at different types of cakes.

"I eventually got really good at [baking], and after two years of baking as just a hobby, people started noticing my baking skills," Parsons said.

Several onlookers became interested in buying Parson's cakes, so Parsons turned it into a small business. Parsons did not get overly serious about her business until 10 months after being recognized for her work. Parsons branded herself as Madame Pastry, and started a social media page for the business to push her marketing.

Parsons keeps all her documentations, bakes every cake sold, and makes deliveries if necessary. Parsons received a lot of support from local businesses in her town square and through that support she has been able to develop several connections in her hometown. Madame Pastry has produced a 90 percent profit margin in her short time.

Currently, Parsons runs the business at her home in Celina,

which comes with a few limitations to what this young baker can do, but has been able to learn a lot about the business world. Many people she sells desserts to are other business owners including event planners, lawyers, and restaurant owners, as well as a few political figures such as the President of the Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor of Celina.

Parsons feels very blessed that she has been able to own and operate her own baking business at such a young age.

Parsons also enrolled in the Greatest Baker Competition, a competition promoted by Stuffed Puffs Marshmallows. To enter the contest, Parsons filled out a questionnaire about favorite things she likes to bake and why she likes baking. Every week, Parsons posted on her social media profile about her baking. The winner received \$10,000, a feature in Bake from Scratch Magazine, and a year supply of Stuffed Puffs Marshmallows. Parsons entered the contest for a chance to win the prize money so she can attain seed money in order to open an official store front after she moves back home upon graduating from Ouachita.

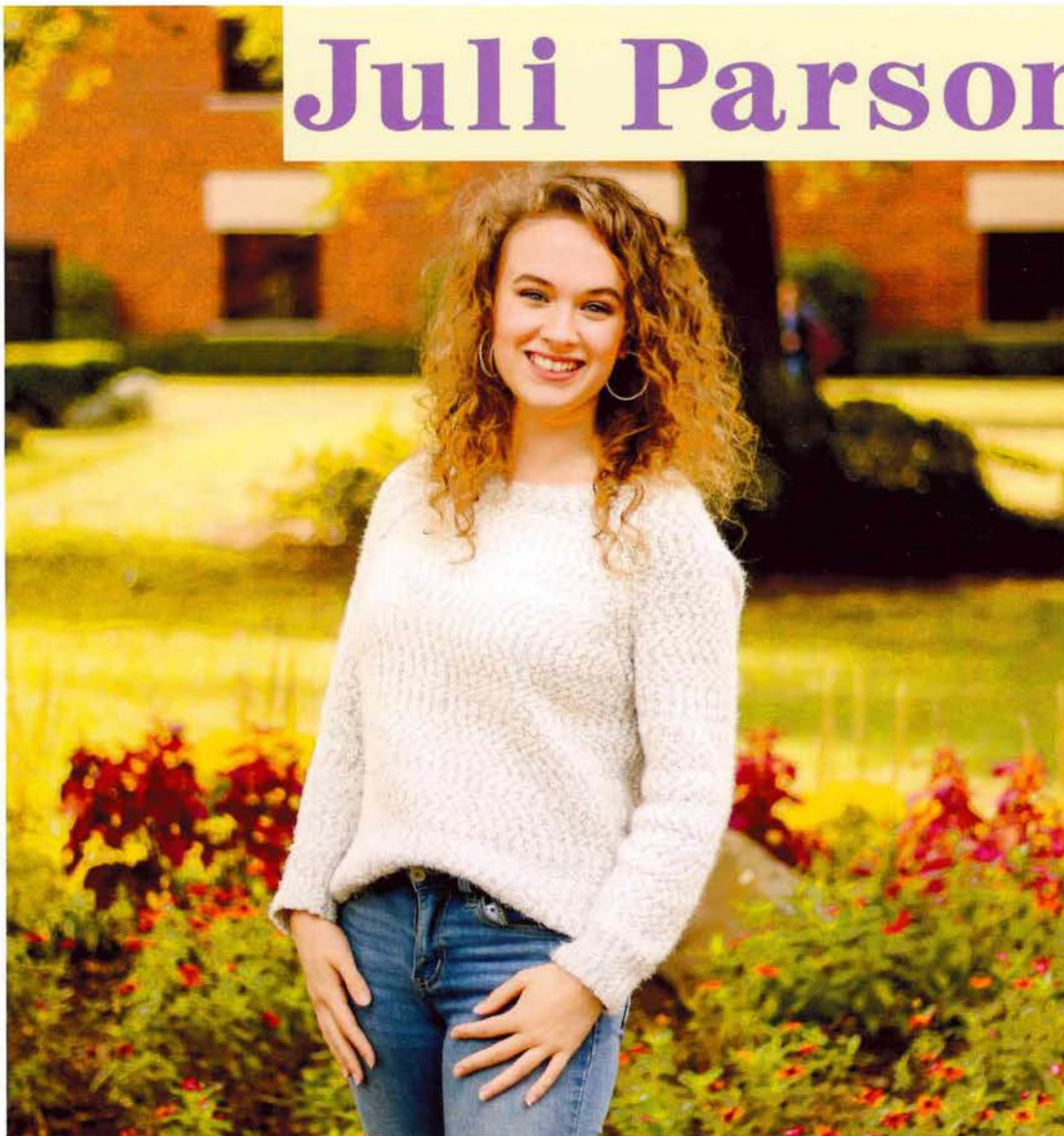
The competition is international, and Parsons admits that she may not win, but it will be nice to get her name publicized and show people that she is serious about her business.

Parsons hopes that she is an inspiration to girls her age or younger. Her advice is that you need to go out in the world and find out what you enjoy doing and once you find it, work hard at it and find a way to make a living off of it.

Parsons says, "If you love what you do, it's never going to feel like work."

Angela Webb

Juli Parsons



"If you love what you do, it's never going to feel like work."

One family's dream to help stimulate a country that they do not even live in has encouraged their daughter to lead a life in the same servant-hearted way.

Emily Watson's family owns Joyhouse Coffee Company, a premium Haitian coffee company dedicated to providing joy with every cup of coffee. Being a part of such a special exchange represents everything Watson loves.

"Working directly with people in Haiti is incredible. It still feels small to us as we would like to impact so much more, but we know every little bit helps," Watson said, a freshman nursing major from Springdale.

What started with a mission trip to Haiti for Watson's father, spurred into an international outreach relationship.

"The idea of Joyhouse Coffee was born [in Haiti]. My dad was sitting on the roof of JoyHouse Ministries when he felt compelled to do something to help," Watson said. "My dad immediately took the idea to my mom and together the dream of Joyhouse Coffee was on the road to becoming a reality."

The Watson family wanted to ensure the largest impact would be made on Haiti through their involvement. The coffee bean farms are located in Haiti which permits the company to employ locals and gives local Haitians the opportunity to roast, package, and ship the coffee straight to America. It's a process that allows Joyhouse to impact as many people as possible.

"My life was immediately changed when I first went to Haiti. It is very humbling going to a country where families are starving, people are rioting in the streets, and there's no

structured healthcare system," Watson said.

Watson volunteered with doctors at a pop-up clinic which provided simple medical help. She encountered many families who were struggling and was able to provide even just a small relief to them.

"It is so easy to become caught up in our society where everything is so accessible. We really are very fortunate and many people don't see that," Watson said. "My heart broke looking around seeing all of these broken and helpless people."

The country of Haiti had been in turmoil, even more so after the outbreak of COVID-19. Joyhouse worked with other non-profits in Haiti to provide job training to help Haitians know how to start small businesses and has provided medical care.

"This business has transformed the way I see the world; it represents compassion and opportunity. I've seen that when given the opportunity and encouragement, people will rise to the occasion and help others rise along with them," Watson said.

Having come from a long line of medical field workers, Watson chose to major in nursing so she could show the love of Christ through helping others. During a medical mission trip to Haiti, Watson saw firsthand the impact each nurse and doctor actually makes.

"My time in Haiti on that trip sealed the deal on being a nurse," Watson said. "From then on I knew that God's plan for me was to be a nurse so that I can show his love and compassion during the best, worst, happiest, and most sad times in people's lives."

Emily Barton

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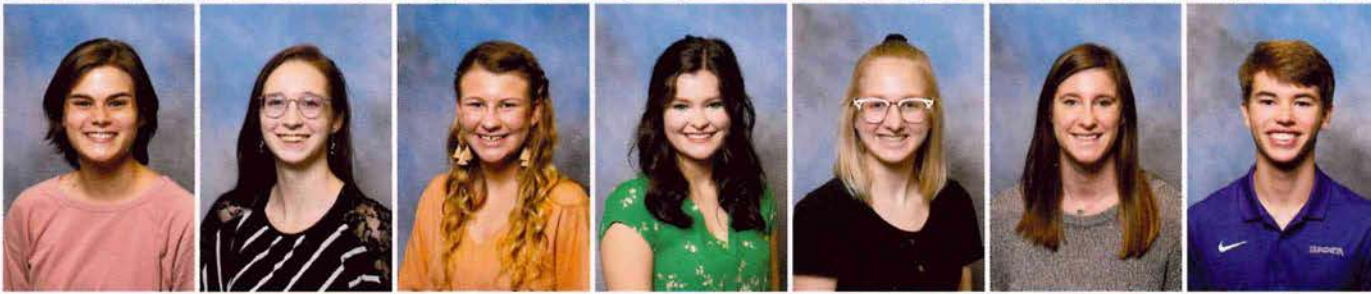
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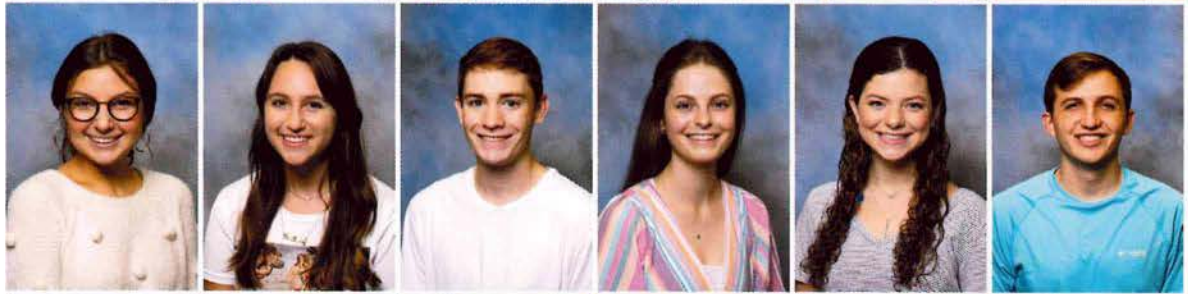
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The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic left many students with ruined plans during the summer of 2020. For sophomore music and chemistry major Abbi Sullins from Benton, that was not the case.

Sullins worked as a medical screener for the coronavirus at the Saline Memorial Hospital in her hometown of Benton. Sullins had a history at Saline Memorial as her mother Amy worked in the hospital for many years when Sullins was a child.

"I grew up in that hospital. I went from being the little girl playing in the waiting room, to the first line of defense for the coronavirus," Sullins said.

Sullins worked in the emergency department and was responsible for screening every person, patient, visitor or staff, who entered the hospital. This screening was a protective measure put in place to shield the hospital patients and staff from COVID-19.

"At the time, I was a little scared, the thought of possible exposure was very serious," Sullins said.

Although this idea of possible exposure was concerning, Sullins and the rest of the Saline Memorial staff did their jobs very well.

"I worked in the emergency department for three months during a global pandemic and never contracted the virus. This speaks volumes to the protections and precautions that were put in place," Sullins said.

Sullins was not the only one to experience the feelings of uncertainty and worry. In the early days of the pandemic there was a large fear shared by the general public surrounding the virus. Sullins had to quickly adjust her perspective from student, to essential hospital staff.

"The depth of the effect that the pandemic took on the staff, even into their personal lives, was intense. They put a lot on the line to protect our community," she said.

Those few months working in the hospital altered the course of Sullins' life and prompted her to change her major to chemistry and music prior to her return to Ouachita's campus.

Before the outbreak of the virus, Sullins was a music education major with plans to teach high school choir.

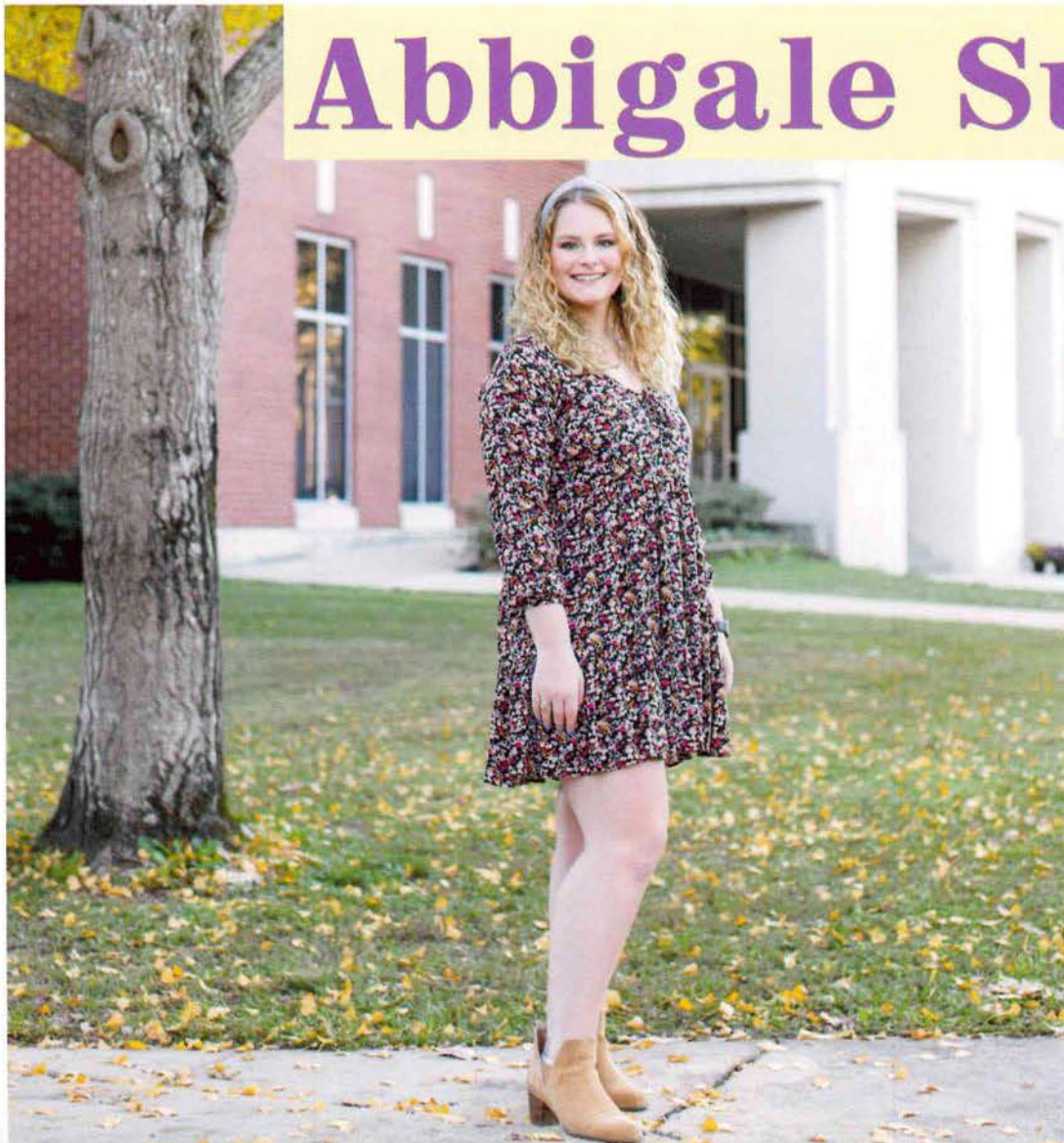
"I realized that although I had a passion for teaching, working in the hospital around patient care showed me a passion that I had for medicine," Sullins said.

