



Members of Chi Mu join hands in celebrating the club's 5th birthday. Clubs found unique ways to stay connected during the year.
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CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

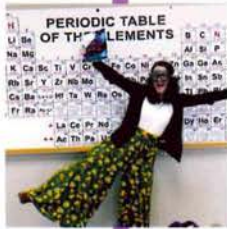
Functions were canceled. Celebrations were postponed. Rush pivoted. Inactivity crept in. Ouachita's clubs and organizations could have wavered, however each student chose ***resilience.***



"The Student Dietetic Association allows us to do projects on campus and to grow closer as a major. We get to make great memories with the activities this club brings."
Cannon Fisher



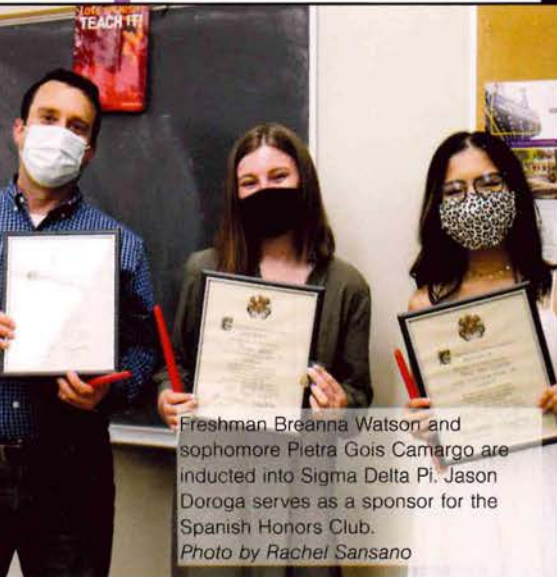
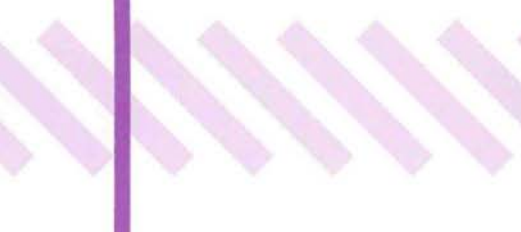
"I loved being part of and leading Art Club because it has given me the opportunity to serve campus and Arkadelphia with incredibly talented and creative people."
Jenna Whitlow



"There is a great focus on outreach and education for people outside of the science department at Ouachita."
Aubree Seibert



Students donate canned foods for the Kappa Delta Pi food drive. The club collected food for Perritt Primary students.
Photo by Rachel Sansano



Freshman Breanna Watson and sophomore Pietra Gois Camargo are inducted into Sigma Delta Pi. Jason Doroga serves as a sponsor for the Spanish Honors Club.
Photo by Rachel Sansano

Showcasing fundraisers, fun, and field experience

VARIETY

Ouachita boasted a wide array of academic clubs across campus for students to plug into. The members of each club came from different backgrounds and majors, however they all shared a common passion.

The academic clubs stayed active all year long. From fundraisers to conferences, these clubs gave their members hands-on experience and skills to prepare them for their future careers.

One of the clubs on campus was ENACTUS. Estelle Zhang, a senior business administration and finance major from China, shared how the club prepared her for life after graduation.

"I interviewed new members, did research, connected with ABC Homes in Arkansas, and we also dedicated our profit from selling coffee to poor villages in Guatemala to help them build schools and water supply," she said. "By the end of spring semester, we went to business competition conference to compete at regional and national level. I certainly gained hands-on experience because we're doing real-life business."

The clubs not only wanted their members to grow, but they also wanted the student body to learn and educate themselves. Cannon Fisher, a junior nutrition and dietetics major from Wynne explained the activities the Student Dietetic Association organized and their importance.

"Every year, we have our famous chocolate covered strawberry fundraiser and potato fundraiser," he said. "We are trying to do more on-campus activities with students to help educate them on the importance of nutrition and what that entails. We want to give them

key educational tips on how to get all of their vitamins in their diet or on how not to carbo-load at every meal. We want it to be fun and easy because it is, and it's so important to have that knowledge."

Another club on campus was the Student Nurses Association. Academic clubs gave the opportunity to members to hold a leadership position. Madi Esch, a senior nursing student from Benton, described how being the president of her club helped her overcome her fears and gain new skills.

"I was terrified of running for the position at first, but I knew it was something God wanted me to do," she said. "I always thought leadership wasn't my thing, but come to find out, I actually enjoy it. I like being able to mentor others and be someone that others can count on. This has allowed me to grow not only from that, but by making sure things get done and helping grow the nursing program even through COVID-19."

The NSSLHA (National Student Speech Language Hearing Association) was another club that impacted students' lives at OBU. Molly Maddox, a junior speech pathology major from Jonesboro, shared how the club helped her grow.

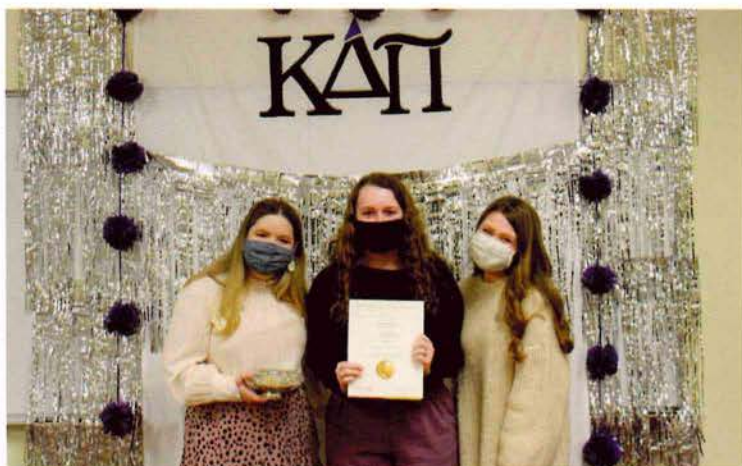
"NSSLHA has impacted my experience at Ouachita by allowing me to build relationships with the upper classmen as well as the classes below me," she said. "It has been really neat to see how the club as a whole works together to serve the community of Arkadelphia. The club also prepared me by opening my eyes to ways I can serve others in my future career."

Valeria Gomez



STUDENTS GATHER on the lawn to play cornhole. The Society of Physics hosted the event.
Photo courtesy of Society of Physics Facebook

DEMONSTRATING CPR, senior Kierra Taylor explains the procedure to a student. The Kinesiology club set up the demonstration outside the student center for students to come by.
Photo by Abby Blankenship



TEAM TESTIMONY

"My experience in Kappa Delta Pi was a little different this year than previous years," Jazmyn Parker, a junior elementary education from Jefferson, said. "Our club is heavily based on community service and volunteering at the schools in the Arkadelphia community. Because we were not allowed in schools due to COVID-19, we did other service projects, such as writing letters to the teachers, hosting a food drive, and writing letters of encouragement to OBU student teachers."

As told to Gracen Goudy

Honors Program allows students to strive above and beyond

The Carl Goodson Honors Program was founded in 1964 and was a program built on academic excellence as well as a social aspect. The Honors Society was known as Alpha Tau which was created by Dr. Barbara Pemberton. Students were given the chance to be ambassadors, plan events, and serve the community together throughout the school year. The Honors program gave students plenty of opportunities to go above and beyond in creative research to explore a wide variety of things that students are interested in and allow students to dive deeper in their studies.

Dr. Pemberton, a professor of Christian Missions and Director of the Honors Programs, said, "Honors Society included the Black and White Ceremony which inducts new students into Honors and introduces the older members into the research stage of their thesis. Another event is known as the Spring Theme held in the spring where students put together a fun event for the Ouachita student body."

Scholars Day was another event that was hosted by the Honors Society. The senior thesis involved a directed study with any professor and was presented to Ouachita's student body on Scholars Days.

Kristi Roshto, senior English major from Alexandria, Louisiana, was the Academic Chair for Honors. Her favorite event this year was the Black and White Reception because she got to plan it with Dr. Pemberton.

"I put a lot of work into this event, I really enjoyed it and it was my last one," she said. "I was the one who created the videos and create the slide show. I am very thankful that Dr. Pemberton trusted me enough to handle this event and gave me this opportunity to learn."

Dane Jester, a junior biology major from Benton, and Hannah Herrington, a junior biology major from Little Rock, were both Co-Social chairs. Both Jester and Herrington shared how being in Honors affected them as a student.

"When we were able to have weekly Honors colloquium, a student working on their thesis would present research to an audience of Honors students," Jester said. "This was always a great opportunity for me to broaden my intellectual horizons by learning about a wide range of subject matters outside of my particular field of study here at Ouachita."

For Herrington, she has been able to strive above and beyond because of the program.

"Honors has been great accountably for me to give my best academically and go beyond what is required of me to graduate," Herrington said. "The Lord calls us to glorify him in all we do, and I know working hard academically is a way to do that."

Isabella Wood, a junior psychology major from Paragould, was the Ambassador Chair.

"Honors has influenced me to go beyond the curriculum," she said. "I take a closer look at topics that interest me, and I get to have professors direct my search. Because of honors I now enjoy doing research. Before college, I would have told you I hated research, but having to do it for my honors thesis has made it much more enjoyable. As a Christian, it has helped me to see how God is in everything that we see and do."

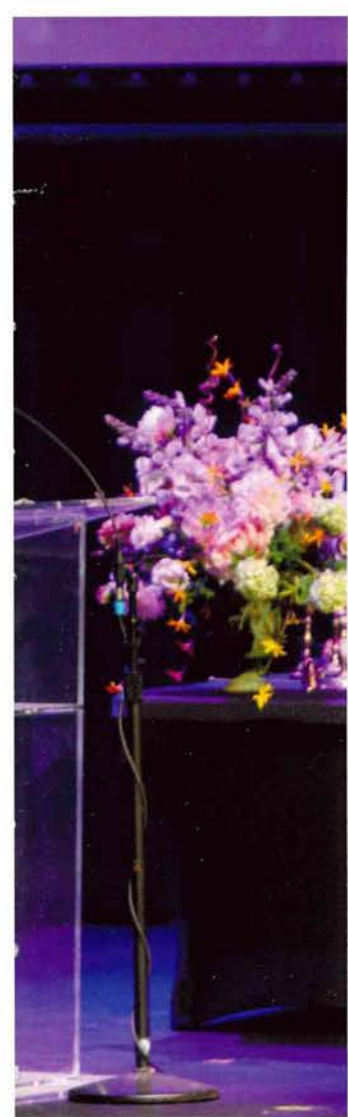
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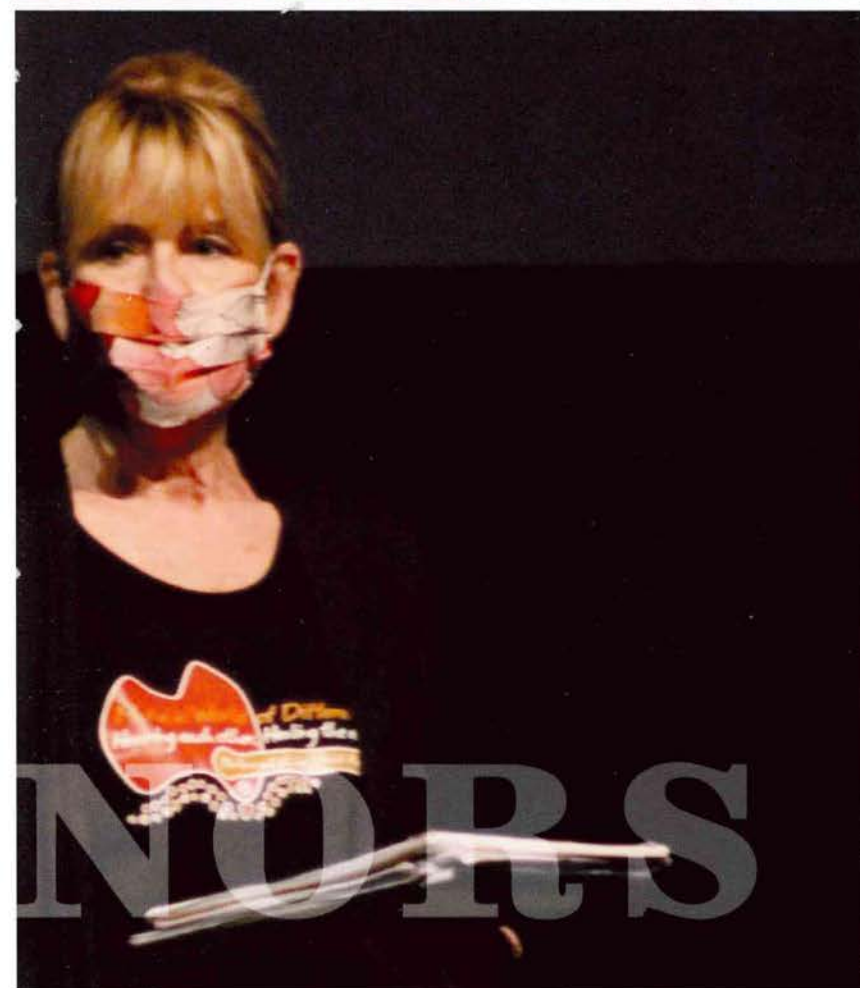
Noah Sanders speaks at Honors Induction
Photo by Levi Dade



Dr. Pemberton teaches Honors OBU Connections
Photo by Sarah Dean



Honors student learn about The Beatles in Beatles Music Honors Seminar
Photo by Jomari Bailey



Maddie Bailey and Jael Winterholter are celebrated at the Honors Induction
Photo by Levi Dade



"Anytime I'm making music with other students is a gratifying experience and it contributes to my musicianship."
Craig Crawford



"I have really seen how lucky as a campus we are to be able to play in-person ensembles, while still being able to be on campus."
Brock Wade



"After two challenging semesters, it was so encouraging and uplifting to be able to worship and make music with such a big part of the Ouachita community."
Jacob Cates



Chloe Spraggins and Jonathan Sandy play at the Steel Drum Ensemble. The audience spread out in Jones Performing Arts Center to view the concert.
Photo by Hannah Adamson



Freshman Brennon Humphry plays at the handbell concert. The concert took place in Berry Chapel.
Photo by Levi Dade

One team, one tune, one **ENSEMBLE**

Ouachita had both vocal and instrumental ensembles on campus that provided a way for students to get involved and use their gifts. Whether it was by joining the Concert Choir or the Steel Drum Band, there was a group for everyone looking for a way to showcase their talent.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the music ensembles had to adjust everything in order to keep everyone safe.