The coronavirus completely changed the United States in a matter of months. Sullins turned a situation that many would see as only negative and made the best out of it.

"As much as COVID-19 uprooted everyone's lives, had it never happened, I would have never realized my passion for patient care. I am grateful for the opportunity that the coronavirus created for me," Sullins said.

Caroline Johnson

Abbigale Sullins



"I went from being the little girl playing in the waiting room, to the first line of defense for the coronavirus."

In the summer of 2020, the United States was a breeding center for historic riots and the battle grounds for a pandemic. While most citizens watched these historic happenings on the news, Caroline Johnson, a sophomore political science major from Springdale, interned in Washington, D.C., aiding the nation's leaders in a time of crisis.

Johnson began her internship application process in September of 2019, her freshman year, and received confirmation on two opportunities toward the end of the first semester in December. It took lots of planning to ensure her internships started and ended in time for the next. While in the nation's capital, Johnson worked alongside Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson as well as Arkansas Representative Steve Womack.

Johnson was certainly one of the youngest interns in D.C. in 2020, but it did not deter her from making an impact.

"I was the only freshman I met the entire time I was there. I had to remind myself every day that God wouldn't have put me in the place I was in if I wasn't ready," Johnson said.

Though there was not much preparation work required for the internship, Johnson recalled that her public speaking class with Dr. Rebecca Jones gave her the tools to gather thoughts, converse with people calmly, and portray ideas clearly, which came in handy when dealing with constituents.

Johnson reflected that "those mean girls in high school" prepared her for the constituents she had to deal with.

Due to the pandemic, the capitol building was closed to visitors, which meant that interns would no longer give tours like year's past, however it opened up opportunities for legislative research and dealings with constituents. During the summer of 2020, there would usually be multiple banquets and receptions, however they were all canceled due to COVID-19.

Unfortunately for Johnson, friendships and connections became more difficult to spark.

"I shared a room the size of those in Frances Crawford with a girl that I hadn't met until the day we arrived. She was from Arizona and she was Mormon, which was very different from what I have ever experienced. It was a really cool opportunity that really challenged my faith," Johnson said.

As an aspiring criminal prosecutor, Johnson claims her experience in Washington, D.C. was eye opening in many ways.

"I wanted to be in the middle of everything that was happening. I got to see a lot of things and be in the room with people who were coming up with the solutions. Overall, it was such a good experience just because you come back to school with a completely different perspective on the field that I want to go into, and what I need to prepare myself for," Johnson said.

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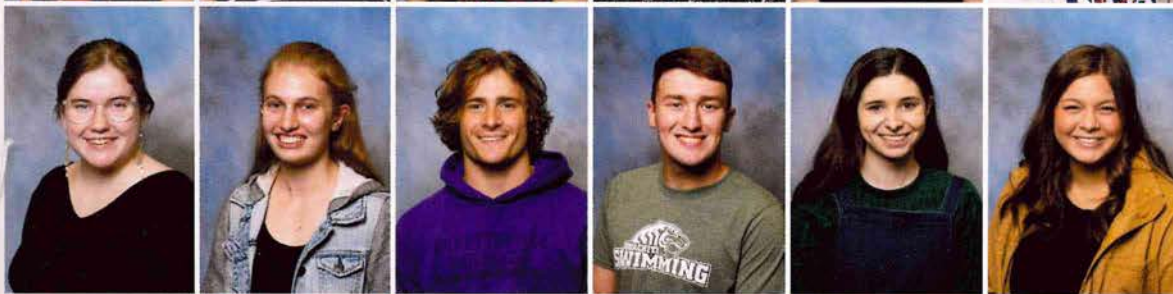
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While on a mission to answer his questions about Christianity, Levi Dade, a sophomore Christian Studies and Spanish double major from Senatobia, Miss., started his podcast, *Defending Christianity*. Through his podcast, Dade's goal was to answer common questions regarding the Christian faith.

After starting classes at Ouachita in the fall of 2019, Dade discovered there were many arguments to be made against the Christian faith.

"I began just thinking to myself, and I realized I didn't have an answer to any of these questions. It shook my faith in the sense that I knew I wasn't grounded in my faith, and I didn't know why I believed what I believed," Dade said.

Motivated to find out more about the truth behind his faith, Dade used his free time in quarantine to grow his knowledge of Christianity. After diving into the world of apologetics, Dade spent hours researching, studying, and listening to different sources such as podcasts.

"I liked to listen to podcasts about Christianity, so I said, 'I'll just make a podcast.'"

Dade continued, "Once I found a free podcast plan, I decided to release an introductory episode where I described my intentions in starting my podcast. When thinking about my goal with the podcast, I knew I wanted to defend Christianity

and give others a way to defend Christianity, so that was how *Defending Christianity* got its name."

After releasing a 12-minute introductory episode, Dade made a list of episode ideas that included a look at Jesus through the gospels and common objections to the Christian faith.

His research would ultimately lead him to conduct interviews with several Biblical scholars such as Darrel Bock, Kristian Padilla, and Dr. Michael Brown.

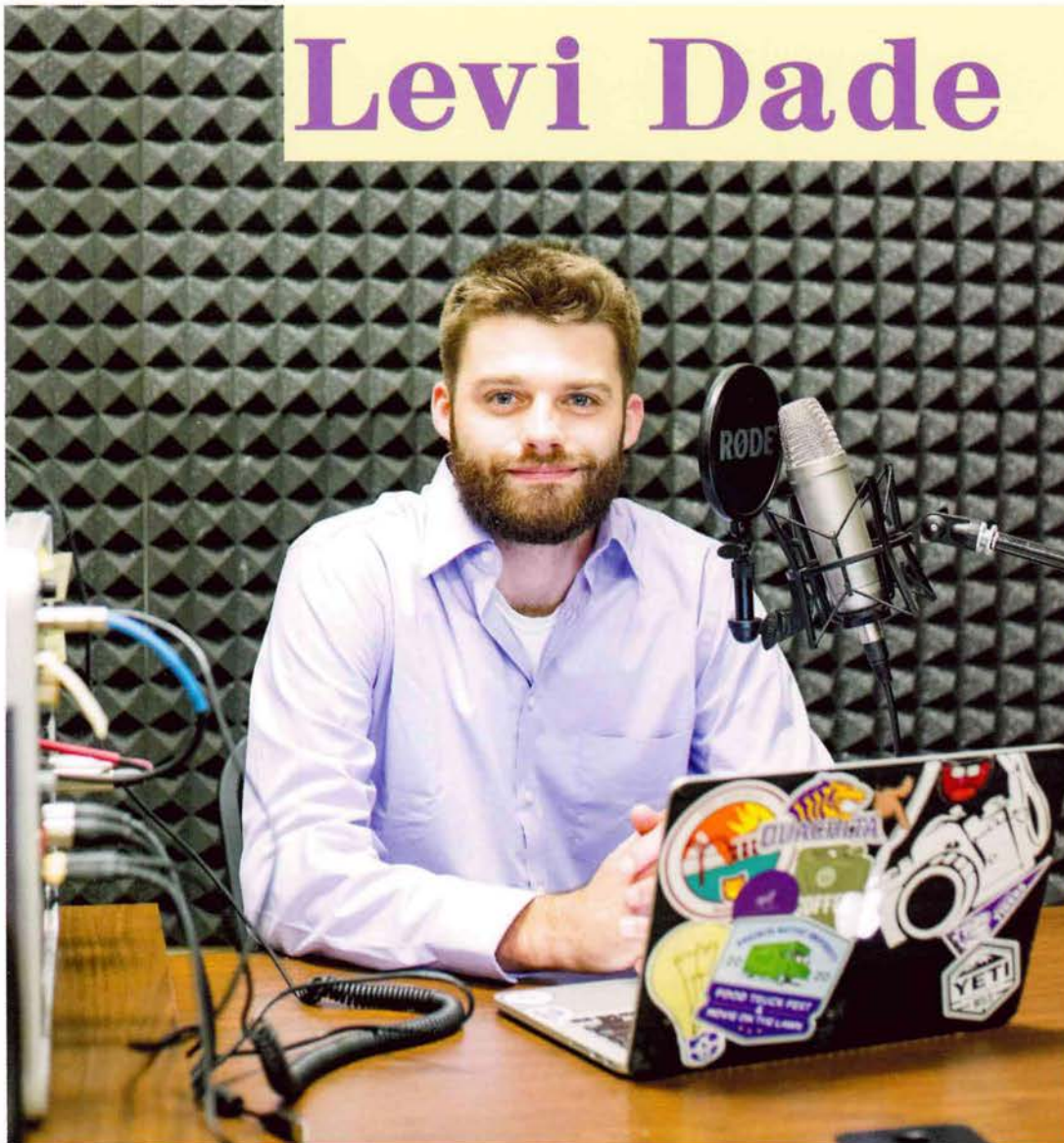
"When choosing who to reach out to for an interview, I tend to ask two questions. First, have they done specific studies on the topic, and secondly, are they a credible source? I think that if the answers to those questions are yes, then people are more likely to see the podcast as a credible source of information."

With excitement for what was to come, Dade was always planning his next episode. To Dade, his goal for *Defending Christianity* was two-fold. He wanted Christians to be tolerant and understanding to the people who don't know Christ, and for non-believers to see and know the truth.

"If God uses my podcast to reach fellow believers and non-believers, then I will be very grateful, but I am not focused on it growing big. If one soul comes to know Jesus, then I know it was all worth it," Dade said.

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Saboot Esho, an international student from Erbil, Iraq, made a 6,841-mile trip to small-town Arkadelphia to attend college at Ouachita Baptist University at the mere age of 17.

Before moving to America, Esho had only seen Ouachita's campus through a computer screen. From her first steps on campus, Esho immediately felt welcomed and seemed at home.

When reflecting on her first few moments on campus, Esho, a sophomore graphic design and psychology double major said, "I thought Ouachita was beautiful. The people working with the international students, the Grant Center, the office for the internationals, are great. They adopt us as their babies. They were very welcoming, and they explained a lot. The students here were also very welcoming. WOW week, I remember, was so easy to plug into things, I did not feel like an outsider. The Ouachita community just kind of enveloped me."

Although, from the surface, it may seem the United States would have been a culture shock for Esho, she always felt familiar with American culture as she attended an American high school in Iraq and spent summers in Michigan visiting family.

"All throughout my life I was prepared to come to America," Esho said. "I exposed myself to American culture, read young adult fiction like 'Divergent', 'Twilight', 'Harry Potter'; all the normal books American kids read. I watched 'Victorious' and 'iCarly'; I knew what I was signing up for. I knew what to expect."

Despite the ocean separating Arkansas and Iraq, Esho said southern culture is very similar to Iraqi culture. Iraqi's

emphasize hospitality, food, and family. Esho has fond memories growing up of families gathering outside to eat and be in community with each other.

"Middle easterners love to stay up late," Esho said. "At midnight second dinner would start. Because it was a Christian part of town, it was very safe. Everyone knew each other so you would see families pull out their barbecue and they would bring out salads and food. This was starting at midnight and we would just continue with bike rides around the neighborhood."

Esho hoped Americans would learn from Iraqi culture. In a fast-paced society, she wished Americans would slow down.

"I've noticed here, in America, time is looked at differently than back at home," Esho said. "When I came here, I felt like I was running 24/7, I needed a planner. I was thinking 'What is a planner?' Every minute was important, every hour counted. Everyone here is running and rushing and doing their thing. Everyone is super busy. I felt like I was not enjoying it and I would have to force myself to take a break and enjoy. Back at home it was all very leisurely slow, and I enjoyed that. I wish people here would cherish that."

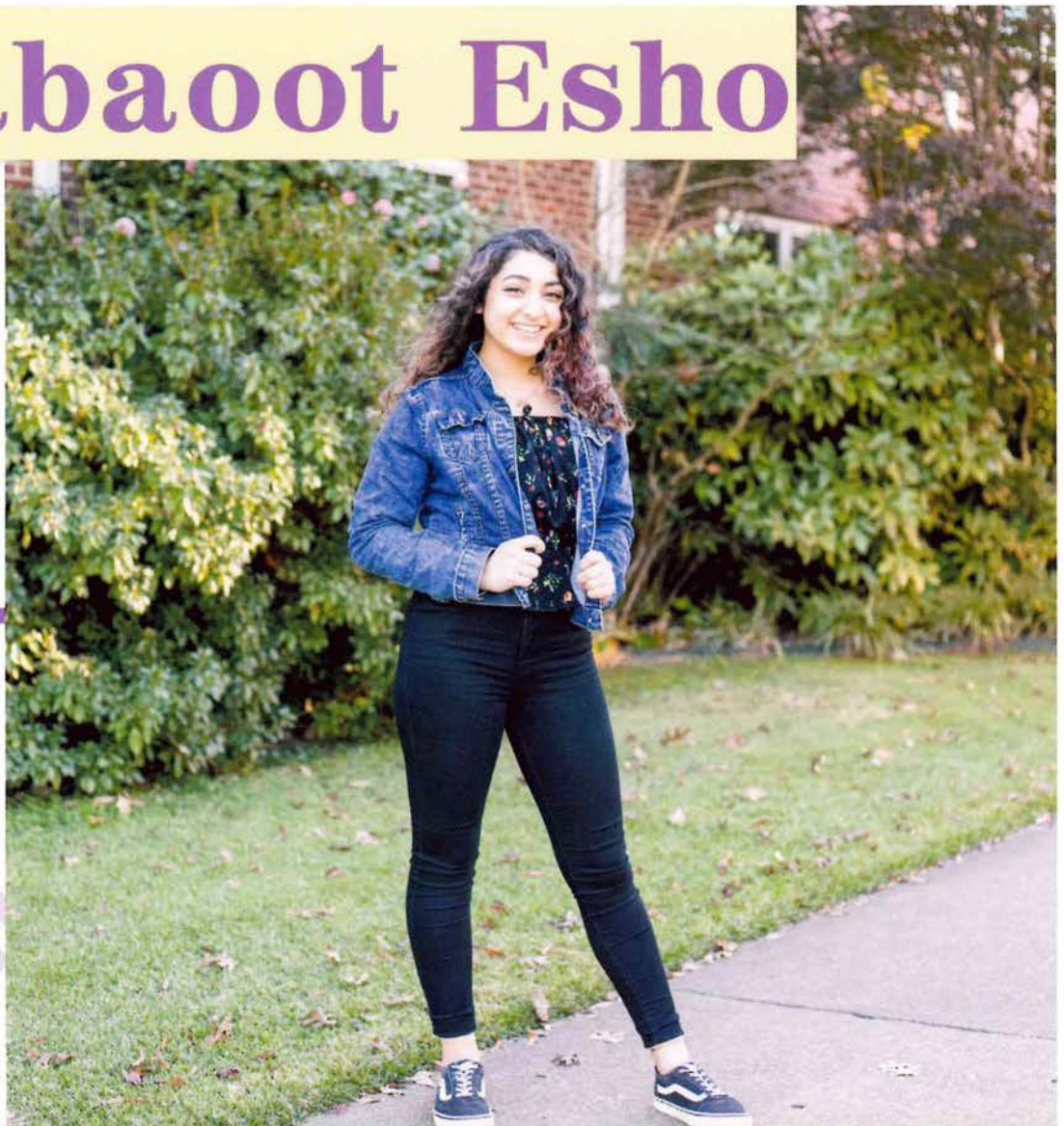
Later on in life, Esho plans to return to Iraq to offer mental health services through art therapy. In a war battered country, she sees the importance of mental health.

"Mental health isn't really a [point of emphasis] back home," Esho said. "It's kind of looked down upon. We need mental therapy right now. Yes, medical needs are important, but they have been traumatized and no one is helping them, and they don't know how to deal with it. I want to go back and help my people."

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Wade Wilson, a Christian Studies major from Springdale, was one of only two sophomores to be selected as a Tiger Tunes Rewind host. Prior to being selected, Wilson loved to sing and play guitar but did not have an outlet to do so. After seeing that sign-ups had opened for Tunes host, several friends encouraged him to take a chance. He decided to try out.

"If I didn't make it, that was OK, and if I did make it, I got to be in Tiger Tunes," Wilson said.

Wilson's first taste of Ouachita was attending Tiger Tunes with his family because his parents are Ouachita alumni. He looks forward to Tunes every year. Tunes was also the first thing Wilson participated in on campus his freshman year, and it was where he met many of his close friends. For Wilson, Tunes is one of the first events that comes to mind when thinking of Ouachita.

"I really think it's cool how Tunes is about students helping students and raising scholarships," Wilson said. "I think that's just such a unique thing that a lot of colleges don't have ... all of the effort put into having students on campus who otherwise couldn't be here."

While being a Tiger Tunes host is a unique experience any year, this past year was especially different due to the challenges that COVID-19 presented. Despite the differences from years past, the campus rallied around the event and sought to make the most out of the odd situation. After making the switch to Tunes Rewind, the hosts and hostesses' performance was moved to a completely virtual platform, using new recording and video techniques. While this was an adjustment, the online transition was not the most surprising

part for Wilson.

"I didn't expect to have as much fun as I did," Wilson explained. "At first I thought about how I was about to spend half a semester singing the same songs over and over again, but honestly I looked forward to practice every night and got really excited about the show."

When filming their sets, each one was shot multiple times from different angles, some songs being performed about 10 times. The hosts and hostesses were able to invite a couple of friends to come watch the recording process, which Wilson felt helped when they were able to hype them up and add energy to the atmosphere.

"It was a different feeling of nervousness because there was a camera and you knew there were thousands of people about to watch it, but they weren't there in the moment," Wilson said. "When I perform I like to watch the audience and see how they react."

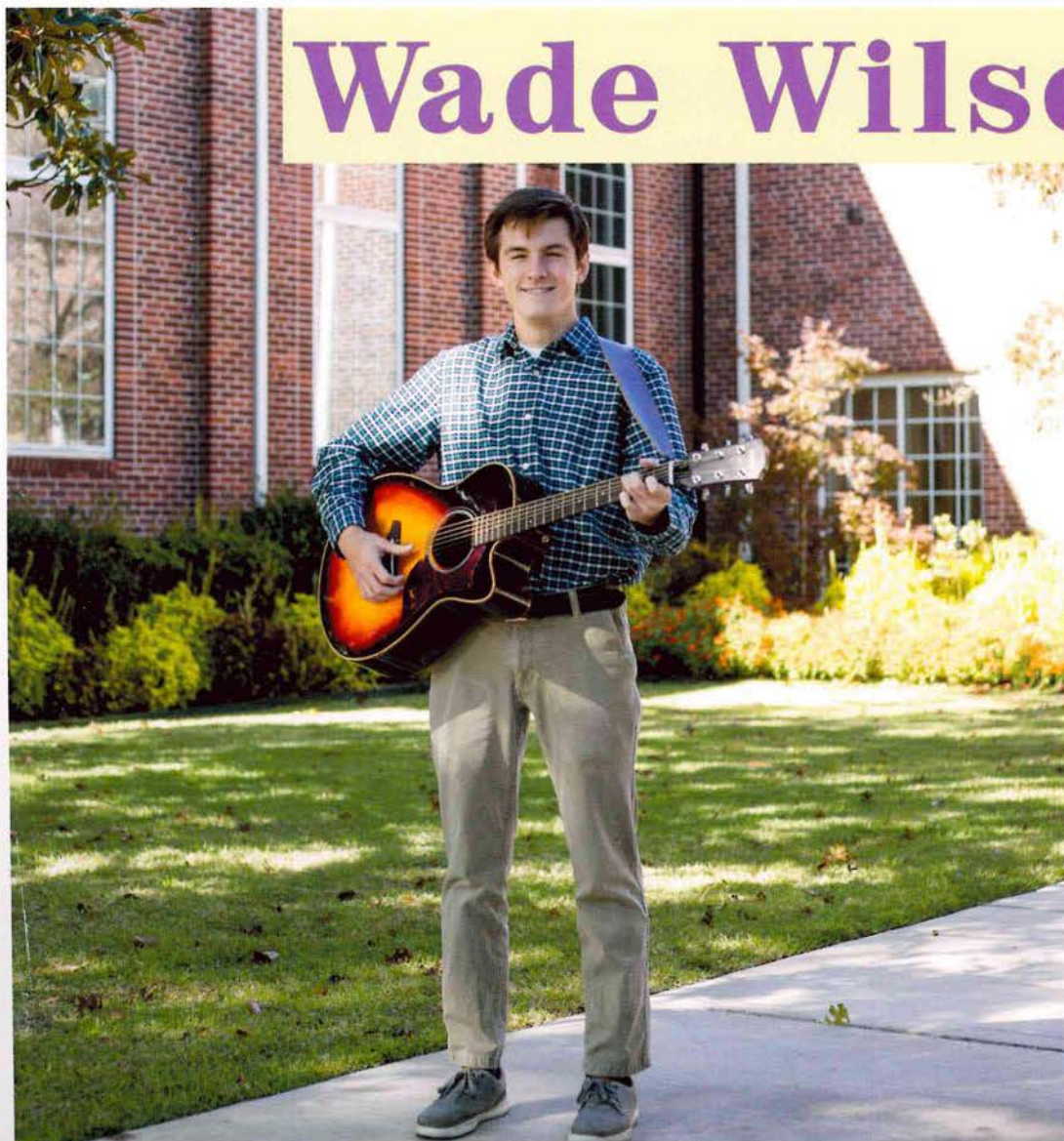
Looking back on his experience as a host for Tunes Rewind, Wilson expressed how grateful he was that the school's first priority was the students' health and safety. Along with this, he appreciated being on a campus that wanted the student body to have fun and still have a campus life despite the restrictions Ouachita was facing.

While his Tunes Rewind experience was a different one, it was still meaningful and one he would look back on for years to come.

"Doing Tiger Tunes and everything along with it has made me really grateful for the school that I'm at, and that God placed me here," Wilson said.

Anna Roussel

Wade Wilson



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TikTok took the world by storm in 2020 as a social media app that allows users to create and share fun videos. Each video can consist of dancing, comedy, or anything in between.

Hunter Swoboda, a junior political science and business double major from Bentonville, did not hesitate to jump on the TikTok bandwagon.

When he first downloaded the app, Swoboda said, "It was just for fun. I wasn't expecting to get a lot of followers or attention."

Despite the disbelief, his account took off. Less than two months after Swoboda started making videos, he struck stardom.

Swoboda said, "It all happened overnight. I went to sleep, and when I woke up, I had 10,000 followers."

Swoboda's new fan group clicked the follow button after an argument originated over Swoboda's shirt in one of his earlier videos. During the video Swoboda was wearing a purple Ouachita Tigers shirt; the audience was clearly drawn to the content, but his odd shirt with an odd word like "Ouachita" sure helped his cause. That video alone received over 665,000 views.

The intrigue did not stop there. Soon after that video, Swoboda found his niche. More fitting, his fans found his niche for him.

Swoboda said, "My followers told me I look like Chandler Bing from 'Friends.' I had never been told that in my life, but so many people on TikTok have commented and told me that I look just like him."

While most of Swoboda's TikToks are Swoboda impersonating Bing, one of "Friends" heartthrobs, he has also used his platform to make the social media app a mission field.

He said, "I don't want to stuff Christ down someone's throat, but it's a big part of what I do."

Swoboda continued, "I've gotten a really positive response. I use my own personal convictions, mostly about relationships and physical boundaries, to make videos."

On an app that's certainly not G-rated, Swoboda's Christ-centered videos have made his content stand out.

Swoboda aims to go against the grain and says, "My sisters hold me accountable; they keep me in line." Swoboda's three teenage sisters Bessie, Lilly, and Maggie watch each video the Bing lookalike shares.

What started as a fun pastime for Swoboda has certainly turned into something that means just a little bit more.

"I'm broken and I'm a sinner, but God has allowed me to use TikTok as a way to reach people," Swoboda concluded.

Caroline Johnson

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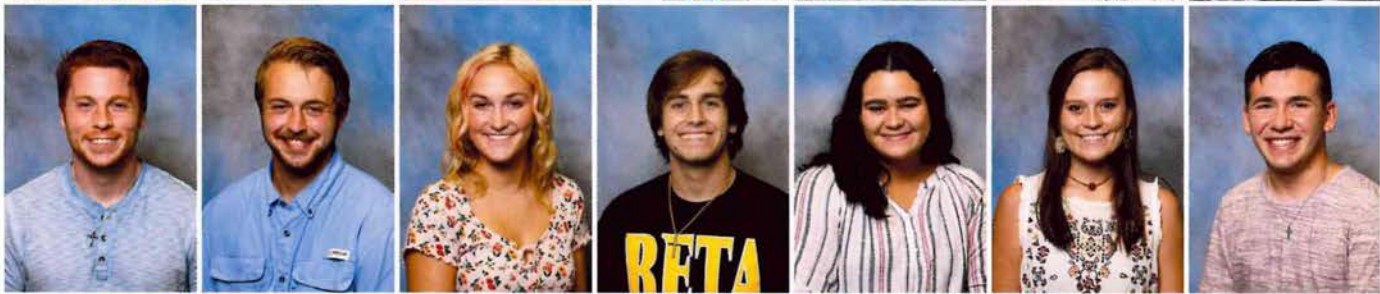
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One of the most common questions Ouachita students were asked was, "How did you end up at Ouachita?"

Every story is unique. Some have family roots that run deep; others chose Ouachita because it "felt like home."

Regardless of the reason, there was a point in each student's life that made the decision to further their education at Ouachita Baptist University.

For Kiyia Floyd, a junior business major from Jacksonville, her decision to transfer to Ouachita came as a result of smaller moments that stuck with her over time.

After attending her first semester of college at Arkansas State University- Beebe, Floyd decided to transfer. One weekend she went to support a friend who played in the band at Henderson State University. Henderson, at that point, had been one of her top choices to continue her academic endeavors. While going to visit, they decided to go across the ravine to see what the "school across the street" was all about.

"I was familiar with Ouachita. I had planned on applying to Ouachita because they were the only school that was continuously sending me stuff during the time I was choosing my school."

While Floyd was visiting with a friend, she was beginning to narrow down her options even more.

"After we left that weekend, I decided to apply to

Henderson. I had a tour with Henderson set up along with constant communication with the admissions office over there. We were very excited about what they had to offer," said Floyd.

Ultimately, Floyd made the decision to attend Ouachita.

"I do not know what one thing made me decide to come here," Floyd said. "I ended up choosing Ouachita, despite everything. It definitely was the better choice."

Since transferring, Floyd became very involved with MORE, Multicultural Organization Reaching Equality.

"When I first got here it was the first organization that I met most of my friends in," Floyd said.

She mentioned that her love for the organization was established at the very beginning of her time at Ouachita.

"My roommate was a part of the organization and coming in at the spring semester I didn't get a ton of offers to join different clubs like they do in the fall. Also, MORE is a club mainly consisting of African American students, which is a community I can relate with the most."

How students ended up at Ouachita was always a unique journey. For Kiyia Floyd, her journey to Ouachita was founded on the consistent outreach and encouragement that Ouachita displayed in an effort to encourage Floyd that she was meant to be a Tiger.

Mallory Wallace

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While most people were stuck in quarantine for the summer, a few students opted to spend their time in the last frontier. Juniors Greg Bryant, James Renshaw, Ben Blocker, and Sean McKinney spent nearly two months on salmon boats in Alaska.

Just when they thought they would be having an uneventful time off, their plans changed within a matter of days.

"It was all thrown together pretty quickly," explained Bryant, a junior finance major from Springdale. "A lot of it had to do with the virus. As soon as we got the call saying we had the job on a Saturday, they asked if we could be in Alaska by Monday."

As the rest of the country debated mask mandates and saw case numbers rise, life on the boats remained normal for the crew; as normal as life on the water could be for four guys from Arkansas. After a two-week quarantine period, boats could fly a yellow flag signaling that their crew was COVID-free.

The voyagers quickly learned that life on the sea was much different than life on the mainland.

"It was very much a culture shock coming back," said Blocker, a junior physics major from Little Rock. "Everyone was wearing masks, some places were closed, and there were all these specific rules of what you're supposed to do. When we were up there, we had no service and didn't hear about anything what was happening; it was a complete 180 twist."

The boats the four journeymen were on, were not fishing boats. They were tasked with weighing newly caught salmon,

taking their temperatures, and supplying fuel and groceries for the fishing boats. Blocker described their job as being the "glorified middlemen."

The hardest part of the job, for all of them, was the unpredictability. While Bryant, Blocker, and McKinney stayed on the same boat the entire summer, Renshaw was moved almost every week.

"I never unpacked the whole summer; I usually got a max of 10 minutes notice when I was about to leave," Renshaw, a junior business major from Little Rock, said. "There was one time when I was woken up in the middle of the night to someone telling me the boat was there, and I didn't even know I was supposed to leave."

Even though the hours were long, and the work was monotonous, the young sailors still found a way to have fun and build good relationships with each other and the crew. Random supplies around the boat were used to do curls and other workouts, and they even had a pull-up competition spanning most of the summer. At one point, Bryant and McKinney attached a swing to a crane that was 25-feet in the air, but it did not last long after their superiors discovered the shenanigans.

"There was a lot of free time, so we got to spend a lot of time together and have some good talks," said McKinney, a junior nutrition and dietetics major from Little Rock. "We watched a lot of movies and played a lot of card games, but the food was honestly the best part."