Chloe Wallace, a freshman music industry major from Conway, was a member of the Women's Chorus and the Concert Choir. She shared how her first year in the music ensembles were different than what she was expecting.

"Because of COVID-19 we've had to sing in masks, perform outside, and be distanced from each other," Wallace said. "Masks make it hard to remember which name goes with which person, and distancing can make it hard to get to know people who are really spread out from you."

The new restrictions were hard on the freshmen, especially since they were trying to meet new people.

"COVID-19 has changed so many things in the aspect of music and theatre," freshman Eli Butler, a musical theatre major from Greenwood, said. "Making music is such an intimate task and brings people so close, but because of COVID-19 and having to wear masks it's hard to get that connection."

Even though COVID-19 made it difficult for people to connect, the music ensembles did not let this stop them. The ensembles were able to put on many fun outdoor concerts in front of the student center and in the amphitheater, as well as host socially distanced events in Jones Performing Arts Center and Berry Chapel.

"Ouachita students have done such a great job of following the mandates and guidelines while coming together to make beautiful music and have fun during these hard times," said Butler.

Music brought forth a joy that we all desperately needed during these times, and the music ensembles were more than able to supply that for Ouachita's campus.

Aryana Gardner, a senior music industry major from Conway, was a member of the Women's Chorus and the Concert choir, as well as MORE Gospel Choir.

When asked about her favorite event this past year, she said, "My favorite memory this year was the MORE Gospel Choir and Ouachita Worship Band teaming up."

The MORE and Ouachita Worship duo just shows that even with all the restrictions, the music ensembles were able to fight through and come together in order to do what they love: make beautiful music.

Gardner put it best when she said, "I have learned that if you stay persistent, God will favor your efforts."

Hanna Williams



DR. GERBER leads his students in a Concert Choir performance outside the student center. Students and family gathered outside to listen.
Photo by Levi Dade

WITH HIS bassoon, senior Cross Brandon plays at the Wind Ensemble concert. The concert was held in Jones Performing Arts Center.
Photo by Sarah Dean

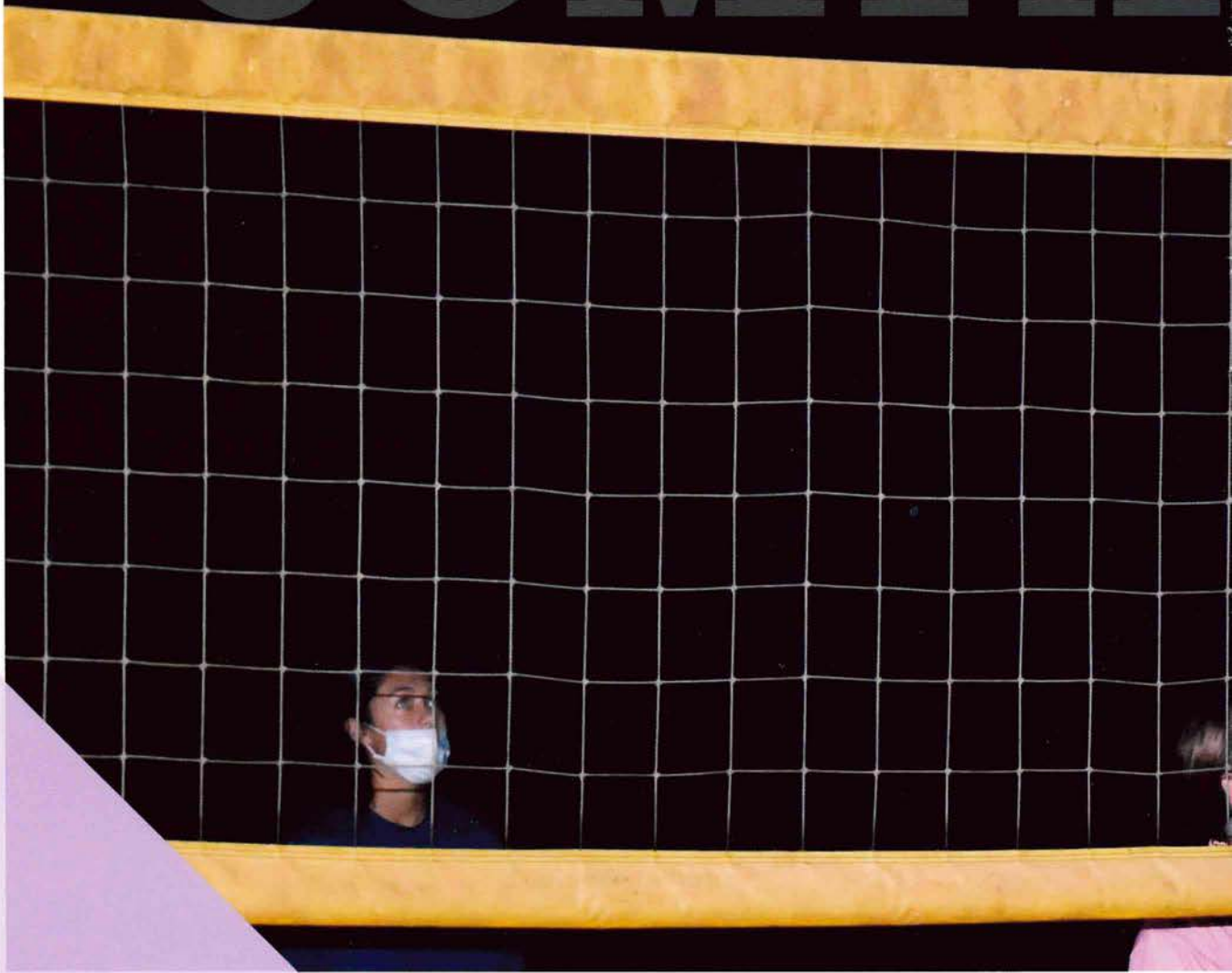


TEAM **TESTIMONY**

"There were certainly many things we had to overcome in the wind ensemble," Harrison Shuffield, a junior music industry major from Arkadelphia, said. "We wore masks coming in and out of the band room, there were clear plexiglass dividers between each player, and bell covers to go over the end of each instrument to minimize the spread of COVID-19. I'm thankful that Ouachita was able to quickly adapt to guidelines for the music department and have a relatively normal year."
As told to Gracen Goudy

COMPA

**Athletes build
community
off the field**



As many events were pushed aside due to COVID-19 regulations, Ouachita's Fellowship of Christian Athletes was determined to work around this in order to maintain fellowship and grow their faith. President of the organization, junior political science and business double major, Hunter Swoboda, from Bentonville, was thrilled to see the impact FCA was allowed to have on athletes on campus.

"FCA was awesome during this entire academic year," Swoboda said. "With the help of Dr. Kluck, Coach Sharp, and our sponsor Coach Spencer Knight we were able to ensure a safe COVID-19 environment

along with pursuing and deepening our relationships with Christ and with each other. We met every other Wednesday and only missed one event and that was due to the snowstorm."

Each week, athletes gathered for worship, a message, food, and games. The goal was to spread and strengthen the gospel message throughout the athletic department.

"FCA plays a major impact on our student athletes," Coach Spencer Knight said. "Just this semester I have seen student athletes grow in their relationship with Christ in so many ways. Through adversity and uncertainty they have remained consistent in their walk. A few have even come to truly understand what Christ has done for us and

KNOWLEDGE



Photo by Meagan North

how to follow Him for the first time. It also impacts their attitudes and perspective both on and off the field.”

Other students held a leadership role within the organization. Junior accounting and finance double major Sydney Parker, from Edmond, Oklahoma, was in charge of running the social media accounts.

“The biggest impact it made for me was having planned time each week knowing that I was either going to have an hour of time interacting with fellow athletes on campus that I don’t normally see, or I was going to be able to meet with the other members of the leadership team to talk about how we were and plan the next event,” Parker said. “I was able to get to know several students that I would not have had the chance to otherwise.”

“FCA brings so many people together... creating a very unique community.”
- Bethany LaTurno

FCA provided an environment to not only strengthen the relationship between teammates, but strengthen the relationships between all athletes. The athletes involved used this opportunity as a way to impact those around them.

“As an athlete, we have a unique platform to share the gospel,” freshman Bethany LaTurno said, a Christian Studies major from Tulsa, Oklahoma. “FCA brings so many people together, all in different parts of their walk with Christ, creating a very unique community of people. Over the last two semesters our numbers have grown, and while that is important that our numbers are growing, the numbers don’t matter, the people do. Behind each number is a person has a story and is broken like the rest of us. God’s love and truth is taking hold here.”

Gracen Goudy



"Serving in OSF has allowed me to give back to a campus that has given so much to me. I am so thankful for this organization and their mission."
Caroline Johnson



"I love serving in OSF because it is the opportunity to serve other students and the Ouachita community well. It truly is the chance to serve others like Jesus."
MacKenzie Hall



"I love OSF because I get to do the work of helping students stay at Ouachita while also having fun planning and working the events."
Lauren Bridgeman



Caroline Derby and Katie Moore make Coke floats for the student body. OSF handed out the floats to promote Tiger Traks sign ups.
Photo by Abby Blankenship



Lizzy Baughn and Kate Vernon help distribute Hurts Donut orders. This was one of OSF's new fundraisers to make up for the loss of Tunes.
Photo by Callie Rogers

Students
helping
students

HARMONY

The Ouachita Student Foundation played an important role on campus this year by raising \$100,000 in scholarship money while also hosting events to keep the student body engaged during a unique year. Though they could not host a normal Tiger Tunes, the organization still found numerous ways to be creative in raising the funds they needed to keep their classmates on campus.

Due to the absence of Tiger Tunes, OSF hosted Tiger Traks in the fall semester. Games were altered to fit the university's COVID-19 guidelines, and even in the pool, team members were required to be in masks. The assistant director of special events for OSF was junior Maddie Bailey, a political science major from Benton. The possibility of Traks seemed unlikely at the beginning of the school year, but Bailey felt she learned a lot about being flexible and adapting to new situations while planning the campus event.

"The biggest obstacle with planning Tiger Traks this year was finding a balance between traditional Traks and coming up with new games," Bailey explained. "We wanted to keep as many traditional Traks games as we could, but navigating COVID guidelines required us to get creative with some new games as well."

Another new twist OSF put on their typical schedule was hosting Tiger Tunes Rewind which allowed social clubs to vote on their favorite previous show to be shown in a live stream broadcast. The winners of the event were based on the total money raised through People's Choice donations. The Women of EEE came in first place, with the Women of Gamma Phi being a close second. The event even won a regional award for development events altered to fit COVID-19 guidelines. Mason Woolbright, a senior business major

from Benton, served as OSF President and remembered Tiger Tunes Rewind as one of his favorite parts of his year in leadership.

"While sitting on the lawn of Cone-Bottoms as the Tiger Tunes REWIND program aired, it was fantastic to refresh my browser every minute or so and see how much the online giving had gone up," Woolbright said.

Even though they could not host a normal Tiger Tunes, the organization still wanted to maintain their tradition of awarding the Shelby Seabaugh Spirit of Tunes award. This year's recipient was especially near to the heart of the award, as it was given to Shelby's sister, Gracen Seabaugh, a senior education major from Magnolia, as well as a member of OSF.

"I have been in the audience every year as it was awarded, and I never could have anticipated that I would one day receive it myself," Seabaugh said. "It reminded me a lot of the first time the award was given in fall 2014. My family had no idea that there was going to be an award given each year in Shelby's name, and we were just so shocked, but also immensely grateful."

Overall, the Ouachita Student Foundation had a successful year despite the challenges they faced. The group gave 85 scholarships to rising juniors and seniors as a result of their fundraising, as well as recruiting 56 new members.

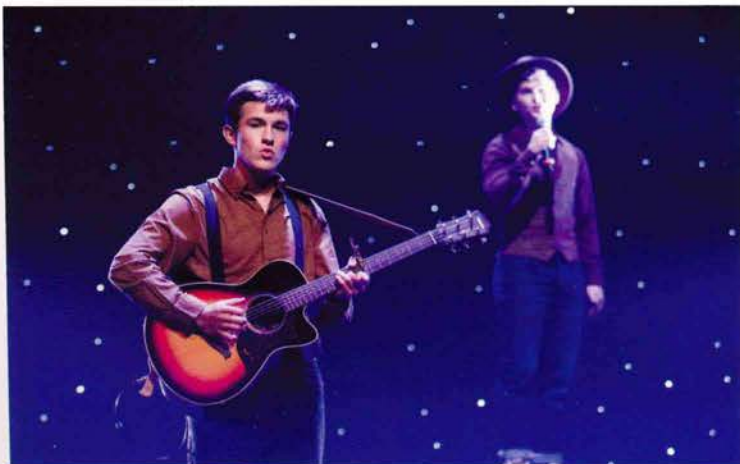
"The lasting impact of OSF is that all we do is for student scholarships and being able to be part of the group that awards all of that raised money - \$100,000 worth - to classmates that need it most," Woolbright said.

Anna Roussel



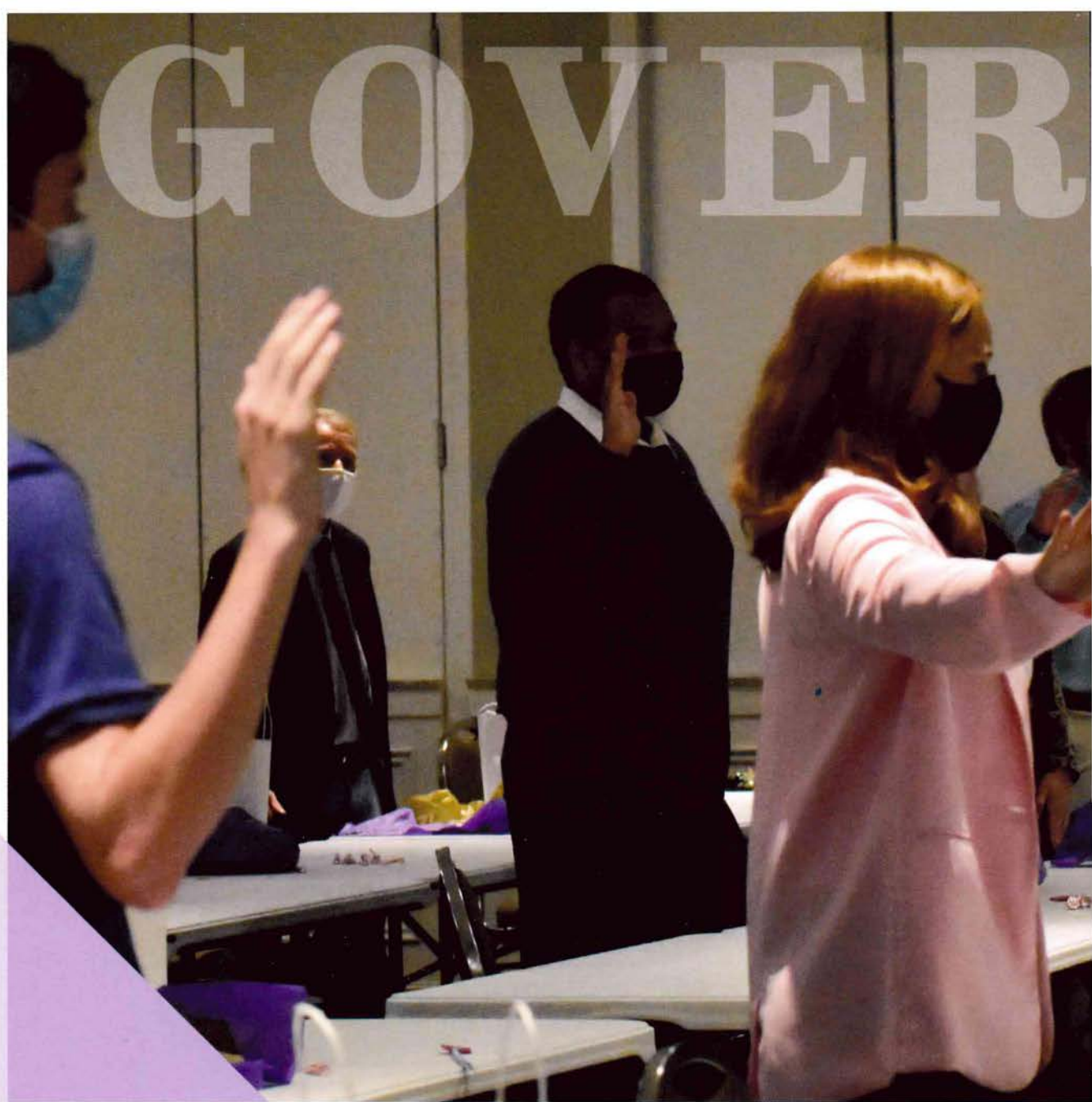
TEAM MEMBERS fight to win in mud tug-of-war at fall Tiger Traks. Weather was cold during Traks weekend, but students still showed up to play the entire day. Photo by Abby Blankenship

OSF MEMBERS Anna Roussel, Maddie Bailey, and Mary Madison Tolbert check in team members for Traks. Each student who played was there from early morning until late afternoon. Photo by Abby Blankenship



TEAM TESTIMONY

The Ouachita Student Foundation was awarded the CASE ASAP District 4 Pivot Award for Tunes Rewind and their efforts to rework Tiger Tunes to fit COVID-19 guidelines. "Our annual fundraising goal is \$100K, and is normally raised almost entirely by ticket sales at Tunes," said Anna Roussel, who served as vice president of OSF. "With COVID limiting the ability to host fundraisers, we did not anticipate we would meet our goal this year. This award, to me, indicates how hard our members work to serve our campus and their peers." As told to Addie Woods



GOVER

Senate members strive toward exceptional integrity

In a year full of changes, monitoring health, and adjusting circumstances, Student Senate rose to the challenge and sought to make the most of the COVID-19 year for Ouachita students, faculty, and staff. Student Senate members exemplified leadership, positive role models, and engagement in the creation of the Ouachita experience. Even in the midst of the pandemic, the student leaders worked hard to diligently serve Ouachita.

Tyrese Allen, student body president from Savannah, Ga., said the mission of Student Senate is to work on behalf of students, faculty, and staff.

"Student Senate serves as a liaison between Ouachita faculty, staff, administration, and the student body," Allen said. "Our goal is to ensure that the Ouachita experience fosters a mutually enjoyable, Christ-centered environment."

Serving as a liaison is just one of the many

jobs the student organization had. Homecoming, elections, traffic court, and boosting overall campus morale also fell on Student Senate. Kat Allen, student body internal affairs and events coordinator from Texarkana, said some of these events were modified due to COVID-19.

"At the beginning of the semester everyone was still adjusting from the summer. Morale was low. We were able to help and contribute to boosting morale across campus, and that helped dramatically. Our leadership team got to invest in other students," Allen said. "As for Homecoming, we still had a significant turnout. We had a greater increase in participation and voting for Homecoming court and Homecoming queen. Student Senate helped organize when and where people needed to be."

Other adjustments included switching to almost completely virtual meetings, a change that took members some getting used to. Student



Photo by photographer

Senate also allocated more funds to support their grant programs for clubs and organizations. These funds were used to offset any extra expenses that occurred in order to follow pandemic protocol.

The organization also held its yearly elections for student body and class positions. Students were heavily engaged in the election casting their votes.

“We fight for students and work with faculty to see change on campus

- Chris Cobb

For Madison McGhee, 2021 student body president-elect from Alma, the opportunity to run for her position was one she almost passed on.

“I didn’t think I was going to run for president at first, I really just knew I wanted to be on Senate. When I got on Senate, I immediately knew the organization made a huge difference on Ouachita’s campus that people don’t really understand,” McGhee said. “I knew if I let the opportunity go by not running, I would regret it. The election was exciting because it got more people

involved on campus than ever before.”

For Chris Cobb, senior class president from Little Rock, he hoped Ouachita students knew that Student Senate listened.

“We are an organization that listens to any concerns or desire for change on campus. We fight for students and work with faculty to see change on campus.”

Ouachitonians learned from the work of Student Senate and the way they lead in consistent progress, change, and innovation.

“We are a university with a set of Christ-centered values and a responsibility to the education of our students in both academia, and real-world expectations,” Tyrese Allen said. “Student Senate, and Ouachita faculty, staff, and administration, are dedicated to ensuring that the Ouachita experience is consistent with the exceptional reputation of our great alma mater.”

Mackenzie Hall

CAB reimagines student activities in light of COVID restrictions

This year's Campus Activities Board faced some of the most interesting challenges of all organizations on Ouachita's campus. Due to COVID-19, CAB was not able to plan as many activities as they usually have. Social distancing and the use of large spaces on campus for classrooms limited the activities traditionally sponsored by the group.

When they were able to host events, they were hosted outside where all students could participate and be able to physically distance without being crowded or breaking any CDC guidelines. Movies on the lawn, and games such as laser tag, became popular events.

In addition to having unique activities this year, CAB focused on reimagining and thinking about fun things to do next school year to make campus activities a lot more fun and increase student involvement.

"The purpose of CAB is not only for students to have fun helping with the activities, but also to teach students important leadership skills," Tim Harrell, the sponsor of CAB and the Director of the Student Life, stated. "CAB is a student-led board where students present fun ways to engage with Ouachita's community, such as laser tag or movie night, and follow through with their big plans. CAB also takes feedback from other students and uses their feedback to make the events even better for the students to enjoy."

Students in CAB exercised other skills, too. These skills included organization, commitment, and promotion. Harrell has really enjoyed being the sponsor of CAB and hopes that things will get back to normal next school year. CAB is always accepting of volunteers and students who are willing to lead the board.

Jimmy Castro, a junior computer science major from Arkadelphia, stated, "Being a part of CAB has been an incredible time. Helping with events that can create valuable experiences for people just coming to college is great. My favorite event that I have helped with would have been when we had laser tag in the village. That was so much fun to help out with."

For students like Samantha Dixon, getting involved was something she always envisioned.

"I attended many campus events early on in college, and seeing that a lot of students had a hand in their production really made me want to contribute my time as well to this community aspect of Ouachita," Samantha Dixon, a senior majoring in graphic design from Merrillville, Indiana, stated. "One of my favorite annual events CAB does is the Christmas party in the Stu. Students have a chance to gather for an evening and enjoy the decorations, nostalgic music playing, food arrangements, and play games throughout the night. The Stu is such a community centered space and I love to see it put to use through CAB events like this."

CAB will look to bring back normal events next school year, but throughout this unprecedented time, lessons were learned and events were created that will hopefully continue to be campus staples.

Angela Webb



Photo by Abby Blankenship



LEISURE

As a freshman, Jack Bennington, a senior communications major from Arkadelphia, never anticipated becoming a Refuge leader for Campus Ministries. He especially did not anticipate becoming one during a global pandemic.

"Where do I begin?" asked Bennington when questioned about what Refuge looked like this year. "Refuge obviously isn't a church, but we run services like a church and that has been a challenge to make right and as natural as possible this year."

This year brought many changes for students, faculty and staff but it also brought about changes for Campus Ministry volunteers as they learned to navigate their ministries in new ways amid COVID-19.

"Refuge is normally held at Second Baptist Church," Bennington said, "but the capacity would be much lower there which is why we made our move to JPAC."

Learning to be flexible was a theme woven throughout the volunteer positions of Campus Ministries this semester. Although many changes took place, different ministries met newfound potential as smaller group settings such as Life Groups became essential parts of ministry at Ouachita.

Raegan Greer, a senior studio art major from Argyle, Texas, who was a Christian Focus Week leader, explained that for her ministry, many of the usual events that they had held in the past had to be reimaged.

"We changed things up a bit because of COVID," Greer said. "Some of the main things were moving breakout sessions to Zoom, moving morning worship to evening worship and cancelling our men's and women's talks."

Greer also explained that adapting her ministry meant shifting her perspective for what the week would look like.