Anna Rousel

Ben Blocker, Greg Bryant, Sean McKinney & James Renshaw

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James Renshaw // North Little Rock, Ark.
 Abigail Roberts // Shreveport, La.
 Hannah Russell // Allen, Texas
 Anna Roussel // Searcy, Ark.
 Cora Saddler // Cabot, Ark.
 Karlee Sanders // Caraway, Ark.
 Jonathan Sandy // El Dorado, Ark.



Rachel Sansano // San Antonio, Texas
 Taylor Savage // Arkadelphia, Ark.
 Luke Schmidt // Little Rock, Ark.
 Todd Schmidt // Little Rock, Ark.
 Eli Schroeder // Fayetteville, Ark.
 Lucie Shepherd // Rowlett, Texas
 Harrison Shuffield // Arkadelphia, Ark.

Lauren Sims // Hot Springs, Ark.
 Haddon Smead // Glenwood, Ark.
 Peyton Smith // Maumelle, Ark.
 Zane Smith // Texarkana, Texas
 Timothy Spiva // Malvern, Ark.
 Mackenzie Stewart // Hurst, Texas



Katelyn Still // Benton, Ark.
 Jacob Street // El Dorado, Ark.
 Hunter Swoboda // Bentonville, Ark.
 Allie Tarnowsky // Mabelvale, Ark.
 Emily Tarr // Fort Worth, Texas
 Kaleigh Thomas // Benton, Ark.



Jacob Thomas // Bogata, Texas
 Ryane Thurman // Austin, Ark.
 Taryn Toles // Little Rock, Ark.
 Libby Tomlin // Fort Worth, Texas
 Tom Tran // Little Rock, Ark.
 Jessalyn Vander Stucken // Cuero, Texas



Kate Vernon // El Dorado, Ark.
 Mitchell Waite // Van Buren, Ark.
 Mallory Wallace // Longview, Texas
 Hannah Webber // Longview, Texas
 Carlee West // Benton, Ark.
 Anna Weyenberg // Mckinney, Texas



Addison White // Greenbrier, Ark.
 Kayla Whittington // North Little Rock, Ark.
 Athen Wilkerson // Little Rock, Ark.
 Erin Williams // Richardson, Texas
 Madison Williamson // Magnolia, Ark.
 Erica Wilmath // Hot Springs, Ark.



Jael Winterholter // Fort Wayne, Ind.
 Isabella Wood // Paragould, Ark.
 Bobbi Wooten // Arkadelphia, Ark.
 Ryan York // Plano, Texas
 Kiki Youmans // Arkadelphia, Ark.
 Sam Youmans // Arkadelphia, Ark.



Parker Zucha // Sachse, Texas
 Franco Zuniga // Hot Springs, Ark.



With the unknowns that carried into the summer, junior political science and psychology major Allyson Oliver from Conway wondered if the internship she had in place would carry through.

She had the privilege to intern in the public affairs office of Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge.

Fortunately, Oliver's experience was only delayed a month due to the pandemic and was virtual only a portion of the time.

"We helped stuff envelopes with newsletters, helped type up letters of congratulations for people who did important things, and we helped encode voice mails," Oliver said. "They deal with anything constituency related but also do outreach. All the events had to be virtual, so I helped put on an elders abuse event and some veteran consumer protection events."

Not only did the pandemic affect the gathering of people when it came to the work of the attorney general's office, but it also affected their daily work. Oliver received many usual phone calls dealing with rent and landlord situations, but the number of phone calls increased tremendously when it came to the pandemic. The office averaged about 500 calls

a week before COVID-19 then increased to an average of 2,000 calls a week. "The [first] stimulus check was around that time, so people were confused about that," Oliver said. "People couldn't pay rent because they were laid off from the pandemic, so they were wondering what their rights were if they had to pay rent. A lot of what they do is consumer protection," Oliver continued.

"Because of COVID-19, more people were being taken advantage of, so price gouging was a huge thing. At the beginning of the pandemic, there were companies marking up toilet paper eight times what they could. They had to take legal action against these people who were price gouging."

Oliver desired to go into law, but she still enjoyed her experience within the public affairs department. She was grateful for the connections she was able to make.

"I enjoyed learning more about what the attorney general does because she really wears a lot of hats," Oliver said. "Rutledge's official title is the legal counsel for the state of Arkansas. She had a whole team of attorneys and lawyers who do a lot of legal stuff. I was shocked about how much the attorney general does that people don't realize, and I learned that a lot of people need help."

Gracen Goudy



Allyson Oliver

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Being in love with the music industry gave Dawson Bray, senior music industry major from Little Rock, the drive to succeed as a musician. Bray decided to spend his pandemic summer in Nashville, Tenn., as an intern at the music label SSM Nashville on Music Row.

Bray felt that living in Nashville was a unique opportunity because of how different everyone is. Living in Music City during a pandemic was challenging at times considering Bray was unable to experience the city in its entirety, but he claims he had the time of his life.

Bray has spent several years gaining experience in the music industry by learning in the classroom and producing music for streaming platforms. Bray's ambition has shaped him into the musician he is today.

"This was a really fun and great opportunity to dip my foot in the music industry and to finally work with other people that have experience and connections," Bray said.

Bray says that working in Nashville was an experience that he will never forget. He believes it was an opportunity that will allow him to advance in his career after graduating from Ouachita.

"It was really good to see how everything worked behind the scenes with the music label and artist relationship," Bray said. "It is cool to see how everything is made behind the

scenes, because that is what I am interested in."

Bray gained a new admiration for those who work hard behind the scenes in the music world. He helped market artists on social media by creating ad campaigns for numerous outlets. Bray also used the internship to accumulate connections in the industry and to learn from others that are living out his dream.

Bray gave an inside look at the music industry stating, "It's a very humble culture. It's like a small community inside a big city."

Bray utilized his networking skills as a launching pad for landing the internship.

"An alumni from Ouachita, Beaux Schmidt, is one of my good friends and helped me get this job opportunity," Bray said. "He had a connection and gave me some phone numbers that I called, and everything fell into place after that."

It was a fun and interesting journey in the music industry for Bray, but his journey is not over quite yet. With the investment of more time and hard work, Bray's goal is to walk alongside the top artists in Music City.

Bray also aims to inspire others by encouraging them to "take advantage of your opportunities no matter how intimidating it is."

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Dawson Bray

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 Madison Allen // Beebe, Ark.
 Michaela Allen // Centerville, Mo.
 Kat Allen // Texarkana, Ark.
 Hannah Anderson // Austin, Texas
 Abi Anderson // Mesquite, Texas



Grace Avery // Durham, N.C.
 Holli Barger // Carrollton, Texas
 Brady Barton // Russellville, Ark.
 Addison Bates // Little Rock, Ark.
 Jasmine Baughman // Pangburn, Ark.
 Katelyn Bayless // Monticello, Ark.



Jorie Beaumont // Lockport, Ill.
 Christina Beger // White Hall, Ark.
 Michael Bell // Stuttgart, Ark.
 Jack Bennington // Arkadelphia, Ark.
 Jordie Bone // Little Rock, Ark.
 Brayden Brazeal // England, Ark.



Griffin Brown // Arkadelphia, Ark.
 Kayla Brown // Hot Springs, Ark.
 Bailey Buettner // Garland, Texas
 Michael Burer // Forney, Texas
 Brittany Burr // Irving, Texas
 Cody Cagle // Wheatland, Wyo.



Fallon Carder // Birmingham, Ala.
 Riley Carson // Springdale, Ark.
 Kaleigh Casada // White Hall, Ark.
 Lexie Castilow // Greenwood, Ark.
 Scarlett Castleberry // Bryant, Ark.
 Jacob Cates // Porter, Texas



Alli Chapman // Rogers, Ark.
 Kayla Churchwell // Searcy, Ark.
 Lilia Clark // Hillsboro, Texas
 Chris Cobb // Little Rock, Ark.
 Cameron Conner // North Little Rock, Ark.
 Andrew Coop // Gladewater, Texas



Carli Copell // Canton, Texas
 Elizabeth Costner // Fayetteville, Ark.
 Courtney Crawford // Texarkana, Texas
 Bethany Crawley // Jonesboro, Ark.
 Madison Cresswell // Little Rock, Ark.
 Caleb Crow // Conway, Ark.

Lindsey Crowder // Bentonville, Ark.
 Jessica Daniell // Benton, Ark.
 Rachel David // Benton, Ark.
 Gabrielle Davis // Little Rock, Ark.
 Sophie Davis // Russellville, Ark.
 Matt Day // Texarkana, Ark.



Harly Dearing // Cove, Ark.
 Samantha Dixon // Arkadelphia, Ark.
 Gunner Dobbins // Little Rock, Ark.
 Logan Dooley // Texarkana, Texas
 Anna Lee Drennan // Conway, Ark.
 Melodie Dubose // Conroe, Texas



Lauren Dunaway // Rancho Cordova, Calif.
 Emme Edmondson // Benton, Ark.
 Josiah Elmore // Arkadelphia, Ark.
 Grace Faulk // Maumelle, Ark.
 Katherine Fehlman // Little Rock, Ark.
 Taylor Fielder // Little Rock, Ark.



Cannon Fisher // Wynne, Ark.
 Jordan Ford // Benton, Ark.
 Martha Kay Freeman // Freeport, Fla.
 Nathan Frick // West Monroe, La.
 Grace Gallagher // De Queen, Ark.
 Aryana Gardner // Conway, Ark.



Jared Garner // Arkadelphia, Ark.
 Nicholas Gerber // Arkadelphia, Ark.
 Mara Gillispie // Irving, Texas
 Nicolas Gonzalez // Gunter, Texas
 Gabby Grau // Cabot, Ark.
 Will Guerra // Benton, Ark.



Mandy Halbert // Allen, Texas
 Danielle Hall // Prairie Grove, Ark.
 McCallie Hall // Rison, Ark.
 Jana Hardage // Bismarck, Ark.
 Caleb Harmon // Benton, Ark.
 Katie Harmon // Benton, Ark.



Jonathan Harris // Pine Bluff, Ark.
 Ashley Harrison // Argyle, Texas
 Savannah Henthorne // Greenbrier, Ark.
 Christian Hickingbotham // Little Rock, Ark.
 Jacova Hodges // Prescott, Ark.
 Mason Holder // Camden, Ark.



Learning how to overcome challenges is a skill that some acquire throughout a lifetime. However, for Lindsey Crowder, a senior psychology major from Bentonville, understanding how to face adversity became a way of life at the age of two.

When Crowder was a young child, she was diagnosed with leukemia. Her first battle with leukemia lasted for around two years, then the cancer returned much stronger in middle school, causing her to fight the disease for two and a half more years.

When Crowder was first diagnosed, she had a bad infection on the back of her leg that affected its ability to grow muscle. Her leg's condition had been a difficult obstacle for her entire life, but Crowder and her family continued to pray that she would heal.

Three surgeries later, Crowder and her family's prayers were answered in 2019 when she was able to have a surgery that rehabilitated her leg.

"It's so cool to see how God has been faithful after all of these years," Crowder said.

Crowder has triumphantly been in remission for 10 years now.

A large portion of Crowder's childhood was spent at Children's Hospital in Little Rock, but she was able to engender lasting relationships with her doctors and nurses.

"I am still close with my doctor today, and she is so

amazing," Crowder said.

Throughout her cancer treatment, Crowder was still able to attend school with the help of people visiting her and teaching her while she was in the hospital.

"When you're going through cancer, it's almost very similar to being in [coronavirus] quarantine. You can't be in contact with a lot of people, and the people you are around have to be very careful," Crowder said.

Crowder's cancer journey brought her and her family closer together and taught them how to completely rely on the Lord.

"We don't know what any day is going to look like, and we just have to be so thankful for the time that we have together," Crowder said.

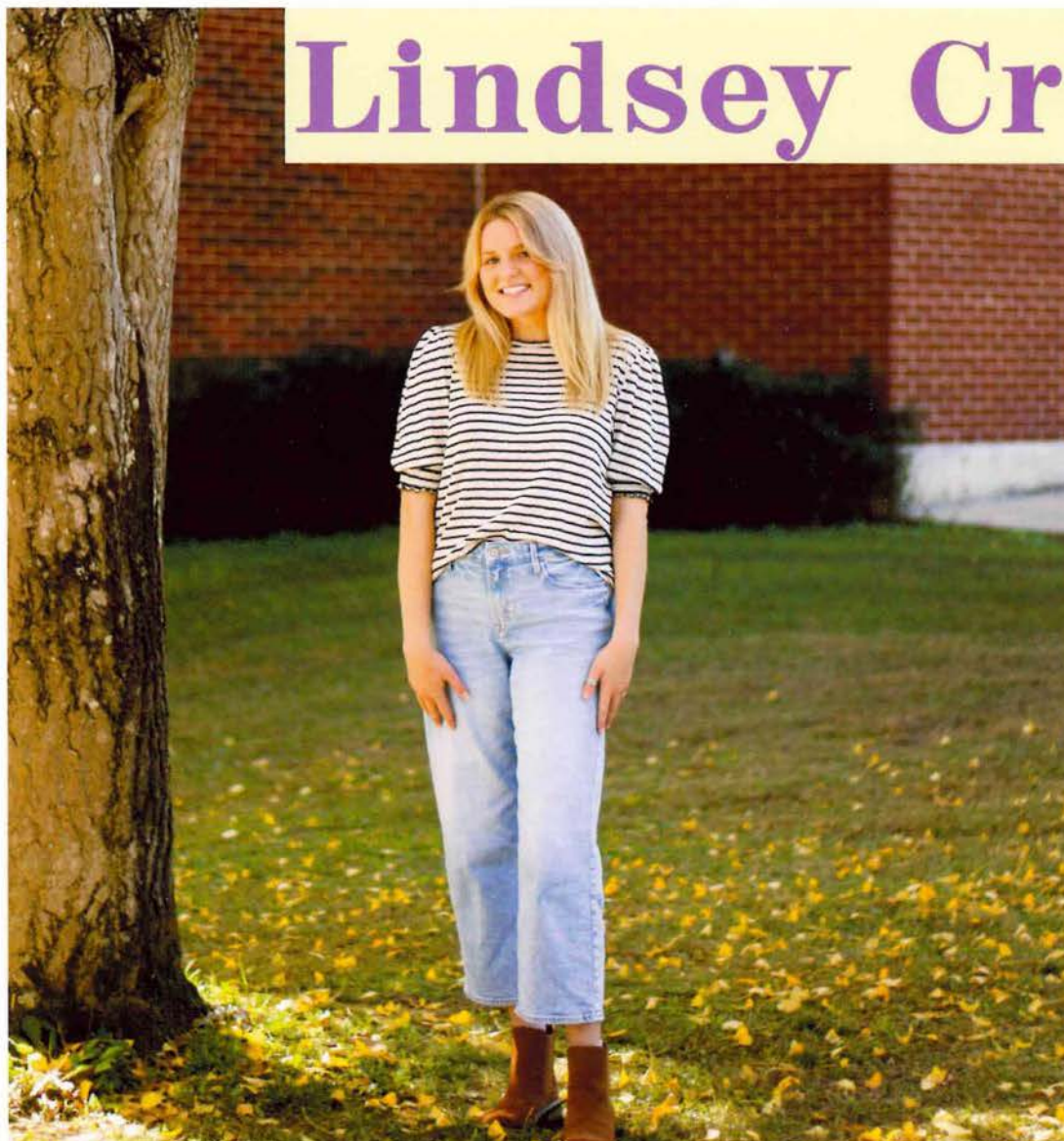
Because walking through cancer is a one day at a time situation, it showed her family how to fiercely love one another.