"I think I just realized that we had to make do and be content with what we were able to do and just enjoy it! It ended up being a really fun week and even though we weren't able to do things like we did in the past, I was just thankful that we were able to do it all," Greer said.

Another ministry leader, Vanessa Vives, a sophomore Elementary Education major from Bogota, Columbia, and a Noonday leader, explained that the creation of Moonday was one of the ways they were able to be creative with the changes this semester to this ministry.

Noonday was typically a 15 minute meeting in Berry, but adding a nighttime version in front of Cone-Bottoms became a new and exciting way to freshen up this ministry.

"Although we did not expect this many changes, which had to happen because of the weather and COVID, we have continued to learn about the importance of being flexible," said Vives.

Amidst all the changes and important choices that were made in an effort to steward each ministry well during such a strange time, the Lord continued to guide Campus Ministry leaders along the way.

"Leading Noonday during COVID has taught me the importance of understanding that we are not God—God is God. He is the one that is taking care of us, and it is only when we are setting our minds on things above, that we are able to be comforted, strengthened, and encouraged to persevere in uncertainty and point others to what truly matters," Vives said.

Mallory Morris

Students leading students toward **MINISTRY**

BAILEY BUETTNER leads Refuge through a provoking sermon. After graduation, Buettner plans on furthering the Lord's kingdom as an international missionary
Photo by Sarah Dean

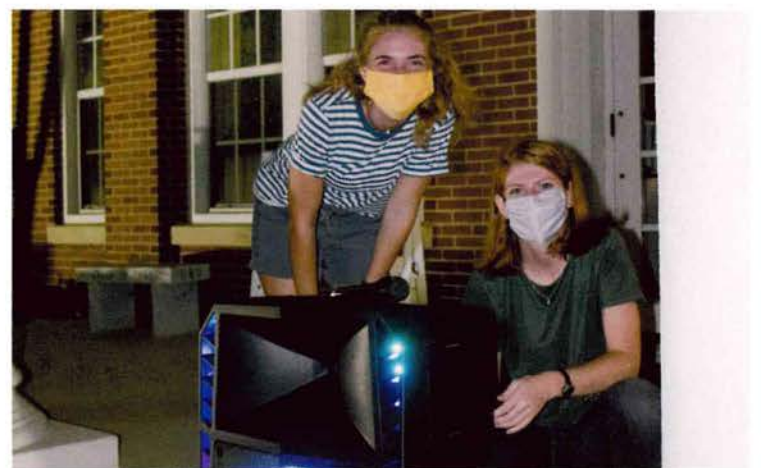
STUDENTS gather on Zoom for a CM Fall Retreat session. Due to COVID restrictions, the annual retreat's format looked a little different.
Photo by Sarah Dean



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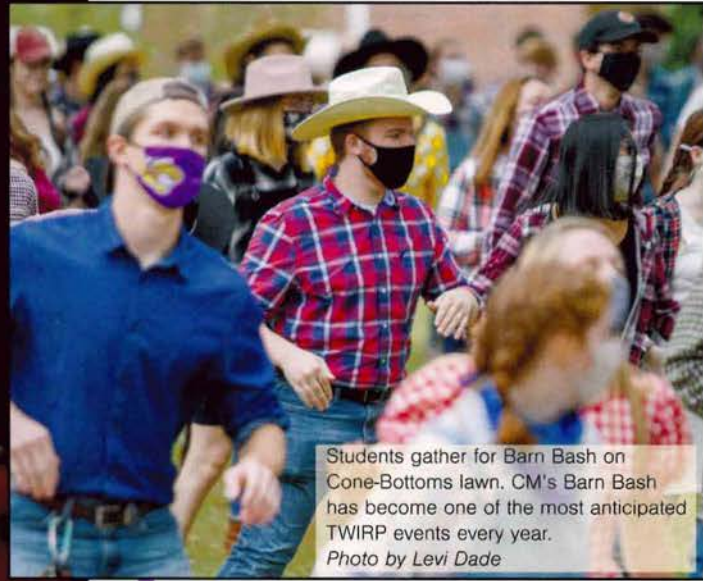
"Noonday was different this year, but it was cool to see how God still worked through it," Kayla Brown said. "We learned how to be flexible due to COVID restrictions and classes taking place in Berry at noon, so one change we made during the first half of the fall semester was having Moonday at night outside of Cone-Bottoms. While that created a different atmosphere, it ended up going really well, and many students were encouraged by it! I've never been someone that enjoys being in the spotlight, so one of my favorite parts has been giving other students the opportunity to share and use their gifts."

As told to Anna Roussel





Senior Jack Bennington preaches at the weekly Refuge service. Bennington served as a regular speaker during the school year. Photo by Levi Dade



Students gather for Barn Bash on Cone-Bottoms lawn. CM's Barn Bash has become one of the most anticipated TWIRP events every year. Photo by Levi Dade



"Serving with CM is a great chance to figure out where your spiritual gifts are before you fully dive into the real world."
James Renshaw



"Serving in CM, I get to see what God is doing through the lives of students. I also enjoy being challenged in my leadership abilities and learning from others."
Lucie Shepherd



"I love being able to serve on CM leadership because it gives me the opportunity to oversee discipleship and biblical community as I serve and lead in our Life Group program."
Rylie Stone



"Working with publications has given me a chance to connect with so many different people and really make a positive impact."
Caity Hatchett



"I love working with the news show because it makes me feel like I'm on TV."
Henry Hunley



"Being on the photo lab team created avenues for me to connect with different students across campus and capture events and moments that those students are truly passionate about."
Madison Melcher



Abby Blankenship takes photos at Tiger Serve Day. Blankenship was co-editor of the photo lab this year.
Photo by Levi Dade



Noah Grimes films the livestream for a baseball game. OSDN provided livestreams of all home games.
Photo by Abby Blankenship

Students crafting stories

JOURNALISM

Every publication at Ouachita was very active this year. Due to COVID-19, Ouachita's campus, with the help of its community, underwent drastic changes in order to create a safe environment for students, faculty, and staff by following CDC guidelines and safety protocols. This led to new stories and new perspectives begging to be written. That is where publications such as the *Ouachitonian* yearbook, *The Signal*, Ouachita Sports Digital Network, The Ouachita News Show, and others increased their productivity this year.

Ben Swanger, a senior communications major from Forney, Texas, became editor in chief of the yearbook his senior year. This year, the yearbook staff of 22 members took home 29 awards in the 2021 ACMA Award ceremony including second in overall yearbook for the 2020 book. Ben was also recognized as the yearbook editor of the year.

"There has definitely been an adjustment in the newsroom working around COVID-19 this year," Swanger said. "I think the number of stories we cover has stayed the same, but we have cut some different topics and substituted them with new topics to fit the times."

Caity Hatchett, a senior double major in history and communication from Shreveport, La., was editor in chief of school newspaper. Several staff members of the 16 that are involved with *The Signal* won individual awards. Madeline Martin and Sara Patterson both won awards for online writing, and Sara and Mallory Wallace won third place for their podcast "The 4-1-0." Hatchett won second place for general excellence newspaper editor of the year.

"We've had to get a little more creative this year. We had less

football coverage this year, but we were able to cover other sports instead and to feature more student athletes and teams than we normally would. COVID-19 really made us reevaluate what we wanted to cover, and I think we had a wider variety of stories because of that," Hatchett said.

Chase Hartsell, a freshman sports media major from Hot Springs, was involved in Ouachita Sports Digital Network. Hartsell came into OSDN with four years of experience in student broadcasting in high school. Next fall, Hartsell will be working as a full-time host and color analyst for Inside Badger Football and arkadelphiabadgertv.com.

OSDN won two awards in ACMA award ceremony, including a first place award for sports reporting on the Special Olympics as well as Honorable Mention for coverage of the Battle of the Ravine.

"Prior to the beginning of the fall semester in 2020, the Great American Conference announced that all sports were postponed or canceled until the beginning of 2021," Hartsell said. "Therefore, we could not really cover any events aside from a few team scrimmages. When it came to the spring semester of sports, COVID-19 had a completely different effect. Rather than having no sports to cover, the spring provided us with a surplus of opportunities to cover Tiger Athletics because most fall sports had moved their schedules to the spring in addition to the already existing spring sports schedules."

The publications on Ouachita's campus allow students to get involved. It is the small school difference Ouachita offers and students are proud to undertake so much responsibility.

Angela Webb



CO-ANCHORS Izzy Baughn and Caroline Derby host the Ouachita News show as part of the broadcast team. The production was new this year.
Photo Courtesy of Caroline Derby

BEN SWANGER leads a yearbook meeting in the newsroom. Swanger was selected as Arkansas' Yearbook Editor of the Year.
Photo Courtesy of Ben Swanger



TEAM TESTIMONY

"We really had to come together to pull off 65 separate broadcasts in one semester," Matthew Branch, junior communications major from Bauxite, said. "I think everyone who worked learned some new skills and grew in their abilities. The OSDN grew working together with a crazy schedule and numerous bumps in the road brought us closer and made this year possible."

As told to Ben Swanger

The Multicultural Organization Reaching Equality, also known as MORE, focused on reaching the numerous cultures, races, and creeds at Ouachita. This organization was dedicated to welcoming all students by fostering an awareness and appreciation for everyone.

One of the things that MORE stands for is "change for better," said Dayja James, a sophomore biology major from McGhee. James served as the president and worked alongside her team and cosponsors as they navigated through the strange times of COVID-19.

The mission of MORE was to "unify Ouachita's campus in ways that it has not been united before," James said. "We do so by looking in areas that people have overlooked, and create a safe space for all students."

Throughout her time in leadership, her abilities were stretched, and her team was challenged as they went about planning amidst the regulations they had to follow. A piece of advice that will stick with James for the rest of her time at Ouachita and beyond was to "find the grace in every situation."

The club worked alongside the community, LaFuerza, and TRIO programs to help bring their mission to life. COVID-19 took a toll on events, leaving the clubs with many limitations, but all programs tried their hardest to allow minority students to have an enjoyable experience.

The importance of offering multicultural clubs on campus was to

"provide an avenue for others to explore other cultures," said Dr. Lewis Shepherd, an Ouachita alum who served as the Special Assistant to the President. Dr. Shepherd's main focus was to lead the university in developing a welcoming mat of belonging. "Regardless of their color or culture, they feel welcomed, and a sense of belonging on the Ouachita campus," Shepherd said.

Dr. Shepherd worked alongside MORE, LaFuerza, and the TRIO programs as he implemented his three A's across campus, "Acknowledgement, acceptance, and appreciation."

James mentioned Dr. Shepherd being a "wise council" to the team, and they appreciated the hard work and dedication he has presented of reaching equality for the university.

"I love to see the impact that LaFuerza has had on campus, and how the students become involved with our organization," says Ana Oelenberger, a sophomore communications major from Bartlesville, Okla. LaFuerza was another organization along with MORE as they helped create awareness and educated others about the different cultures at Ouachita. Oelenberger served on the LaFuerza leadership team and believed there was more room to grow for this organization.

Although COVID-19 challenged these organizations when it came to planning and promoting engagement, nothing stopped these leaders as the university continued to increase diversity and inclusivity among all students on campus.

Lucie Shepherd

Fostering cultural equality with **PURPOSE**

VALENTINES DAY creates a new way to fundraise for MORE. Senior Bri Benton sits outside the Student Center selling Val-O-Grams to raise money.
Photo by Callie Rogers

GOSPEL CHOIR practice is held in Berry Chapel as Ary Gardner sings along. The choir was one way for the wider campus community to get involved with MORE.
Photo by Hannah Adamson



TEAM **TESTIMONY**

"There are a variety of challenges that we face as an organization, but where there is unity and love, there is strength and that special something between members and leaders," Dayja James said. "No matter how great or small in number, strength and unity drives our endeavors. We worked best in conjunction with one another, rather than apart from each other."

As told to Ben Swanger





Monica Rutledge works the booth at MORE's prayer time. This event was part of the club's Black History Month activity calendar.
Photo by Callie Rogers



Members of the MORE Gospel Choir rehearse even in masks. This group performed at many venues, including local churches and select chapel programs.
Photo by Sarah Dean



"MORE creates a stage for diversity, inclusion, and cultural education. We have to educate and become comfortable with each other's cultures if we are to all work for a better future." Tyrese Allen



"MORE has been the ultimate networking opportunity and serves as a great creativity outlet for multicultural outreach on campus."
Khennedy Brunson



"MORE has become one of, if not, the biggest highlights of my time at Ouachita. I have participated in events I wouldn't have before, met the most astounding individuals, and found a true place of comfort."
Jomari Bailey

**Ouachita
students come
together to
form band and
write hit single**



During the year, Ouachita Worship recorded and produced the first original song from the group. “Holy Fire” was written by OBU students Cameron Conner from Little Rock, Robert Pilcher of Maumelle, and Stuart Sowerbutts from Hot Springs.

The group was formed in 2018 as chapel worship leaders and eventually formed into Ouachita Worship. As the usual event Ouachita Worship participated in, Chapel was where the band really began, thus starting the background for “Holy Fire.”

The group discussed collaborating to produce a song, something that would have

Ouachita's name on it.

Conner, a senior music industry major, joined the team his junior year at the university after recognizing a call to ministry in his life. Conner also mentioned serving on the team for a year before “Holy Fire” came into planning.

“The process started in March of 2020 when the team decided to work on ‘Holy Fire.’ I was sitting in class and the Holy Spirit gave me a song just when I’d had writer’s block for two years,” he said.

The work truly began during the first round of quarantine with each member writing for the song tirelessly, recording demos, and focusing on the vision. Each member wanted

PRAISE



Photo by Meagan North

the song to reflect who Christ is and how we worship Him and praise without pride.

The process was not without its obstacles, however.

Lucie Shepherd, lead vocalist in the song and junior communications major from Rowlett, Texas, voiced that the most difficult component was the lack of physical

**"I was sitting in class and the Holy Spirit gave me a song just when I'd had writer's block for two years."
- Cameron Conner**

meetings within the group's planning. Members worked through FaceTime and texts during the project due to COVID-19 regulations.

Despite the difficulties of distance, the team trusted that funding and availability would be revealed in time.

After a full live recording in October, the team sent the files to producers and waited to receive the finished product. Once the team

was given the edited version, they uploaded the song to available streaming services.

Joel Winters, chapel worship coordinator, stated, "Holy Fire' is just a good picture of what's possible for students because of the environment Ouachita creates."

As for the response to the song, Shepherd mentioned that the most rewarding aspect of "Holy Fire" was hearing students listen and worship and how it has impacted lives.

Due to the community and extended support of "Holy Fire," many students hoped to hear more music from the Ouachita Worship team. "Holy Fire" was performed at multiple Refuge events during the year.

With this new Ouachita legacy taking place, among others, the university now has a student-created worship song and a legacy that will only continue to grow.

Katie Moore

Rush was an opportunity countless freshmen and current club members looked forward to. The week allowed rushees the chance get to know classmates and learn about the different social clubs they could possibly pledge by the end of the week.

For a lot of people, it was an opportunity to get out of a comfort zone and for others rush week was right in someone's comfort zone.

In 2020, Rush was affected immensely by COVID-19. Rush, which was typically held in the spring semester in years past, was conducted in the fall semester. Not only the schedule change affected Rush, but it was held virtually the first two days while it was usually held completely in person. Finally, pledge week transformed into a pledge weekend, with additional activities in the spring.

"Rush in person allows us to keep all of our traditions, and it gives us all the students in clubs more opportunities to meet new girls," said Erin Chappell, a junior biology major from Bryant, and Tri Chi. "But our leadership did a great job making sure everything ran smoothly with Zoom. The biggest rule that was implemented for Rush this year was that we were not allowed to hug girls that we had gotten to know, which was especially hard on bid day."

"In some capacity, Zoom worked," said Jack Peterson, a sophomore history major from Little Rock, and a Kappa Chi. "I feel like we did not get to know the rushees as much, but it was still great because we got to meet them. It was harder to get to know each rushee because they were all split up into different breakout rooms.

Instead of going around talking to all the rushees in person like usual, the upperclassmen club members only got to talk to four or five of them at a time. When we did meet in person after the two nights of Zoom, we had to socially distance, wear masks, and could not have food at the live parties unless they were served in closed containers."

Things were especially odd for freshman pledges, but Zoom Rush was just another event they had to endure through a computer screen, a life feature these students had become accustomed to.

"There was definitely a certain level of difficulty with Zoom," said Mason Campbell, a freshman Christian Studies major from Lawrenceburg, Tenn., and Eta Alpha Omega pledge. "I thought that each club did the best that they could with the current situation that we are in."

"I don't think Zoom affected getting to know people," said Makenna Holder, a freshman Elementary Education major from Camden and Chi Mu pledge. "I think that it helped connect with others more, especially through the breakout rooms which made the meetings more personal."

Rush might have looked different in this hectic school year, but the relationship building and friendship making did not look different. Connections were made, friendships were formed, and clubs continued to grow.

Angela Parsons

welcoming in fresh faces for a new *beginning*

FAMILY

CHI DELTA celebrates its 50th birthday with a party on bid day. Senior Hanna Smith marked the day by taking pictures with friends.
Photo by Hannah Smith

RHO SIGMA members Will Broussard and Justin Villegas welcome rushees to one of their parties. The club welcomed in a large pledge class of 25 during fall Rush.
Photo by Levi Dade



RUSH ROUNDUP

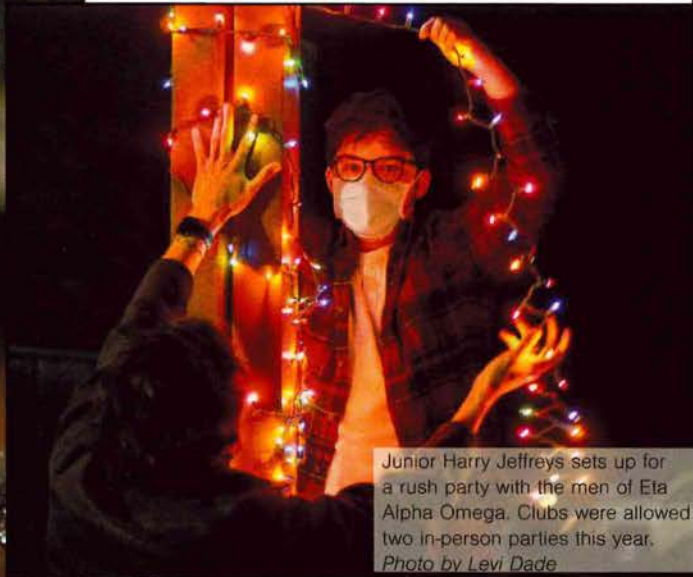
Each club was required to host two days of Rush over Zoom. Add that on to a quarantine and EEE pledge Regan Ryan had one unique Rush experience. "While I had to miss out on a few things during Rush because I was in quarantine, I got to have a really special moment with my best friends that I wouldn't have gotten to otherwise," Ryan said. "Getting to be with everyone on pref night was a moment I'll cherish forever."

As told by Addie Woods





Junior Lydia Dean and sophomore Zoe Jennings celebrate at bid day. Chi Mu's bid day was carnival themed.
Photo by Hannah Smith



Junior Harry Jeffreys sets up for a rush party with the men of Eta Alpha Omega. Clubs were allowed two in-person parties this year.
Photo by Levi Dade



"The joy I had while I ran home to my Tri Chi family made this crazy semester completely worth it."
Lauren Jenkins



"I was overwhelmed with happiness on bid day. I knew I finally found my home in Gamma Phi."
Ashton Price



"In that moment, I began to get so excited about all the memories we were going to make together in the next four years!"
Karlee Sutterfield



"I love Beta because it's provided lifelong brotherhood and lifelong memories!"
Connor Bjerke



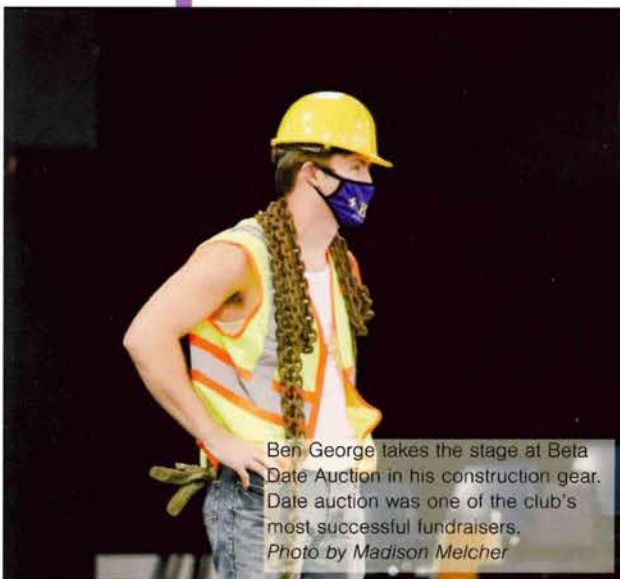
"I love these dudes. They're all my homies and I know we're brothers for life."
Gary Storment



"The Betas are the best guys on the planet. I would do anything for these brothers."
Baker Kendrick



Brock Bivens takes a pie to the face outside the Stu. Anyone who bought a March Madness bracket from the club could pie a new member in the face.
Photo by Abby Blankenship



Ben George takes the stage at Beta Date Auction in his construction gear. Date auction was one of the club's most successful fundraisers.
Photo by Madison Melcher

Brothers
boasting
lively

EXUBERANCE

The Men of Beta Beta have been a social club on Ouachita's campus since 1941. Beta was a tight knit group of guys on campus who have had years of long-standing traditions. A lot of events that Beta had were meant to bring members closer together as a whole and create a lasting brotherhood for life.

Events that Beta had, such as Beta valentine, Beta drop, Beta date auction, spiritual retreat, Rush week, and everything in between, composed a little bit of what made the club what it was.

Jack Pillow, a senior finance and business administration major from Conway, stated, "The events that we put on, show everyone what we are all about. We are just dudes being dudes that enjoy community and growth."

Pillow's favorite event was during Rush when rushees were asked funny questions as they walked in, just to get everyone laughing.

Anyone who comes to campus will almost always see a guy walking around with the word "BETA" written across their chest. Something that Pillow wanted everyone to know is that Beta was a brotherhood that goes much deeper than the letters they wear.

Ben George, a sophomore biology major from Rogers, stated, "Beta offers its members opportunities to grow as a man in multiple ways, as well as providing support and a brotherhood not just for college but for the rest of your life. Our community is very tight knit and always knows how to have a good time as well."

George loved his time as a Beta and is excited to continue these relationships with his brothers for the rest of his life.

James Renshaw, a junior business administration and management major from North Little Rock, was a pivotal part of the club. He served as his pledge class president and club chaplain and made sure that the guys were growing spiritually.

Renshaw was very intentional with how he went about his job due to COVID-19, but was successful in carrying out a small devotional at every club meeting and organized the club to still have discipleship groups.

"I have seen tremendous growth this past year through our spiritual events because we are learning what it means to have brothers to lean on in times of need, such as the pandemic," Renshaw stated. "We truly know what it feels like to have brothers that would do anything for each other and help encourage each other spiritually."

This club gave many men on campus the opportunity to grow their leadership and ministry skills. It also pushed everyone in the club to become more creative when it comes to bonding with each other.

Pillow was thankful for the opportunity to lead Beta. He stated, "I wanted to expand my pool of people I hang out with to more than just football guys. These men have challenged me and have given me more community than I could have ever asked for."

Madi Darr

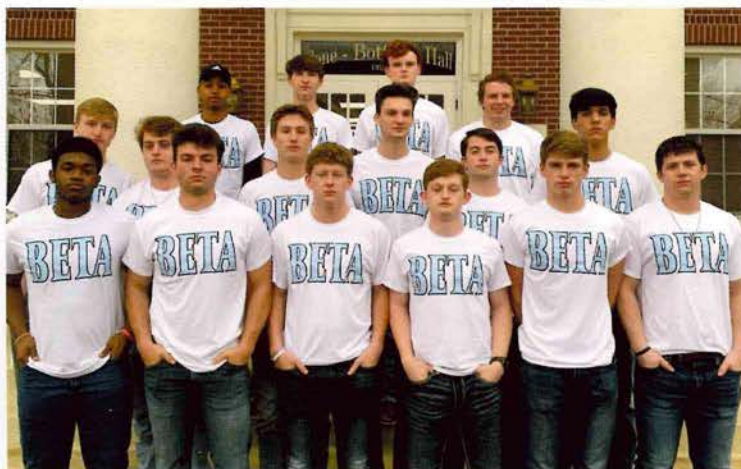


JAMES RENSHAW sleds down a hill on a campus snow day. Renshaw was seen out playing in the snow almost every day that week.

Photo by Hannah Adamson

ISAAC CROW greets Dr. Sells at a Beta fundraiser outside the Stu. Beta's new pledge class held several fundraisers during the spring semester.

Photo by Abby Blankenship



RUSH ROUNDUP

"I really enjoyed the opportunity to be able to go through the Rush process even though it looked different than it normally does. I was a little afraid of it all being virtual, but it turned out to be a great experience. Beta did a great job being as welcoming as possible with the rush parties via Zoom as well as the in person nights," Sam Scott, a freshman biology major from Little Rock, said.

As told to Anna Rousset

The Women of Chi Delta welcomed new members to their club despite facing difficult challenges from COVID restrictions throughout Rush.

"Even though it was hard to connect with members over Zoom, Chi Delta still managed to get an even bigger pledge class than before. We could not all gather together and do things like normal, but we still managed to make connections with each other," said Josee Bebee, a freshman communication sciences and disorders major from Arkadelphia.