Crowder's battle with leukemia gave her a unique outlook on life that leaves others feeling encouraged and inspired. Through her challenges, she understands that every single person has a battle of their own and that life is worth celebrating even during the hard times.

"In every single situation, big or small, the Lord cares, and He is sovereign over all of it," Crowder said. "Celebrate the days that you are given, even when it seems difficult sometimes."

Julia Shands

Lindsey Crowder



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What seemed like the flu for senior Riley Carson, a worship arts major from Springdale, turned into several nights of hospital stays throughout the spring of 2020. In late February, Carson went home for several weeks because of what he thought was the flu.

After a trip to the emergency room and a negative test result for the flu, Carson was told he could return to Ouachita. However, Carson's stay on campus did not last long.

The first morning back in Arkadelphia, Carson woke up with acute pain that prevented him from being able to stand or get out of bed. Without delay, Carson made the trip to Little Rock to be admitted to the hospital. Due to a miscommunication error, he ended up at the wrong location.

After scrambling to figure out the right details, he was rushed to Baptist Hospital in Little Rock where he immediately began to be treated for severe abdominal pain and inflammation.

As Carson reflected upon being treated at Baptist, he described it as only, "a complete miracle of God."

After running several tests, his doctor said he would need surgery and a specialized surgeon had to be called in. Carson's specialist, Dr. Burns, was working in the hospital that day, which was a rarity. Post-surgery, Burns told Carson

if he would have come in a day later, his situation would have been much more life threatening. After three surgeries, three hospital stays, and six months of being bed-ridden, all Carson felt was peace.

Although his battle was vigorous, Carson said his eyes were set on Jesus and hopes that others would only see Him through his story.

"I'd be dead, honestly," Carson said. "For a long time, I thought that miracles are one moment, but in my case at least, they are a series of events of my God being present."

From this season, Carson says he experienced God's faithfulness. Carson wants to encourage others to trust God when walking through the trials that seem unbearable and know that Christ redeems.

When thinking back on 2 Corinthians, Carson was reminded that in times of weakness he is made strong because of Christ.

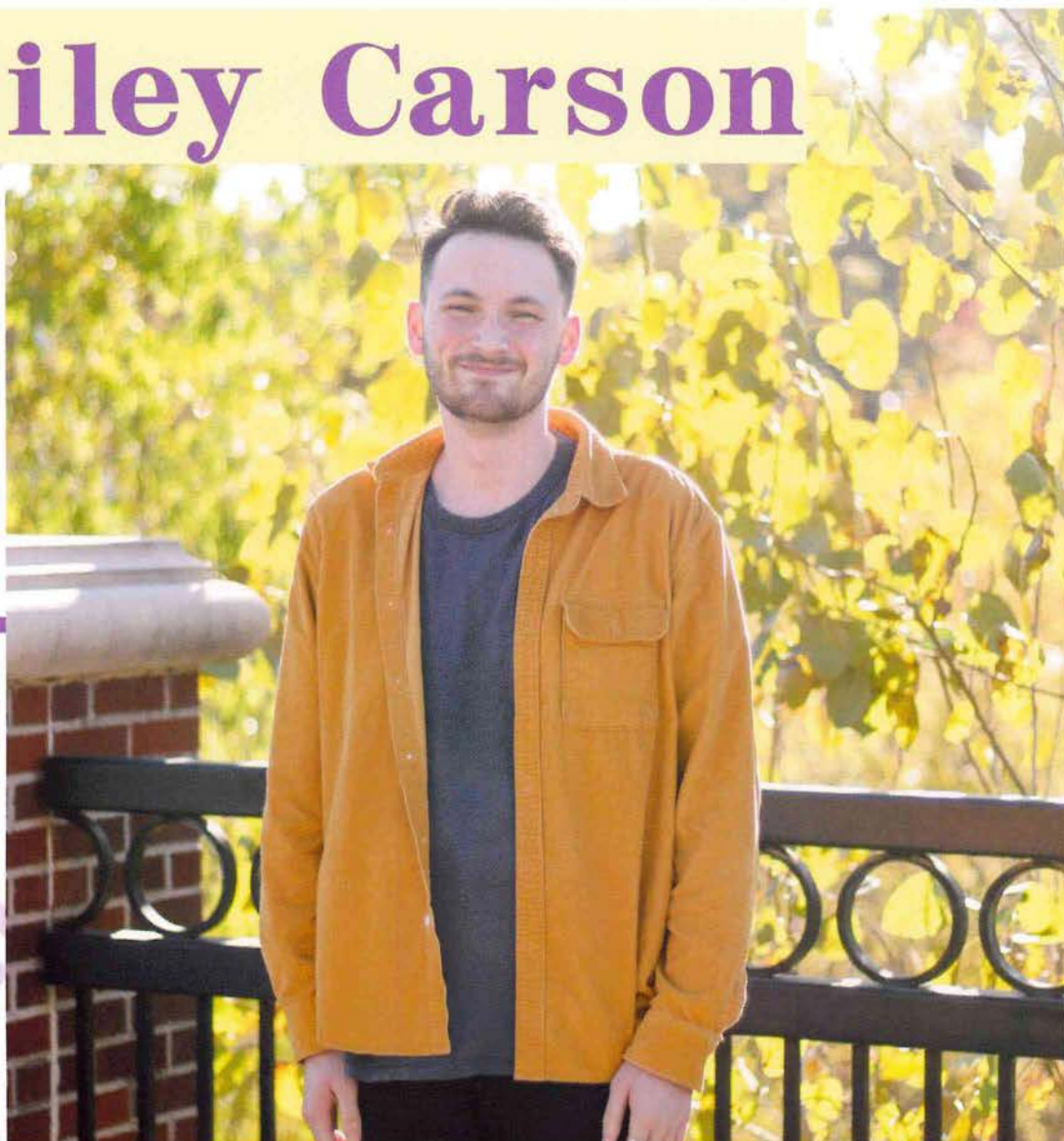
"I wouldn't trade this experience for anything just because I feel like it's made me realize what's important in life and adjust my priorities," Carson said.

Carson experienced the Lord's faithfulness and described his story as, "God having his hand over the situation the entire time. Looking back on it, especially that first hospitalization, God's goodness was so tangible."

MacKenzie Hall

Riley Carson

"For a long time, I thought that miracles are one moment, but in my case at least, they are a series of events of my God being present."





Bryan Honeck // Plano, Texas
 Brooke Horton // Hot Springs, Ark.
 Camilla Howarth // Allen, Texas
 Taylor Huggins // Clinton, Ark.
 Amy Jackson // Cypress, Texas
 Madison Jackson // El Dorado, Ark.



Brooklyn Jennings // Greenville, Texas
 Jenny Johnson // Benton, Ark.
 Cioe Johnson // Hot Springs National Park, Ark.
 Felicity Johnson // Little Rock, Ark.
 Gracie Jones // Benton, Ark.
 Aaron Jordan // Little Rock, Ark.



Cole Kelly // Coldwater, Miss.
 Mary Kemp // Anna, Texas
 Molly Kennedy // Melissa, Texas
 Landon King // Roland, Ark.
 Houston Kirkpatrick // Gurdon, Ark.
 Michael Koen // Hot Springs, Ark.



Emily Koonce // Wylie, Texas
 Chariece Lake // Lewisville, Texas
 Kate Lance // Hot Springs, Ark.
 Garrett Lee // McKinney, Texas
 Langley Leverett // Fouke, Ark.
 Luke Livingston // Batesville, Ark.



Hallie Lynch // D'Hanis, Texas
 Barret Malone // Jacksonville, Ark.
 Moriah Manchack // Mabelvale, Ark.
 Kaleb McAdams // Dallas, Texas
 Ansley McDonald // Benton, Ark.
 Erin McNully // Beebe, Ark.



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 Hannah Merrick // Cabot, Ark.
 Leah Miller // De Vallis Bluff, Ark.
 Blaine Miller // North Little Rock, Ark.
 Jacklynn Minton // Mena, Ark.



Faith Moore // Marianna, Ark.
 Kailee Morehart // Alexander, Ark.
 Megan Mosley // Hot Springs, Ark.
 Jordan Myers // Murfreesboro, Ark.
 Grace Oliver // Little Rock, Ark.
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Shae Parker // Wylie, Texas
Claire Phillips // Midlothian, Texas
Jack Pillow // Plumerville, Ark.
Joseph Presley // Shreveport, La.



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Raegan Pyle // Argyle, Texas
Stephany Quintero // Arkadelphia, Ark.
David Rainwater // Sheridan, Ark.
Madison Rawls // Arkadelphia, Ark.
Bailey Redden // Benton, Ark.



Alyssa Reece // Oxford, Miss.
Lexi Reimer // Wylie, Texas
Elizabeth Ring // Cabot, Ark.
Grace Roark // Jonesboro, Ark.
Emilee Roberson // Arkadelphia, Ark.
Aubrey Rogers // Jonesboro, Ark.



Georgia Rogers // Little Rock, Ark.
Autumn Romines // Cabot, Ark.
Kristi Roshto // Alexandria, La.
Mady Cate Rottinghaus // Hot Springs, Ark.
Sarah Rountree // Rogers, Ark.
Alex Rowe // Sacramento, Calif.



Sarah Rush // Little Rock, Ark.
Josh Salmon // Spring, Texas
Sidney Salyers // Sugar Land, Texas
Aileena Schlauch // Monument, Colo.
Allan Schroeder // Carrollton, Texas
Gracen Seabaugh // Magnolia, Ark.



Layton Shaw // Branch, Ark.
Holly Shipp // Arlington, Texas
Abby Shourd // Conway, Ark.
Ashley Simmons // Stuttgart, Ark.
Rylie Slone // Bella Vista, Ark.
Hayley Smith // Chandler, Ariz.



McKenzie Smith // Fordyce, Ark.
Bri Smith // Gurdon, Ark.
Keller Smith // Mabelvale, Ark.
Hannah Smith // Pine Bluff, Ark.
Hunter Smith // White Hall, Ark.
Brooke Snyder // Benton, Ark.



Most Ouachita students have several different roommates for four years during their time in Arkadelphia, but for twin sisters Elizabeth and Madeline Steely, having a roommate is all they have ever known.

The Steely twins have shared a room together for as long as they can remember and that tradition continued throughout their years at Ouachita.

It is evident that Elizabeth and Madeline genuinely enjoy sharing a room with one another. When the Steely sisters were juniors at Ouachita, the two lived in private suites in Gosser Hall, but instead of having two different bedrooms, they pushed both of the beds into one room and made a craft room out of the other available room.

The Steely's grew up making crafts, so they thought it would be a better use of space to combine their rooms and have a place for their creative outlet.

"We just decided that we would put both desks in one room, so we could study and do crafts on them, and then, we had our sewing machines and painting table in there, so we did pretty much everything besides sleeping in the craft room," Elizabeth said.

Although the Steely sisters lived together, they've been able to lead separate lives during their time on Ouachita's campus.

Elizabeth is a communications and media major while Madeline is a nutrition and dietetics major, so the two do not have the same classes or professors.

"Sometimes people don't know that there are two of us because we are never together," Elizabeth said.

Having two different majors has actually benefited the sisters by preparing them for potentially parting ways in the future.

"We've been getting a good dose of splitting up, never having our classes together and basically starting two separate lives because her life at school is so different than mine, so I think that we are getting more used to the idea," Elizabeth said.

As this sister duo's time at Ouachita has come to a close, the two reflected on their tight-knit bond and how different life will be apart.

"It will be weird if we aren't together because I'll just want to tell her some tiny little thing, and I'll have to call her," Madeline said.

There is a chance that these two sisters part ways into different areas of the country as the two pursue their careers, but a twin bond, and especially the Steely twin bond, will not waiver due to distance.

"Just having that bond with someone where you can instantly know what they're thinking and have all of those inside jokes with is special, but we always knew one day that we would have to go our separate ways," Madeline said.

Julia Shands

Elizabeth & Madeline Steely



"We always knew
one day we would
have to go our
separate ways."

- Madeline Steely

Freshman year of high school included moving from Kansas to Savannah, Georgia, for Tyrese Allen, a senior biology major and student body president. His family packed up their rental car and all Allen cared about was his clothes and fishing poles.

While living in Savannah, in the 10th grade, Allen created a mass college application to hundreds of schools.

"I have totes full of letters from different colleges. I would get them and just throw them into the tote," said Allen.

One in particular stood out to his mother. A phone call from Ouachita would lead Allen to make a life-changing decision to go to college several states away from his home.

"I felt like an actual person, and felt they wanted me to come here," said Allen. "I immediately started praying God would make a way for me to get there."

After not knowing how he would pay for college, Allen saw God working in his life by earning scholarships and receiving a raise at his workplace, which resulted in enough savings for college. God continued to open the most surprising doors in Allen's life.

"My best friend Corey Cadell pushed me to join Student Senate by wrapping his entire car with pictures of me," said Allen. "I went from being extremely introverted to eventually being the student body president."

At the beginning of his time at Ouachita, Allen felt alone

and disconnected, but he felt the Lord wanted him in Arkadelphia, so he continued to pray. During Allen's senior year, he reflected on how God changed him through his involvement at Ouachita. Allen was grateful for being a part of such an intentional body of Christ.

"Since getting into Senate, I have been eager to serve and be a part of the bigger solutions here on campus," said Allen. "I do a student panel every year, and this year during WOW looking out into the vastly diverse crowd has never been so encouraging."

Allen was proud to see stereotypes abandoned on Ouachita's campus. Once he found his place on campus the whole Ouachita world opened up to him in brand new ways.

"You can make it here and be poor, you can make it here and be Black, or Asian. There is not a stereotypical Ouachita student, and I am proud of that," said Allen.