Social life was still being managed and the Women of Chi Delta participated in events including Rush, TWIRP night, a slip and slide event with the men of Kappa Chi, and brunch with other women's clubs.

"One of my favorite memories of this school year was our TWIRP event even though it was not our ideal situation. An hour after people showed up, it started raining. Though our TWIRP event was short lived, I think that moment of mayhem was a great bonding moment for Chi Delta. We were all able to come together through the chaos," said Kyla Williams, a sophomore engineering physics major from Weatherford, Texas.

The club showed resilience throughout this year and were intentional with how they reached out and connected to members.

"It's been a struggle to try and connect with older members, but we all try and reach out to one another. I like to either text them or Snapchat them sometimes to try and connect with them," said Bebee.

The women of Chi Delta continued to encourage and support one another. Williams saw personal growth since joining the club.

"Since I joined Chi Delta, I have seen myself become more confident in many ways. I feel that I can speak up for myself a lot more and that there will always be someone that will back me up. I've been able to get out of my comfort zone a lot more, and I know that none of the other girls will judge me if I make a mistake," said Williams.

Bid day was a special day for the new members as it was the first time they got to connect with the entire club. Hannah Martin, a senior psychology major from Conway, led the club through serving as vice president.

"It has been super fun getting to know my sisters even more this year. I have been able to reach out to specific people and encourage them throughout this crazy year which I have enjoyed immensely," said Martin.

The club demonstrated spirited hearts by persevering through a challenging time for everyone and really relied on their sisterhood for support.

"I think Chi Delta grew in a variety of ways but being able to see everyone stick together and love on each other despite dealing with their own hardships has been the most prominent change. It's been a great year for Chi Delta," said Martin.

Emily Barton

Alongside special people come special MEMORIES

ALEX HENRY passes out tickets at Chi Delta's carnival. This event helped raise money for Chi Delta with different games, puppies and photo booths.
Photo by Abby Blankenship



CHI DELTA sisters Jaymee Dotson, Jamie Fowler and Hanna Thompson spend their snow day sledding at the ravine. The ravine became a hot spot for the sledding during the snow week.
Photo by Hannah Adamson



RUSH ROUNDUP

"During Rush, Chi Delta drew me in because of how authentic the girls were," Lawson Lee, a freshman psychology major from Wynne, said. "They were not trying to put on a show or impress anyone. I immediately felt at home with them because they embraced their true selves and I knew I would never have to water down my personality to fit in with this family." *As told to Angela Webb*





Chi Delta President Courtney Davis shoots the volleyball in a large version of cup pong. The game was set up at Chi Delta's TWIRP event.
Photo by Abby Blankenship



Chi Delta sisters operate their Tiger Tunes Rewind booth. Chi Delta showed their 1990 show "The Best Little Hen House at Ouachita."
Photo by Hannah Adamson



"Chi Delta is the sisterhood I never thought I needed. As the second of four girls, I know what sisterhood looks like and Chi Delta is so great at representing sisterhood in every way."
Hannah Martin



"I enjoy being a beau for Chi Delta because they're such a tight knit personable group of women and I know I can also count on them."
Cannon Fisher



"Chi Delta is a home away from home where I know that I will always be accepted no matter what is going on in my life. Being a part of this sisterhood has been a true testament to the Lord's love."
Aileena Schlauch



"I love Chi Mu because of the support the girls give me, I know that I can come to them with anything and they will understand and support me!"
Michal Felan



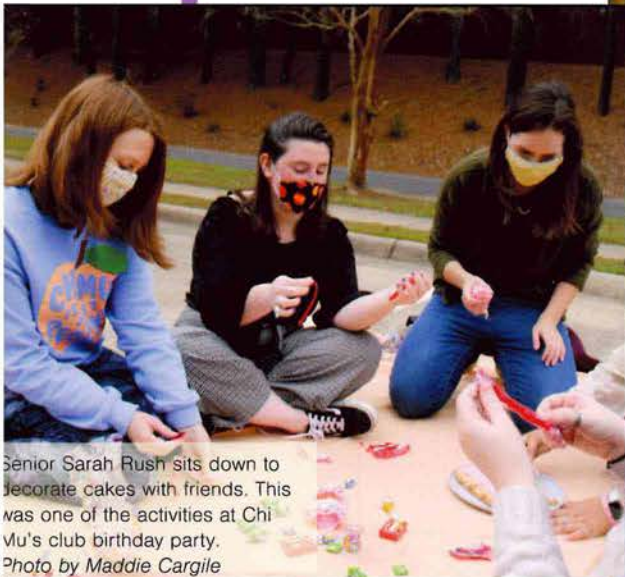
"I love Chi Mu because of all the sweet friends it has given me. This club has brought me some of the greatest friendships which I know will last a life time!"
Lydia Dean



"Chi Mu is a sisterhood of support, flexibility, growth, and love. I couldn't be more thankful for the role they play in my Ouachita story."
Bethany Crawley



Freshman Angela Webb runs home to Chi Mu on bid day. The club bought each of their new members letter shirts.
Photo by Hannah Smith



Senior Sarah Rush sits down to decorate cakes with friends. This was one of the activities at Chi Mu's club birthday party.
Photo by Maddie Cargile

Developing a home
as friends come

TOGETHER

Chi Mu was one of the many thriving female social clubs on campus. Chi Mu was founded in 2015, making it the newest social club on campus, and has become a fast growing sensation as a total of 69 members grace the presence of the club.

Katlin Hardin, the president of Chi Mu and a senior communication sciences and disorders major from Marion, states, "The community of Chi Mu is made up based around our pillars of flexibility, service, and support. We are a tight knit group of unique women who strive to care for and encourage each other to grow as individuals. Life has its ups and downs, but overall, the women in this sisterhood will always be there to pick you up during the bad times and celebrate you through the good times."

Katlin also explained the founding principals.

"Chi Mu was founded in 2015 to provide a home for women who need a sisterhood that is flexible with their busy schedule," she said. "In Chi Mu, we believe that our sisterhood should be an opportunity to grow and have fun, rather than an obligation."

Aubree Seibert, a junior triple major in chemistry, biology, and physics from Plano, Texas, is the vice president of Chi Mu and believes the club gives her the ability to grow in many ways.

"Chi Mu has given me many of my closest friendships. It has given me the encouragement and support I needed to believe in myself and push the limits of what I am capable of. I never thought that I would be able to take a leadership position when I joined, but now I am vice

president. And I have become more confident in my day-to-day life, taking harder classes and adding majors to my degree plan."

Seibert also says that Chi Mu has affected her relationship with Christ because, "It has placed me in a group of godly girls who I can lean on for support in my spiritual walk."

Elizabeth Hall, a sophomore secondary education and English double major from Prairie Grove, hoped that the future of Chi Mu, "will continue to be a place for women in need of companionship and support."

"I hope that even in growing, our club still retains that strong fellowship," Hall said. "I feel that Chi Mu's pillars combined with the welcoming atmosphere the current members formed and created the perfect club for me. I could not imagine myself in a club better suited to my needs and personality."

Mason Holder, a senior middle school education major and Chi Mu beau from Camden has been a beau since the fall of 2018.

Holder has grown in Chi Mu and says, "I've learned how to care for people more intensely and be there for them not only physically, but mentally."

Masons hopes that the future of Chi Mu "continues to grow and establish itself on campus as a place where girls can feel like they belong."

Angela Webb



CHI MU beaus celebrate at the club's birthday party. Chi Mu is a young club, and turned five years old in 2020.
Photo by Maddie Cargile

DESPITE the limitations put on rush week, freshman Sarah Dean runs to Chi Mu with her friends on bid day. The club was excited to still have an in-person bid day.
Photo by Maddie Cargile



RUSH ROUNDUP

"Rush this year was difficult," Emma Dennis said. "Not having been able to experience many club activities that the girls were asking about because of the pandemic made it hard to fully explain the club. That being said, I wouldn't trade this year's rush for anything. While it was hard, it was rewarding in its own ways."

As told to Angela Webb

The Women of EEE have held a strong presence on campus since their founding in 1925. The Women of EEE cherished their sisterhood and traditions with a unique and contagious enthusiasm. As one of the oldest and largest clubs at Ouachita, their members could be seen wearing red on Wednesdays as well as their iconic poodle skirts on special occasions.

In the fall, the Women of EEE won Tiger Tunes Rewind by participating in helping to raise money for the Ouachita Student Foundation, a student-led organization that many of their members are also members of.

Due to COVID-19, club life looked different for many of the clubs on Ouachita's campus and the Women of EEE experienced this change as well. Ali Chapman, a senior business administration and management major from Rogers, was the president of EEE for the spring semester. Chapman experienced the ways in which leading a club during a global pandemic can be both strange and rewarding.

"COVID has been a very sweet but challenging time for our club," said Chapman. "It has been such a blessing to escape the stress and chaos of life and to still meet together on Monday nights."

"I think that a main goal of mine as a leader has been for EEE to be a place of rest and community," said Chapman.

Maddie Bailey, a junior political science major from Bauxite, expressed how thankful she was for her time in EEE

and the ways that the club's leaders adapted during COVID.

"Our executive team has done such a great job of working to make traditional events COVID-friendly, so we can still have a sense of normalcy," explained Bailey. "I think it has definitely made the simple things mean so much more, like getting to still sing our sister song all together at Cone-Bottoms from six-feet apart."

In the fall, the Women of EEE added 50 new girls to their sisterhood during a very unique Rush season.

Rylie Slone, a political science major from Bella Vista, explained that although the process of Rush looked different this semester, the women of EEE worked to make it as welcoming and exciting as possible for all of the girls.

"Getting new members during COVID was definitely interesting, but it was worth every mask and all the distancing in the world," said Slone.

Reflecting over the semester, Slone explained the ways that the Women of EEE have been able to still make new memories and modify old traditions to fit COVID guidelines.

"Between our Tunes Rewind tailgate, outdoor 50s night at Cliff Harris Stadium, discipleship groups, and meeting in JPAC weekly, the EEEs have been committed to coming together in community and making as many memories we can during a really crazy season."

Mallory Morris

Perseverance
through
adjustments
proved

REWARDING

DURING the snow week, Izzy Baughn helps shovel snow on campus. Dr. Sells asked students to help him clear sidewalks and roads in preparation for returning to normal classes.

Photo by Hannah Adamson

TIGER TUNES REWIND gives Paige Williams and Natalie Ward a reason to celebrate. The EEEs hosted a watch party that night complete with food, games and costumes.

Photo by Abby Blankenship



RUSH ROUNDUP

"Amidst COVID I had such a wonderful Rush experience," Bethany LaTurno said. "Rush was a time for me to figure out if becoming a part of a club would be realistic for my student-athlete schedule as well as seeing if God was calling me to be a part of something bigger than myself. The way I was loved dearly by each club, but especially EEE, it was an easy decision to go EEE. The Women of EEE did an amazing job answering my questions and making sure that I felt valued and loved by each member." As told to Anna Roussel



COVID Conduct
Despite no Tiger Tunes show, EEE won Tiger Tunes Rewind



Senior members help welcome home PC '21 on bid day. The club worked hard to make the festivities special while also following COVID-19 guidelines. Photo by Abby Blankenship



Emma Kathleen Conner and Kamy Treat go sledding on a snowy letter day. The entire campus was full of students playing in the snow in February. Photo by Madison Melcher



"The Women of EEE are my biggest encouragers and support my every endeavor. They are kind-hearted, like-minded, and bold difference makers." Mady Cate Rottinghaus



"What I love most about these women is their dedication to not only making Ouachita a better place, but constantly bettering themselves and those around them." Madison Melcher



"This sisterhood has embraced me, encouraged me, and loved me unconditionally. EEE has taught me how to love & serve others like Christ." Jazmyn Parker



"Eta has provided me with a solid community of brothers in Christ that are constantly willing to encourage and sharpen me. I'm thankful to be a part of a group that seeks to serve our campus and show Christ to others."
Noah McCallum



"I love Eta because of the people it introduces me to. I've made great friends with guys that I wouldn't even know if it weren't for this club."
Ben Morris



"Eta is a great place to find people who truly care about you. I have enjoyed being an Eta for many reasons, but mainly because of the many lifelong friendships I have made."
Cameron Collins



Senior Mason Holder greets people at the Eta cornhole tournament. The tournament was hosted on Ouachita's front lawn with countless teams competing.
Photo by Hannah Adamson



Students gather outside the Student Center to support Eta's fundraiser. The club hosted Eta Thanksgiving as a way to give back to the community is an alternative to their usual event.
Photo by Levi Dade

Serving campus
and fostering

FELLOWSHIP

Known for their fun-loving spirit and love of root beer, the men of Eta Alpha Omega have become a campus staple since their founding in 1997. Whether hosting a cornhole tournament or sports days at the intramural fields, Eta had a big presence on campus.

Luke Black, a freshman finance and accounting major from Ruston, La., and one of their newest members, had already begun to value the constant fellowship throughout the whole club.

"You can just be yourself around these guys, and you're loved for it," Black said. "Other clubs may be seen as a 'talent show' where you have to prove that you belong, whereas with Eta and its members, I was poured into and cared about from the beginning."

Sweetheart positions in Eta are highly sought-after, and it is no secret that the girls in the club love wearing their letters. Breanna Parker, a senior education major from Clarksville, said that her favorite thing about the club is how genuine, goofy, and inclusive the members are. She felt they do an excellent job of making her feel loved and valued.

"Even though I haven't been a part of the club for very long, the guys always check on me and keep up to date with what's happening in my life," Parker stated. "I think that's what's made it special for me—the friendships and unity it's brought."

Keaton Goodrum, a junior education major from Arkadelphia, served as president of the club this year. He valued how diverse the group is, as well as their dedication to putting Christ at the center of

everything they do. Even though COVID-19 created unique challenges for clubs, Goodrum felt this had only made the members of Eta work together even more closely than before to make things happen.

"This year more than any other would have been such an easy one to throw in the towel and say that we aren't going to do much because we don't want to bother with working with COVID restrictions," Goodrum said. "Guys have gotten closer, people have developed a higher appreciation for what the club usually has, and everyone has worked hard for Eta to be what it has been this past year and it's all been really incredible to see."

Even though it was a more stressful year to hold a leadership position, Goodrum explained that the challenge of taking what the club normally does and tweaking it to fit guidelines, while also holding true to Eta's values and traditions, had been incredibly rewarding. Every decision he made as president had been significantly different from what had been done in the past, but he felt the club did a great job of taking on the challenge.

"It's been incredible to see our club do so well during the pandemic," Goodrum stated, "By taking in a great pledge class, throwing events and not only keeping the brotherhood that we already had but making it even stronger all while keeping God at the center of it."

Anna Roussel



TOWARD the end of the snow week in February, junior Ethan Marshall helps shovel snow on campus. Dr. Sells asked students to help clear sidewalks to prepare for walking to class the next week.
Photo by Hannah Adamson

MEMBERS of Eta host a COVID-safe corn hole tournament. Sophomore Chris Couch took part in one of the several games in an attempt to win the tournament.
Photo by Hannah Adamson



RUSH ROUNDUP

"This year's rush process was different to say the least, from having the first two nights all on Zoom and meeting most of the guys on there for the first time, to remeeting them in person and not being able to shake their hands," said Josh Ray. "When we got those two in person nights we tried as hard as possible to make it feel like a normal Rush night. I personally thought we did a pretty good job in achieving. Even still, we couldn't be happier about the group of guys we got to welcome into our brotherhood in these strange times."

As told to Anna Roussel

The Women of Gamma Phi joined together in a time of hardship for the entire campus and saw substantial growth from overcoming the loss of normalcy.

Kie Crone, a sophomore Christian studies major from Little Rock, was one of the newest members of the 2021 pledge class.

"Even though COVID-19 put a damper on things, I am truly grateful for the other girls in the club who are coming up with ways for us to continue to feel like a social club despite restrictions," said Crone.

The club continued to grow in numerous ways, as they welcomed in their biggest pledge class since being revived, with 32 new members.

"I knew instantly that Gamma was where I wanted to be. I began to think of how much of an impact I can make on a club that is new and how we have the ability to make our own club traditions while still practicing the traditions from the original Gamma women," said Crone.

Jorie Beaumont, a senior nutrition and dietetics major from Lockport, Ill., served as the Women of Gamma Phi's president.

"Being president has been an amazing opportunity. I've really valued being the leader of this group of girls, and I have definitely grown more confident because being in a club allowed me to learn how to communicate and love girls around me no matter our differences," said Beaumont.

The fall semester proved difficult to plan events, but the women resiliently created safe ways to host events.

"Gamma Phi's TWIRP night was held on the softball field with an

'Angels in the Outfield' theme. We were also able to Zoom with our alumni on our Founder's Day. It was special to connect with all our amazing alumni," said Beaumont.

The club hosted other live events including Rush, bid day, TWIRP night, and Humane Society serve days. The Women connected weekly through meetings and life groups. Fewer restrictions in the spring allowed more events to happen.

"As one of the social chairs, we created spaces where people can spread out while enjoying one another's company. The most important thing is that all our sisters are cared for and stay healthy. Our urgency to seek our deep and meaningful relationships overcomes and seeks inventive ways to build community. We believe social life is growing in unique ways while facing a challenge as large as life these days," said Julianna Shaw, a sophomore communication science and disorders major from Rogers.

Chassidy Barnes, a senior biology major from Little Rock, saw the growth of the sisterhood through the intentional fellowship with one another.

"Each of these girls has become my family, and I love each one of them with all of my heart. They have helped me to grow as a woman of Christ as well as grow in who I am. We are continually growing and improving, and I cannot wait to see what is in store for our future," said Barnes.

Emily Barton

Finding fresh ways to bond **CREATIVE**

PEYTON DODD throws the Gamma sign at the club's TWIRP night. Their event, Angels in the Outfield, was hosted at the softball field this year.
Photo by Abby Blankenship

SARAH SPAKES plays with a puppy at Woofapalooza. The event brought puppies from the Humane Society to campus for students to play with.
Photo by Hannah Adamson



RUSH ROUNDUP

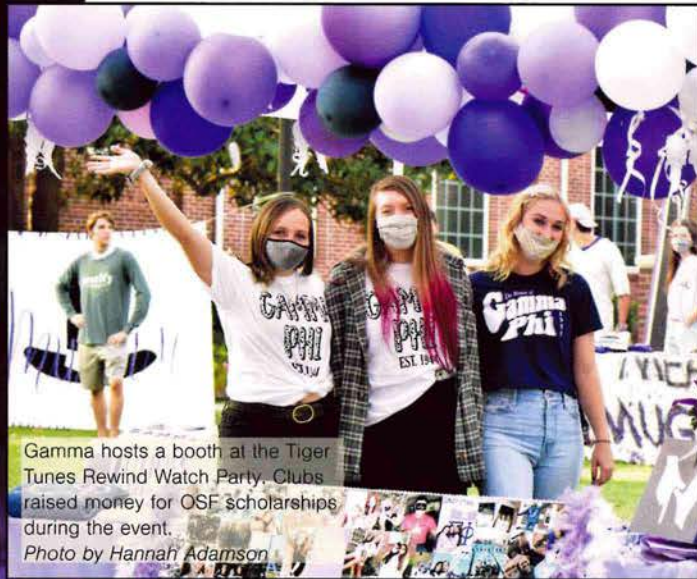
"With Gamma Phi still being recently refounded, changes to the Rush process, in my eyes, seemed frightening," Sydney Donaldson, a junior communication science and disorders major from Benton, said. "It was already a process that I was still getting to be familiar with, and converting our in person parties to Zoom breakout rooms was most definitely a change. We Zoomed for hours at a time each night talking to girls, trying to get to know them through a screen. Despite the change, Gamma welcomed PC '21. We were still so excited for our 35 angels to run home and celebrate with them."

As told to Anna Roussel





Marlie Moix and her dog, Essie, arrive at Gamma's bid day. This was their second bid day since their refounding.
Photo by Hannah Smith



Gamma hosts a booth at the Tiger Tunes Rewind Watch Party. Clubs raised money for OSF scholarships during the event.
Photo by Hannah Adamson



"I love Gamma because we are a strong, fun, and charismatic group of girls who support each other every day just as we are!"
Grace Bornemeier



"I love being in Gamma Phi because the girls are authentic and love others so well!"
Kayla Whittington



"I love Gamma because we are all able to be authentic to who we are."
Taylor Hamilton



"Kappa represents men from every kind of background and we never share a dull moment. We meaningfully engage with our communities and we go out of our way to show up for our brothers."
Craig Crawford



"Everyone in Kappa is someone I can be myself around and I don't feel like I have to put on a different persona to fit in!"
Tanner Shipman



"Kappa is a brotherhood that truly loves each other through thick and thin."
Nic Hazlett



Seth Lybrand grills at a Kappa and Tri Chi mixer. The clubs hosted a cookout together in the spring.
Photo by Abby Blankenship



Josh Sutton leads the club during a serenade at Frances Crawford. The club gave multiple serenades throughout the year.
Photo by Sarah Dean

Forming friends that are forever

CONNECTED

From the traditional Kappa Chi events such as Car Bash, Kappa Chi Late Night, Serenades, and Date Night, the men of Kappa Chi had to alter their normal school-wide events and used this year to focus on bonding with their brotherhood. Their main goal as the Men of KX was to be a "brotherhood that surpasses obstacles and lasts a lifetime." They were founded as a male social club in 1981, and the new Pledge Class of 2021 brought in 10 new members to the brotherhood.

Freshman Eli Butler, a BFA musical theatre major from Greenwood, was in the '21 pledge class and was elected president over his PC, in which he kept them informed on the various pledge activities. Due to the fact that all of their functions had to incorporate masks, the new members were not able to experience all of the normal events that Kappa does.

"I look forward to getting to do everything mostly because we haven't got to do most things because of COVID, but I'm most excited about getting to do formal and getting to go to functions without masks," Butler said.

Junior Cross Brandon, a music industry major from Little Rock and secretary of Kappa, has seen how the COVID-19 guidelines changed Kappa. They had to change and modify their normal events they hold on campus, but as a club, they grew closer together.

"COVID most certainly left an effect on Kappa alongside other social clubs. It kept many of us from connecting with each other;

however, Kappa has a strong brotherhood, and we are excited about the possible events to come in the near future," Brandon said.

One of their little sisses, senior Madeline Martin, a musical theatre and communications major from Sheridan, was a little sis for two years. The little sisses normally are there as the club's biggest cheerleaders. They help with Tiger Tunes, Rush Week, and other Kappa functions. There was always a strong bond, not only between just the boys but, with their little sisses as well.

"All of the guys are super fun and chill. They're also always down for a good time, and they're super helpful as well whenever the Little Sisses need something," Martin said.

President Zack Perez, a senior business management and entrepreneurship major from Nashville, held an office position since January 2018. His job was to help oversee all executives and help make the communication clear between all members. Something that made Kappa unique was the close bond of brothers that they formed through the social club's existence.

"No matter who I talk to whether it be a founder or a recent graduate there is always a sense of brotherhood with them and a sense of pride that comes with being a Kappa. People speaking about how they're still great friends with their brothers and how some even plan weekends to hang out still," Perez said.

Meredith Medford



ETHAN RUSSELL gets ready to shoot during archery intramurals. Archery was a new sport introduced this year to the intramural slate.
Photo by Callie Rogers

GRANT JETTON walks across a slackline in front of Hickingbotham Hall. This was part of the activities at the Woofapalooza event on campus.
Photo by Hannah Adamson



RUSH ROUNDUP

"While it was disappointing to not be in person the whole time, I think both the members and the rushees got to experience the full spectrum of what each club had to offer. I think we were very lucky to have such an amazing exec that organized all our Zoom sessions in a way that not only allowed the rushees to get to know Kappa better, but also allowed the members to reflect on what it means to be Kappa," said Andrew Tarlton, a sophomore biology major from Texas.

As told to Anna Rousset

The men of Rho Sigma were small but mighty in the fall of 2020, but that didn't last long. Rush caused the club to more than triple in size. This fantastic Rush for the club re-established their very important place on campus.

Alex Savage, a freshman biology major from Smackover, was a part of the historically large pledge class. He accredited the massive growth to the "contagious sense of pride and brotherhood."

Savage chose Rho Sigma because he could not ignore the sense of camaraderie the club exuded.

Not only were the members of Rho Sig a part of this sense of pride on campus, but also their sweethearts.

Jaelle Morrison, a junior communication sciences and disorders major from Rison, said that she became a sweetheart because she "was friends with a few sweet boys that were a part of the club and they asked me to join." Morrison was so glad that she made this decision.

"They have added to my Ouachita experience by allowing me to be involved," said Morrison.

The appreciation between members and sweethearts was very

mutual. The members and new pledges carried on the traditions of the club and wrote letters to every sweetheart. This was one of Morrison's favorite parts of the club.

"The letters definitely make me feel loved and appreciated by the club," Morrison said.

Despite restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the men of Rho Sigma were still very active on campus.

Will Broussard, a kinesiology major from Livingston, Texas, said, "We have a great group of people, who not only have fun, but are not selfish. All the things that we've done for our campus and community speaks volumes."

The men of Rho Sigma spent the year building off of their rich history by welcoming in several new members. The core value of brotherhood was still at the center of the club.

"I really love the brotherhood in the club. Rho Sig isn't just a social club, but a place of belonging," said Broussard. Will also reminded us to "Stay Rowdy!" as Rho Sigma says.