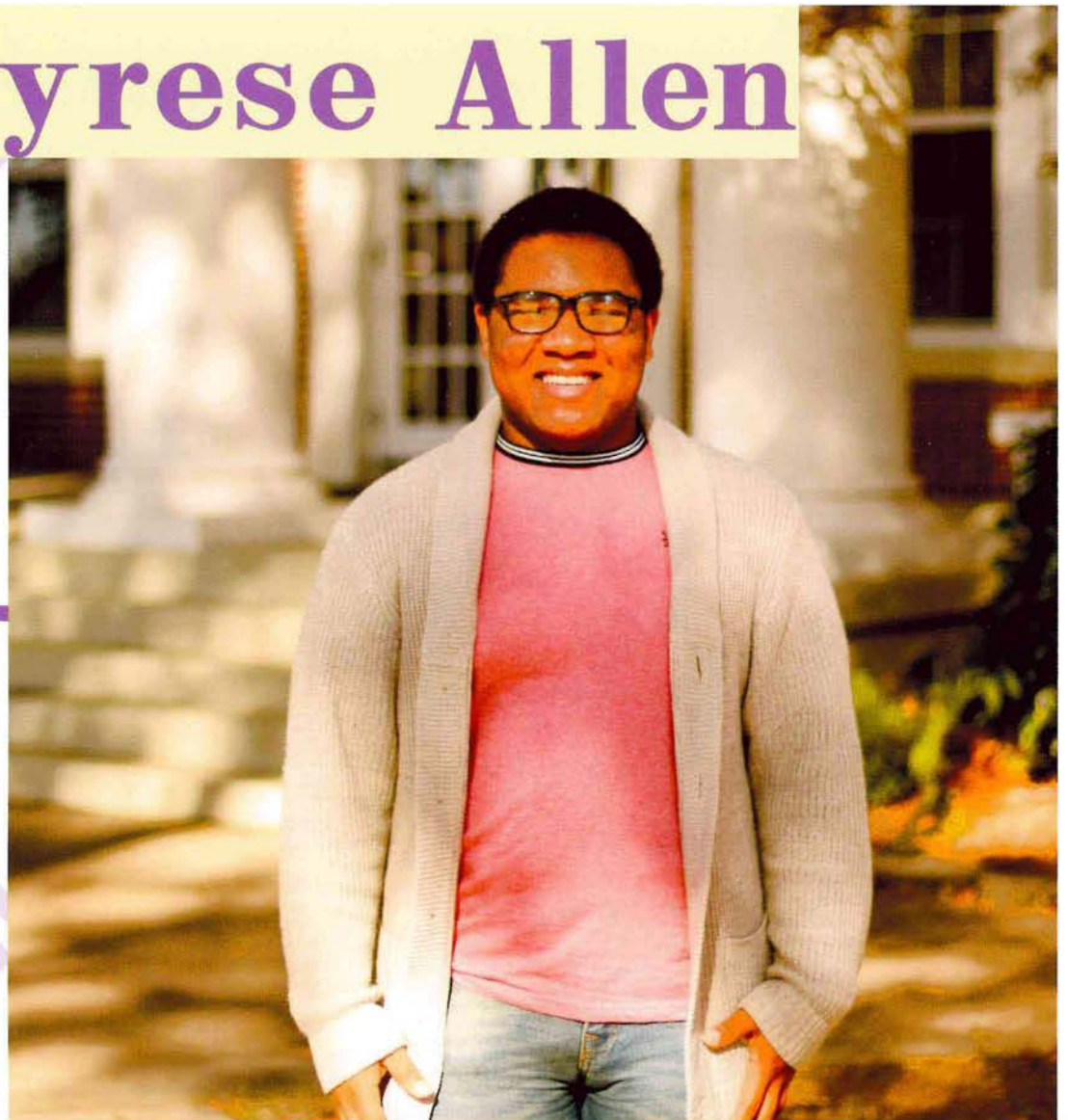
Allen knew even in the hardest times God would not put anything in front of him that he was unable to handle. Allen says he relied on God to lead him to Ouachita and the opportunity to make real long-lasting changes.

"Everyone is in a learning mindset here and it creates a monumental wave of positive change," said Allen. "I will take what I've learned here and lead an impactful life."

Emily Barton

Tyrese Allen

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 Elizabeth Steely // Conway, Ark.
 Madeline Steely // Conway, Ark.
 Melody Stotts // Brookland, Ark.
 Alexis Summerford // Arkadelphia, Ark.



Ben Swanger // Forney, Texas
 Bailey Swanson // Greenville, Texas
 Grace Talley // Nashville, Ark.
 Miya Tatum // Cabot, Ark.
 Brianna Taylor // Trophy Club, Texas
 Hannah Terry // Texarkana, Ark.



Sabreana Thompson // Magazine, Ark.
 Mary Madison Tolbert // Fayetteville, Ark.
 Makeilah Turner // Allen, Texas
 Abby Turner // Arkadelphia, Ark.
 Katie Tyree // Prescott, Ark.
 Alex Van Nice // Gulfport, Miss.



Carlee Vogel // Saint Jo, Texas
 Abby Walker // Benton, Ark.
 Jennifer Wallace // Little Rock, Ark.
 Laura Beth Warner // Benton, Ark.
 Payne Warren // Little Rock, Ark.
 Madelynn Wauters // Haskell, Ark.



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 Noah Worley // Camden, Ark.
 Jared Wright // Glenwood, Ark.
 Nathan Wuellner // Houston, Texas
 Olivia Yarbrough // Rogers, Ark.



Bates Yoakum // Fayetteville, Ark.

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KINESIOLOGY
Alexander, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
ROTC Battalion Commander. Student Life Tiger Tunes Director. Back Yard Bible Club. One-Act theater actor.
HONORS
President's List. Dean's List. ROTC Legion of Valor Bronze Cross Award.
POST GRAD
Active duty military service as a Medical Services Officer in the U.S. Army.



tyrese allen



BIOLOGY & PSYCHOLOGY
Savannah, Ga.
INVOLVEMENT
Student Senate. Student Body President. OSF Philanthropy Chair. MORE Vice President. Big Brother Big Sister program.
HONORS
Dean's List.
POST GRAD
Pursue master's degrees in forensic psychology and clinical mental healthy counseling.



brady barton



POLITICAL SCIENCE & GRAPHIC DESIGN
Russellville, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
OSF Special Events chair. EEE pledge class president. Discipleship group leader. Tiger Cheer team. CM. Stone Apartment Manager.
HONORS
Presidential fellow. President's Leadership Forum. President's List. Dean's List. Illustrator of 2019's Ouachita Christmas card and Ouachitanian cover.
POST GRAD
Pursue a career in branding development and marketing materials for political campaigns.



jorie beaumont



WHO'S

CHRISTIAN STUDIES & PHILOSOPHY
Birmingham, Ala.
INVOLVEMENT
ResLife. Judicial Council Committee Leader. Tiger Serve Day leadership. Pruet Sisterhood leadership. CM Life Group leader.
HONORS
President's List.
POST GRAD
Pursue a career in ministry.



fallon carder



BUSINESS ADMIN.
Bentonville, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
EEE president, VP, social chair, Rush Committee, Discipleship leader. Tiger Serve Day leadership. Teams Chair PLC. Business Student Advisory Board.
HONORS
President's List. Ouachita Presidential Fellow Program. Homecoming Court.
POST GRAD
Pursue a career in CPG consulting and strategy.



ali chapman



MUSIC INDUSTRY
N. Little Rock, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
Ouachita Worship leader. Refuge leader. Tiger Tunes host. Eta Alpha Omega.
HONORS
Dean's List.
POST GRAD
Worship Pastor at New Life Church.



anna lee drennon



BIOLOGY
Conway, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
EEE treasurer, spirit chair, and discipleship leader. OSF secretary. Student Senate Senior Senator. Peake tutor. WOW leader.
HONORS
Tiger Network Scholarship. Presidential Leadership Forum. President's List. Dean's List.
POST GRAD
Pursue a career as a pediatric nurse.



emme edmonson



BIOLOGY
Benton, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
EEE keeper of the beaus. Carl Goodson Honors Program. American Chemical Society. CM Big Sister. WOW Leader. COVID-19 Contact Tracer.
HONORS
President's List. President's Scholarship. V. Toombs Endowed Medical Scholarship. President's Leadership Circle.
POST GRAD
Attend medical school at UAMS.



taylor fielder



CHRISTIAN STUDIES
Little Rock, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
Tri Chi chaplain. Tiger Serve Day leadership. Art Club. Pruet Sisterhood. CM leader. Life Group leader. Theta Alpha Kappa honor society.
HONORS
President's List. Dean's List. Preben Vang Award for Excellence in Christian Theological Studies.
POST GRAD
Work with a non-profit, doing inner city/ urban ministry or working in a church a parachurch ministry while pursuing a M.Div at Moody Theological Seminary.



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NUTRITION & DIETETICS

Lockport, Ill.

INVOLVEMENT

Life Group leader, Gamma Phi president, Cross Country team captain, Track and Field team captain, Student Dietetic Association.

HONORS

Dean's List, President's List.

POST GRAD

Pursue a master's degree in clinical nutrition and dietetics and become a registered dietitian for pregnant women and in pediatrics.



jack bennington



CHRISTIAN STUDIES & COMMUNICATIONS

Arkadelphia, Ark.

INVOLVEMENT

CM Refuge Leader, CMFV Leader, Eta Alpha Omega VP & president, OSDN, Yearbook Staff.

HONORS

Dean's List, President's List.

POST GRAD

Pursue a career in ministry.



bailey buettner



PSYCHOLOGY & CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Garland, Texas

INVOLVEMENT

CM Big Sister, CM Ministry/Refuge leader, CM Tiger Tunes leadership, International Club, Prud' Sisterhood, WOW leadership.

HONORS

Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society.

POST GRAD

Pursue a career in international missions.



brittany burr



ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Ivring, Texas

INVOLVEMENT

Tri Chi sisterhood chair, Kappa Delta Pi, MORE, chaplain, America Counts Tutor, Academic Success Center tutor.

HONORS

President's List, Dean's List, Maude Wright Scholar.

POST GRAD

Pursue a teaching career.



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BIOLOGY

Conway, Ark.

INVOLVEMENT

Beta Beta chaplain, pledge class president, OSF Special Events Committee, Honor's Program, American Chemistry Society.

HONORS

EEE Beatu, President's List.

Dean's List.

Quachia's Founder

Scholarship.

POST GRAD

Attend dental school.



caleb crow

PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY

Bentonville, Ark.

INVOLVEMENT

Tri Chi Tiger Tunes Director, Life Group leader, Eta Alpha Omega Sweetheart.

HONORS

Dean's List, The Zeilegist Psychology Award.

POST GRAD

Pursue a master's in Applied Behavioral Analysis.



lindsey crowder

FINANCE & POLITICAL SCIENCE

Benton, Ark.

INVOLVEMENT

Ary Fund Portfolio Manager, Tiger Serve Day leadership, Spanish tutor, Beta Beta.

HONORS

President's List.

POST GRAD

Pursue a career in finance and eventually attend law school.



jenny johnson



COMM. SCIENCES & DISORDERS

Benton, Arkansas

INVOLVEMENT

Klukk AdL Manager, Tri Chi President, ElderServe volunteer, Carl Goodson Honors Program.

HONORS

President's list.

POST GRAD

Pursue master's degree in speech-language pathology and begin practicing juvenile forensic speech pathology.



luke livingston



BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Batesville, Ark.

INVOLVEMENT

Beta Beta chaplain, Tri Chi beau, Freshman Ministry Team, OSF, CM, Life Group leader.

HONORS

President's List.

POST GRAD

Continue education pursuit at medical school.



ansley mcdonald



MUSIC EDUCATION

Benton, Ark.

INVOLVEMENT

Quachia Singers president, CM, Tunes director, ResLife, CFW leadership team, Eta Alpha Omega Sweetheart.

HONORS

Rachel Fuller Memorial Scholarship.

Homecoming Court.

POST GRAD

Pursue a career in elementary music education.



jacklynn minton



BUSINESS & SPORT MANAGEMENT
Mena, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
OSF. ElderServe. Sodexo Catering and Cafeteria Staff. Business Services office student worker.
HONORS
Dean's List. President's List.
POST GRAD
Pursue a career in human resources and administration.



ryan motl



COMMUNICATIONS
Arkadelphia, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
Tenor player on OBU Drumline, Tiger Steel. Roar Rundown director. Ouachita News Show. Film Studies Class Leader.
HONORS
Arkansas Baptist Media Association Award. Scholar's Day presenter.
POST GRAD
Pursue a career as an independent film director.



brooklyn parker



BUSINESS ADMIN.
Clarksville, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
Dr. Jack's Coffee General Manager. EEE. CM Life Group Leader. ENACTUS. Office assistant for business dean.
HONORS
Business Student Advisory Board. President's List.
POST GRAD
Attend Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and earn a Master's in Divinity. Eventually serve as a missionary in Italy ministering to women who have fallen into human trafficking.



madison rawls



WHO'S

CHRISTIAN STUDIES
Arlington, Texas
INVOLVEMENT
CM Leader. Tri Chi chaplain and secretary. Pruet Sisterhood. WOW Steering. Life Group leader. TranServe.
HONORS
2020 Homecoming Queen.
POST GRAD
Attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to pursue a Master of Divinity.



holly shipp



MUSIC INDUSTRY
Hot Springs, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
Tiger Tunes Host. Eta Alpha Omega. Refuge Worship leader. Ouachita Worship student leader. CM Life Group leader.
HONORS
President's List
POST GRAD
Pursue a career in worship ministry and song writing.



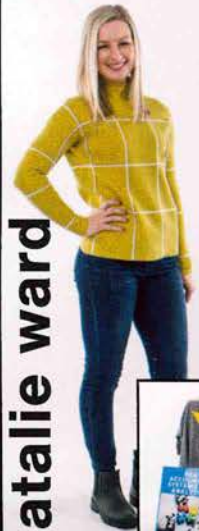
stuart sowerbutts



COMMUNICATIONS
Forney, Texas
INVOLVEMENT
Ouachitonian Editor in Chief and Sports Editor. Tiger baseball team. FCA Leader. Peake Elementary tutor. RBI Thrift & Vintage. Interim SID, sportswriter.
HONORS
GAC Academic All-Conference. President's list. Dean's List. ACMA's 2021 Yearbook Editor of the Year.
POST GRAD
Pursue a career in professional journalism.



natalie ward



ACCOUNTING & FINANCE
Harrison, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
EEE head induction chair. ENACTUS president. Business Student Advisory Board. WOW leader.
HONORS
President's List. Dean's List. Mike Garner Memorial Endowment recipient. William E. Clark Scholarship recipient.
POST GRAD
Associate Auditor at BKD.



laura beth warner



CHRISTIAN STUDIES
Benton, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
CM Big Sister. OSF. Alpha Xi. Theta Alpha Kappa. EEE Tunes director.
HONORS
Alpha Xi Ministerial Award. President's List. Homecoming Court. Miss OBU Academic Award. Honors Program.
POST GRAD
Pursue a Master's in Divinity while working as a children's minister and dance teacher.



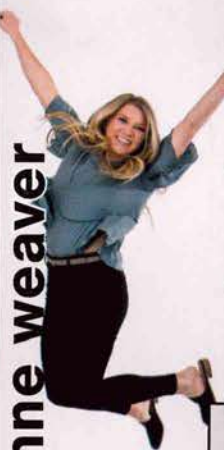
stephanie weatherford



SOCIAL JUSTICE
Batesville, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
Tri Chi vice president. Frances Crawford Resident Assistant. TranServe. ElderServe. Peake Partnership.
HONORS
President's list.
POST GRAD
Pursue a career in social services and advocacy work in an organization that provides resources and refuge to marginalized communities.



julianne weaver



PSYCHOLOGY & MUSIC

Arkadelphia, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
Tri Chi assistant
Tiger Tunes Director.
Young Democrats
president. Student
Senate. Co-Organizer
of Elrod Center's
AHDC Pen Pal
Program.
HONORS
Dean's List. Kluck
Service Enrichment
Grant.
POST GRAD
Graduate school to
study psychology.

emilee roberston



COMM. SCIENCES & DISORDERS

Arkadelphia, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
EEE Recruitment
Chair. National
Student Speech,
Hearing, and
Language
Association. Class
Representative. OSF.
CMDS Program.
HONORS
President's List.
Dean's List.
POST GRAD
Pursue a career as
a speech language
pathologist.

joao rodrigues



FINANCE

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil
INVOLVEMENT
Alpha Chi. Business
Student Advisory
Board. Ary Student
Fund. Business
Ambassador for
Honor's Program.
TSD Leadership.
Men's swim team.
ENACTUS. CM Life
Group leader.
HONORS
Ben Elrod Scholar.
Dean's List.
President's List.
POST GRAD
Pursue a career in
corporate finance.
Will join Dillard's
Inc. for a two-year
fellowship program.

mady cate rottinghaus



BIOLOGY & SPANISH

Hot Springs, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
Student Senate. OSF
recruitment chair.
EEE president and
social chair. Special
Olympics. American
Chemical Society.
Book keeper for
Ouachita Volleyball.
HONORS
President's List.
Dean's List. Honors
Program.
POST GRAD
Pursue a career in
dentistry.



ben swanger

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

Arkadelphia, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
EEE. Tiger Cheer
Team. Pre-Law
Society president.
Yearbook Staff.
Writer for Office of
Communications and
Marketing. Campus
Store worker.
HONORS
Dean's List.
President's List.
POST GRAD
Pursue a career
in strategic
communications,
public relations.



abby turner



BIOLOGY

Benton, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
EEE Tiger Tunes
director, pledge
mistress. OSF.
American Chemical
Society Member.
Carl Goodson
Honors Program.
HONORS
President's List.
President's
Scholarship.
POST GRAD
Attend dental school.



abby walker



WHO

BIOLOGY

Benton, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
EEE spirit leader and
discipleship leader.
Ouachita Cheer
Team. Carl Goodson
Honors Program.
Patterson Research
Program. American
Chemical Society.
HONORS
President's List.
Dean's List. Sandifer
Pre-Med Scholarship.
Presidential
Leadership Forum.
Tiger Network
Scholarship.
POST GRAD
Pursue a career as a
pediatrician.

jenna whitlow



STUDIO ART & HISTORY

Fort Smith, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
Art Club president.
Art Club juried show
chair. EEE. OSF. CM.
Backyard Bible Club.
HONORS
Dean's List. Russel
Shad Memorial
Art Award for
Outstanding Junior.
Juried Show 2019
Honorable Mention.
POST GRAD
Pursue a career
as an art historian,
museum curator, or
gallery owner.

mason woolbright



BUSINESS ADMIN.

Benton, Ark.
INVOLVEMENT
OSF president. EEE
beau. Life Group
leader. CM. Tiger
Serve Day.
HONORS
District IV
Outstanding Student
Leader. Council
for Advancement
and Support of
Education.
POST GRAD
Work in real estate
development and
continue to grow
M&M Productions.

estelle zhang



FINANCE & BUSINESS MGMT.

DongYing, China
INVOLVEMENT
International club
president. Elrod
Center volunteer.
Ary Fund participant.
ENACTUS. Carl
Goodson Honors
Program.
HONORS
National College
Honor Society
Program.
POST GRAD
Pursue a career as
a financial advisor,
a portfolio manager,
or employee at an
investment bank.



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Director of Admissions
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Dir. of Ouachita Sports Media Productions
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Student Financial Services
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Kinesiology and Leisure Studies
Kristi Clay//Dir. of Business Services
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Student Financial Services



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and Emergency Management
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Assistant Professor of Music



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Dir. of Sutton Center for Integrity
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Jennifer Fayard//Assoc. Prof. of Psychology



After moving back to Arkadelphia, his hometown and town of his alma mater, following his time in medical school and residency, Dr. Wesley Kluck was asked what his dream job was while playing a newlywed game at church.

"My answer was always to work at Ouachita Baptist University," said Kluck.

In 2004, Dr. Kluck was on Ouachita's Board of Trustees and had the opportunity to help crown Ouachita's homecoming queen. While on the football field, former Ouachita president Dr. Andrew Westmoreland leaned over to Kluck and surprisingly asked if he wanted to work on campus.

Since that day, Dr. Kluck has taken on the roles of Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Vice President for Student Development, team doctor, photography teacher and most well-known, the campus physician at Ouachita.

The ongoing trend in health care in 2020 on small college campuses was to shut down health services and have students go to clinics in their corresponding towns, however Ouachita went against that grain.

"The fact that I am able to be here, along with Nurse Molly, it allows us to serve more students right here," Kluck said. "The follow-up is so much easier because I know a lot of the students already and I can establish that necessary trust with every patient."

With the COVID-19 pandemic, Ouachita had never needed Dr. Kluck more than the 2020-21 school year.

"The moment everyone had to go home in the spring of

2020, I probably put in 20-25 hours a week just figuring out a way to have school safely and how to stay in school," Kluck said. "I think about COVID and our students all day long. It is the first thing I think about in the morning, and the last thing I think about before I go to bed."

As the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC, continued to change the rules for COVID-19, Kluck and his team remained proactive to implement every recommendation and testing procedure that would keep Ouachita students safe.

"Since the very first day we have been following the procedure: rapidly diagnose, isolate, determine close contacts, and quarantine," said Kluck.

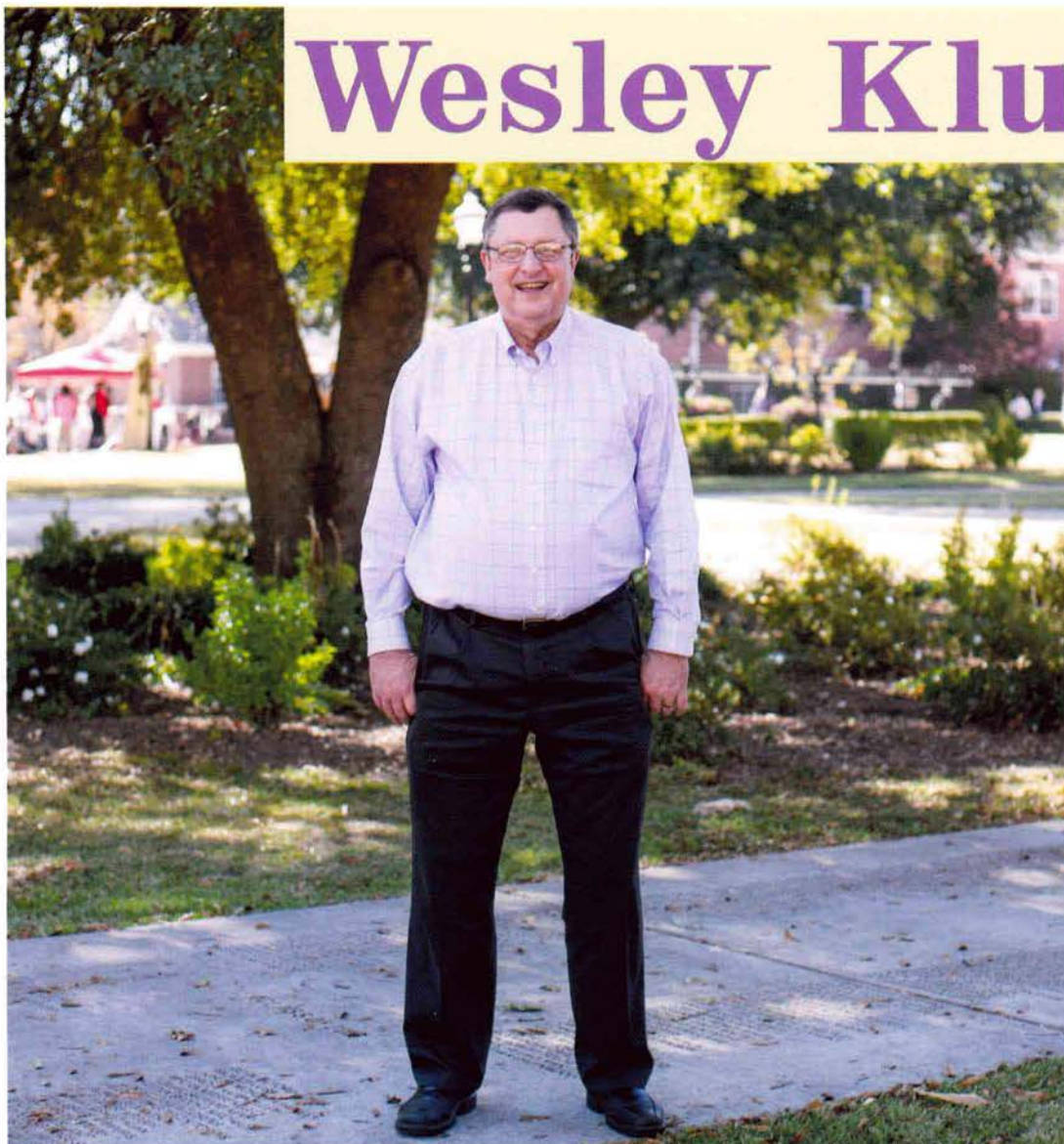
Students with positive tests were required to go home, along with those who were considered close contacts with COVID carriers.

"Those with negative tests did not have to go home, so we brought them meals to their rooms, did their errands and whatever else we could do to make their lives easier," Kluck said.

Dr. Kluck never could have imagined being a campus physician in the middle of a pandemic, but throughout the whole experience Kluck said, "I have remained hopeful and pray that we will continue to stay healthy."

"If one goes down, we all go down together," said Kluck. "Though, I believed in this year and the journey we created together, it definitely was a year we won't forget."

Madison Cresswell



Wesley Kluck

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Hannah Pilcher, the Resident Director of Frances Crawford Hall, found a unique opportunity for ministry within her job in the freshman girls' dorm. Pilcher is originally from Little Rock and has spent the past eight years pouring into freshmen girls and resident assistants, as a student and as a RD.

Her time at Ouachita inspired Pilcher to build relationships with others that directly parallels her experience as a student.

"I grew up knowing about Ouachita and it wasn't until my friend started looking here before I became really interested," Pilcher said. "I ended up coming here and graduated in 2013. Toward the end of my time here I would walk around campus and feel like I was not done here on campus."

After making the decision to attend Ouachita, Pilcher never regretted her decision. Pilcher never planned on staying at Ouachita post graduation, but three days before graduation she got a call from the dean and was offered the position of Resident Director for Frances Crawford Hall.

"I knew I was about to have a lot of time with students," Pilcher said. "This job sets you up to have a discipleship

relationship with so many girls."

Pilcher made it a point to focus primarily on her resident assistants so that they are fully equipped to minister to their residents. She stated that if her RAs feel supported, then that is how she can give to everyone else.

Pilcher has spent multiple years intentionally pouring into students through life groups, movie nights, lunch dates, Bible studies, and so much more.

"I don't force my presence on everyone, so I let girls come to me and build relationships when they need it," Pilcher said. "I am here to invest and they want people to invest."

Pilcher learned through this job how important it is for people to do life with each other as well as the importance of selflessness. This job does not require a cookie cutter person, but someone who is willing to love and invest in others.

"You have to really want it," Pilcher said. "I want my girls to feel like this is their home."

Pilcher found great joy in being a part of something greater than herself as she has shared the love of Christ with the students of Ouachita.

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Hannah Pilcher

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many girls."





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 Melinda Fowler//IT Software Developer
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 School of Christian Studies
 Dondie Franklin//Educational Advisor,
 Educational Talent Search
 Ray Franklin//Prof. of Christian Missions
 Stacy Freeman//Assoc. Prof. of Dietetics
 Allison Frizzell-Kizer//Head Volleyball
 Coach

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 Professor of Music, Chair Div. of Music
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 Director of Enrollment Initiatives
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 Professor of History
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 Educational Advisor, Upward Bound
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 Business Services

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 Director of Worship Arts Program
 Kathy Green//Payroll and Fringe Benefits
 Specialist, Administrative Services
 Jason Greenwich//Dir. of International
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 Lyndi Greenwich//Asst. Dir. Academic
 Success Center, Math Specialist
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 Development

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 Tim Hayes//Professor of Chemistry
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Barbara Pemberton//Professor of Christian Missions
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Allyson Phillips//Assistant Professor of Psychology



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Rachel Pool//Assoc. Prof. of Education
Stan Poole//VP for Academic Affairs, Dean, School of Interdisciplinary Studies, Professor of English
Sue Poole//Counselor



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Devin Price//Lecturer in Biology
Dawson Pritchard//Sr. Admissions Counselor, Asst. Swimming & Diving Coach
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Jessica Qualls//Registrar's Office
Doug Reed//Assoc. VP for Academic Affairs, Moody Prof. of Pre-law Studies, Dir. of Maddox Public Affairs Center



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Donna Reynolds//Dir. Foster Grandparents
Mike Reynolds//Prof. of Kinesiology and Leisure Studies, Coordinator of Outdoor Education
James Richards//Financial Aid Counselor, Student Financial Services
Maria Rigby//IT Instructional Design and Technology Specialist
Carey Roberson//Associate Professor of Visual Arts
Carrie Roberson//Dir. of Development



When going home in the spring 2020 became a reality for students, staff, and faculty at Ouachita, one of the greatest challenges became how to continue to feel motivated and inspired while in isolation. For Eric Phillips, chair of the theatre department, specializing in light, stage, costume, and prop design, this reality was one he felt he could help bring some inspiration and encouragement to.

Luckily for Phillips, roughly a year before being sent home due to the COVID-19 outbreak, he decided to take a season on sabbatical.

"I had some time to pull back and refocus and try to build up other interest and things. You get so focused in teaching, or in my case, creating in teaching," Phillips said.

During his time on sabbatical, Phillips began giving himself some projects he could work on at home. This included water coloring, music, sketches, and even building furniture, all interests that he previously did not have enough time for.

The period of quarantine for Phillips became an opportunity for him to encourage his current and past students, which was primarily achieved by posting on Facebook.

"The majority of my Facebook friends are past and current students, so as a way to encourage them to continue pushing their creative process I began sharing what I was working on," Phillips said.

Phillips' posts consisted of videos of him playing in different

spots around Verser Theatre, some videos of him water-coloring, and different updates on the furniture he was crafting. Phillips mentioned how the interactions with these posts were not only encouraging, but provided a sense of community for those who were feeling frustrated or had a lack of creative motivation.

One way he was able to connect with students was over an event called "Couch Cabaret." This was a virtual event where past and current students could showcase their work and audience members could donate if they would like.

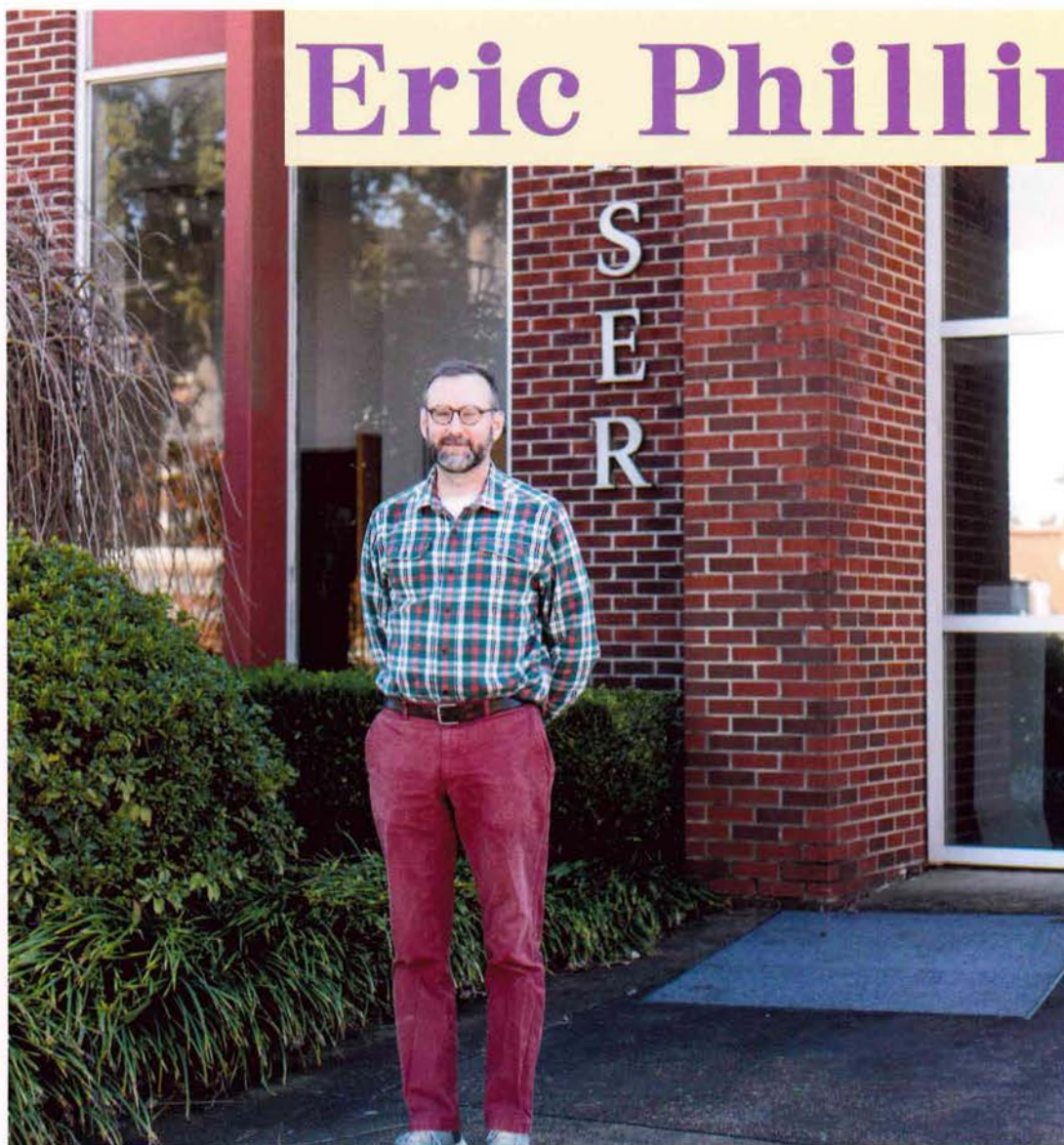
"I am very much a collaborative artist, so I got in contact with those who would be performing on the same day as me. We ended up choosing the song 'Here Comes the Sun' by The Beatles because we figured it would be a nice reminder during these hard and frustrating times that everything was going to be OK."

Phillips continued to challenge and encourage his students in the classroom throughout the tough seasons. Sharing different videos and stories with them on a regular basis was his go-to.

Phillips strived to instill the knowledge that circumstances are unpredictable and sometimes intimidating, but each person has the ability to push themselves to better their craft and know that their talents were still being used to make an impact.

Mallory Wallace

Eric Phillips



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Mary Chung and Carlos Feller have been traveling the world together for 11 years sharing their love and passion for music by performing and educating others. At a young age, Chung and Feller both found music as their refuge.

Chung moved to the Dominican Republic where she encountered a language and culture barrier; she retreated to music as her escape. This led her to enroll at a conservatory where she began to earnestly study music.

Feller attended a technical school, a specialized high school, at the age of 15. At that mere age, Feller was living in an apartment alone in Brazil. In an unfamiliar city with unfamiliar faces, music became his rescue in a new and foreign environment.

Feller and Chung's paths crossed while attending graduate school at the University of Southern Mississippi. While attending school, the two collected a strong network of professionals and artists.

"We went through our master's degree and doctorate [together]. I think part of our career is also networking with other professionals, other musicians, other artists, and then collaborating with them. It is very common for professors from one university to invite you, and you invite them back. It just happened for us that because we had such a varied background, we had connections not only in different states, but we had connections all over the world," Feller said.

These connections were the beginning of Chung and

Feller's travels educating others and performing music. The two have been to at least nine different countries such as France, Switzerland, Peru, Italy, Japan and more. Each new country brought opportunities to learn from the culture and people.

When reflecting on these experiences, Chung said, "It is such a privilege and humbling experience because we get to play a lot, we get to teach, but at the end of the day what we remember the most is it's not about the music we play, or the people we taught, it is about the interaction that we had."

Remembering these great people and experiences have inspired them to carry this message and instill it in their students. Chung and Feller's wish is that Ouachita students would have the love, passion, and discipline for music.

"I want our students to have the same passion. Never lose that passion and never lose that love. We're not only playing a recital just for our own satisfaction, I mean it is satisfying for us to learn and grow, but you know at the end of the day what we want to do is share that with other people. We want to share the joy that we have, the love that we have, and we want to multiply that," Feller said.

Music is the common goal.

"When you have one common goal and you work together toward that goal, in this case it is music, you will accomplish something beautiful. If you do it well, I think you make it a better place. That is our mission, our goal," Feller said.

MacKenzie Hall

Mary Chung & Carlos Feller

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- Carlos Feller





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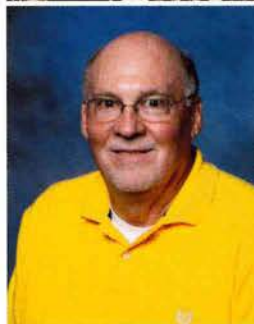
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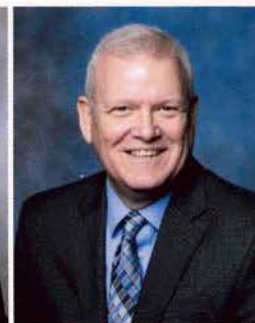
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2020-2021

Joe Biden and Donald Trump are formally nominated as Democratic and Republican candidates for 2021's Presidential election.



AUGUST saw students welcomed back to campus. After a strenuous summer, the university was prepared to host students for on campus living and learning.

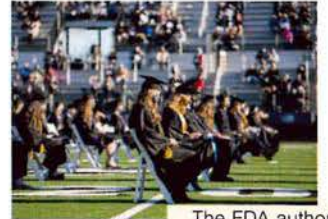


President Trump and First Lady Melania test positive for COVID-19. Trump was quickly rushed to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center where he recovered.

OCTOBER was a month spent settling back into the Ouachita culture. Tiger Tunes Rewind was held, TWIRP Month was hosted, Tiger Traks took place, and Tiger sports teams were able to touch the field for some intersquad action.

DECEMBER

turned OBU into a ghost town as students were in the midst of a 55-day holiday break. However, the graduating class of 2020 finally participated in commencement.



The FDA authorizes COVID-19 Pfizer and Moderna vaccine rollouts across the country.



COVID-19 death toll surpasses 200,000 in the United States.



SEPTEMBER was a month filled with COVID infections, quarantines, an internet server issues, intramurals, and the first theater performance in the form of "Puffs, Or: Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic."

NOVEMBER played host to one of the greatest presidential elections this country had ever seen, accompanied by the crowning of Ouachita's newest homecoming queen. Rush week was also squeezed into the fall schedule, a change up from years past.



Former Vice President Joe Biden is reported to have enough electoral college votes to become the next president.



FEBRUARY was one of the busiest months of the school year. From Christian Focus Week and sporting events to Black History Month celebrations and a winter blizzard, students were finally able to settle into life as a Ouachitonian.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, led by Tom Brady, win Super Bowl 55.

Derek Chauvin is convicted for the murder of George Floyd, and the CDC confirms fully vaccinated people can travel on planes again.



APRIL was a time of celebration as student, faculty, and staff morale increased to a peak. COVID-19 cases on campus dropped to zero, maskless outdoor big group gatherings returned, and Tiger Serve Day returned to normal.



Joe Biden is sworn in as the 46th president of the United States of America.



JANUARY was the beginning of a new year as 2020 was finally kissed goodbye. Ouachita Worship released its first original song "Holy Fire," and the first Tiger athletic competition since March 2020 was a swim meet.

MARCH played host to COVID-19 vaccine clinics for students, faculty and staff. An estimated 850 students received the vaccine. Intramural competition also began to heat up, alongside social club activities.



United States Congress passes \$1.9 trillion stimulus package to help families and individuals across the country.

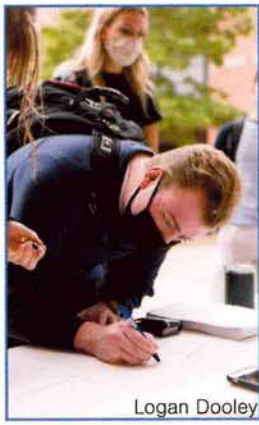
MAY marked the conclusion of the most strenuous school year everybody on campus had ever experienced, as the class of 2021 walked the stage without masks in Cliff Harris Stadium.



A state of emergency was declared after a cyberattack on a fuel pipeline resulted in a lack of gas supply.



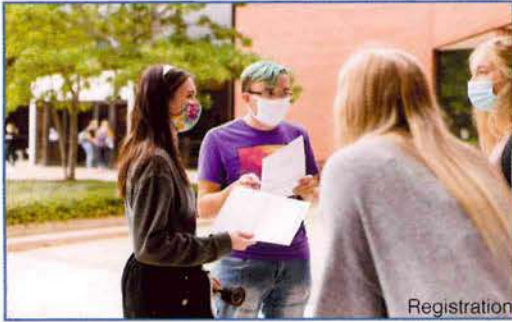
Petra Gois Camargo
Election Panel



Logan Dooley



Junior Andrew Boatman shows off his "I Voted" pen. Ouachita students took to the polls and submitted ballots in the mail.
Photo by Abby Blankenship



Registration



Electoral College Votes // 306
Popular Votes // 81.3 million

JOE BIDEN (D)

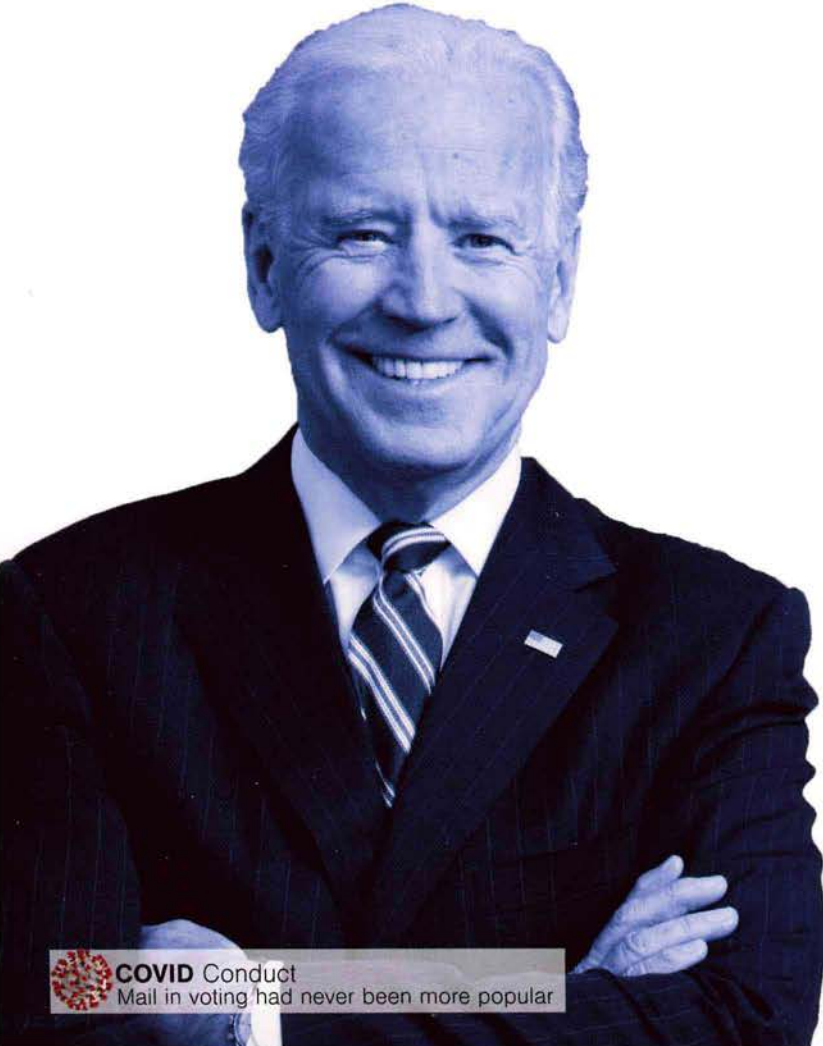
UTILIZING

The 2020 Presidential Election marked one of the most historic elections in the United States' history. The two candidates, 45th President and Republican candidate Donald Trump and President-elect and Democratic candidate Joe Biden, recorded the highest voter turnout in over a century.

On campus at Ouachita Baptist University plenty of eyes were peeled to the polls. Leading up to the historic day of November 3, 2020, educational panels were held in order to provide information and knowledge about the election and election process. A day was dedicated to voter registration as students received information on how to register to vote. And as election season was in full swing, some students cast mail-in ballots while others traveled back home in order to make their voice heard.

Madison Rawls, a senior music major from Arkadelphia and president of the Young Democrats on Ouachita's campus, said, "Voting is important because it gives us the opportunity to have a voice. Some think their vote doesn't matter, but it does."

For many students, 2020's election was the first Presidential Election in which the young demographic was qualified to vote. As the workforce inched closer for students, some believed the decision on who to



COVID Conduct
Mail in voting had never been more popular



Senior Molly Maddox poses with her "I Voted" sticker. Ouachita students were given the chance to register to vote on campus. Photo by Abby Blankenship



Mary Charles West



Blaine Miller



Anna Roussel
Election Panel

DONALD TRUMP (R) Electoral College Votes // 232
 Popular Votes // 74.2 million

OUR VOICE

vote for was dependent upon a candidate's economic outlook.

"I think as a college student voting matters so much more than one might think," Madison McGhee, a junior communications major from Alma and president of the College Republicans, said. "We are working toward degrees, to get jobs, and to enter the real world. How the world and job market functions is affected by who is elected not only nationally but locally too."

Voting is a privilege Americans are given, but countless of other countries throughout the globe are not given a choice.

Isaac Edwards, a freshman biology major from Hawkins, Texas, said, "Voting is important because it encourages civic participation, the effectiveness of the government, and allows all to be represented."

Votes were counted for weeks following the 2020 election due to an onslaught of mail-in ballots. Biden eventually pulled away in the election once the mail in ballots were counted and Trump's four-year stay from early 2017 to early 2021 came to a close.

Former vice president Joe Biden won the 2020 election with 306 electoral votes. He was inaugurated on January 20, 2021, as the 46th President and Commander-in-Chief of the United States of America.

Ben Swanger and Addie Woods