Caroline Johnson

Providing joy and staying **ROWDY**

LUKE ROBINSON takes on shoveling the snow in front of Cone-Bottoms. Students help to clear ice and snow on campus after an above-average snowfall.

Photo by Sarah Dean

RHO SIGMA sets up a Hershey kiss booth on campus. Students could grab chocolate and a soft drink on their walk between classes.

Photo by Abby Blankenship



RUSH **ROUNDUP**

"The Rush process was very easy," Alex Savage said. "Rho Sig is very good at making everybody feel important and wanted in the club. Sure, it felt a bit disconnected the first two days just because we weren't in person, but the in person parties were the highlight of Rush. I think Rho Sig did a great job with following COVID protocols, while still making their in person events fun and memorable."

As told to Anna Rousset





Will Broussard offers hand sanitizer at a booth Rho Sigma set up on campus. All clubs made a big effort to follow school guidelines this year.
Photo by Abby Blankenship



Noah Grimes takes part in clearing the campus of snow. Rho Sigma had a very active role on campus.
Photo by Hannah Adamson



"Rho Sigma is my true American brothers. I enjoyed my best four years in my life with them."
Brend Park



"Since becoming a member of Rho Sig, I've made so many good memories with these guys that I will never forget. These guys are not just my friends, they have become family to me."
Chris McCuiston



"Rho Sig has been such a positive impact on my life that I named my dog after the club. The men of Rho Sigma are my family away from home and my brothers for life."
Justin Villegas



"As a person who loves to be with people, I really enjoy the sisterhood, friendships, and community that Tri Chi has given me."
Sarah Collins



"Tri Chi is so special because there is a vast diversity of personalities and interests within the club."
Chaney Campbell



"I enjoy being in TC because it made a random group of girls into my friends and some of those friends into my family away from home."
Hyland Alfonso



Maggie Pinkston helps organize the TC tie-dyeing fundraiser. Pinkston was one of the club's fundraising chairs.
Photo by Sarah Dean



Taylor Fielder and Grace Gallagher take part in Tie-Dye with Tri Chi. This was a new fundraiser for the club.
Photo by Callie Rogers

Building a sisterhood, arm-in-arm **UNITED**

The Women of Tri Chi had a strong community that remained steadfast and united amidst the circumstances of COVID-19. This sisterhood developed a tight bond, and COVID-19 only brought them closer. The club's letters, TC, stand for "Togetherness in Christ," which was demonstrated daily throughout the school year. It was evident that those letters were near and dear to each member of the club.

"As the year unfolded, I've seen each member choose hope and rally around their sisters to encourage them during these troubling times," said Jenny Johnson, a senior communication sciences and disorders major from Benton.

Johnson served as the club's president for the spring semester and enjoyed every minute of the experience.

"Presidency has taught me a great deal about the importance of empathy and communication," said Johnson.

This sisterhood always knew how to have a good time, and they made sure everyone knew it. Sarah Collins, a sophomore communications major from Lucas, Texas, noticed the fun dynamic Tri Chi brings, which led her to rush Tri Chi in 2020. This school year, Collins enjoyed hanging out with her sisters, even if it was on a Zoom call.

"It has been more difficult to build relationships because of COVID-19 restrictions, but I cannot wait to get closer to my sisters," Collins said.

Even in the trying times of the strange school year, the Women of

Tri Chi did not let anything stop them from chanting "chi, chi, chi til I die, die, die," on the lawn of Cone-Bottoms. The club embraced its circumstances and still made a memorable Bid Day for the incoming pledge class.

Emma Donley, a freshman Christian studies major from Frisco, Texas, expressed how loved she felt as she ran into her new sisterhood.

"All the girls were so kind and welcoming, and I knew then that I had found my home on campus," Donley said.

Dani Imrie, a junior secondary education major from Jonesboro served as one of the club's induction chairs and enjoyed gaining new sisters.

"The fact that Rush and Pledge week were able to happen meant the world," said Imrie.

Rush week and Bid Day looked different this year, but the club did a wonderful job of planning COVID-friendly events that kept everyone safe while making memories that will last forever.

Even though the yearly social events such as TWIRP, Rush, and Bid Day all looked different due to COVID-19, the women of Tri Chi remained positive and brought the party to life despite the circumstances. Whether it was having their weekly meetings socially distanced while wearing masks, or on a Zoom call, the women of Tri Chi always enjoyed being with each other.

Lucie Shepherd



MEMBERS take a picture at X's and O's with Tri Chi and Beaus. The club used this as a Valentine's Day fundraiser.

Photo by William Read

KAYLA BROWN picks up trash on Tiger Serve Day. Members of Tri Chi helped serve all over Arkadelphia.

Photo by Abby Blankenship



RUSH ROUNDUP

"Rush was very different this year because of COVID, but Tri Chi did an amazing job at trying to make the experience as normal as possible," Kate Vernon said. "There were challenges, but going through those obstacles really benefitted Tri Chi and grew our appreciation for the sisterhood that we have. Everyone worked so well together and worked hard to keep the Tri Chi Rush traditions that we all know and love."

As told to Anna Roussel

BETA brothers band together to produce first EP

Having a similar love for music and forming a relationship through the Men of Beta Beta, three juniors on campus created the band known as Third Floor Village. Anderson Fulton, Buck McKnight and Parker Zucha are the voices and instrumentalists behind the band name. The plan engendered in their dorm room and as the pieces began to fall into place they realized they all had a similar taste in music, resulting in a unique style that is consistent throughout all their songs.

"We would consider our music to be somewhere in the genre of alternative," Zucha, a finance and management double major from Wylie, Texas, said. "We hope that our music reaches as many people it resonates with as possible. We hope that our listeners can relate and find some joy in listening to what we find so much joy in creating."

During the fall semester, the band released its first EP titled Get Away. It was available on all streaming services and contained six songs.

"The night Get Away released, we got together with some of our closest friends and waited until it dropped," McKnight, a Christian studies major from El Dorado, said. "We wanted to make sure it went smoothly and there were no issues with our songs and lyrics on the streaming services. We began to receive many encouraging messages and support about the EP, which meant a lot to us."

In the first three months following the release, the EP reached over 25,000 total streams.

"The inspiration came from wanting to create a good record that could be personal and relatable stemming from stories of our own personal past experiences," said Fulton, a biology major from Waco, Texas. "The songs focus mainly on friendships and relationships."

The band began writing the EP in the fall of 2019. They partnered with Zucha's brother, Ouachita graduate Zach Zucha, who began turning their ideas into actual songs. The boys made trips to Dallas, Texas, to record and perfect the EP.

"We faced a couple of big challenges during the process," Zucha said. "In the middle of writing, the pandemic affected our timeline and sent us home to separate places. We had to find new ways to continue working on the music until we were ready to record. Also, with the EP being our first music released, we had to try really hard to find and develop our own unique 'sound.' Turning the songs that were just ideas and written with just an acoustic guitar into what they are now was a long but rewarding process."

While they were all involved with music and lyric writing, each of the band members had distinct roles. McKnight served as the lead guitarist and handled all social media communication. Zucha served as a vocalist and also was involved with the band's social media presence. Fulton also served as a vocalist as well as lead on the keyboard.

Third Floor Village consistently worked on new music meeting weekly to write or record a video to post on their social media platforms. They prepared to play live once permitted.

"We are so grateful to everyone in the Ouachita community that supports us and listens to our music," McKnight said. "We are hard at work to create more fun, and hopefully even better, tunes. We hope to do this as long as we can."

Gracen Goudy

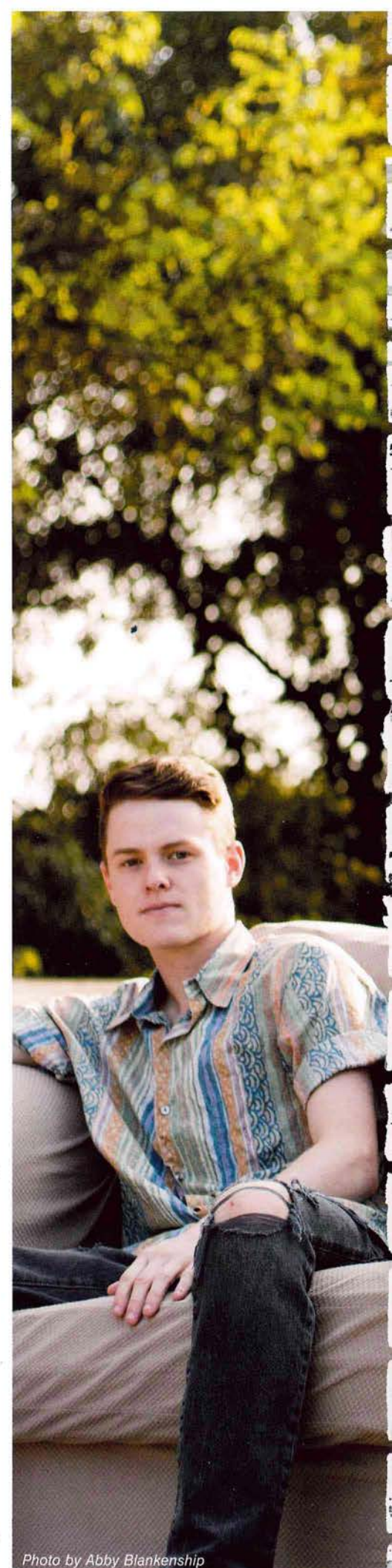


Photo by Abby Blankenship



The International Club provided community and support for the international students on campus. Many do not have family nearby, so the club has positively impacted members' time at Ouachita. Ian Cosh, Vice President for Community and International Engagement, shared the importance of having this space for students.

"International students need a small circle of people to relate to. Community is important," Cosh said.

The IC made the transition from home to college easier. Even with different stories, backgrounds, and cultures, they have been able to bond over their commonalities. Maria Urbina, sophomore nutrition and dietetics major from Honduras, explained how the club has impacted her time at OBU.

"I know that I'm not the only one dealing with culture shock, homesickness, and adapting to a place that is different from home," she said. "When I'm having a hard time adjusting or understanding, I know that I can rely on them."

Gwyneth Hadasa, junior nutrition and dietetics major from Indonesia, has had leadership experience thanks to the club.

"The IC is my baby. It means a lot to me, even before becoming president," she said. "I always knew I wanted to serve the club this way. I wanted to pour into internationals because I know it's hard and sometimes, we just need someone to be there. We all want to feel like we belong."

Being the president of the club did not come with obstacles and it was not as easy as it seems. Hadasa explained how challenging it was to lead the club, but also how rewarding it was. A lot of growth happened thanks to this opportunity.

"I have learned how to lead people, get creative, and set idealistic

goals," she said. "Making the club known has been hard. The club has kept me busy, and I have developed better communication skills."

The club showed resiliency in the middle of a global pandemic. The restrictions and limitations were difficult to deal with, but they came up with ways to keep not only the international students, but the entire campus involved.

"We have not been able to do many of the activities we would usually have, like the fall break trip and the International Food Fest," Cosh said. "This year we adapted and had a food fest dorm edition."

These activities were important to international students and third culture kids because it was a time where they got to share a little about who they are, where they come from, and the richness of their culture.

The presence of the International Club brought diversity and global perspective to the campus. The IC was not only meant for the international students. The club wanted the American students to get involved, serve, and get to know the members.

"Many United States students haven't traveled outside the States. Being friends with the international students can inspire them to travel, to have the experience of studying abroad," Cosh said.

The club continued to expand and reach people on campus. It was important for OBU to have this club to show appreciation and promote unity among the students.

"There are about 43 countries represented here at OBU and it's important that we unite as internationals," Urbina shared. "It showed an appreciation that we are here and gives us not only an opportunity to know each other, but to engage with the OBU community and mutually learn."

Valeria Gomez

The most
diverse club
on campus

COALITION

Hannah Cohen prepares to pass out goodie bags for International week. The bags included candy from countries around the world.
Photo by Hannah Adamson

Isabella Bejarano, Brenna Watson, and Olivia Hobson take photos for the Christmas season. They hoped to make a Christmas card for the International Club.
Photo by Wesley Kluck



TEAM TESTIMONY

"International Club is a home for all of us international students," Gwyneth Hadasa, a junior nutrition and dietetics major, said. "It has been a wonderful experience leading the club and serving the campus. It has impacted me greatly and has helped me find a sense of belonging on the Ouachita campus."

As told to Ben Swanger



COVID Conduct
For some, returning to the United States for school was difficult



International Club members pass out food festival bags. Due to COVID-19, IC had to adjust their normal plans for food festival. Photo by Sarah Dean



Sabaoot Esho, Emily Pease, Emma Bynum, and Kelsey Bester pose with their flags. The IC provided community for international students. Photo by Wesley Kluck



"I like that IC is very relaxed; you just show up exactly as you are and you will find a group of people who will love you for it!"
Isabella Bejarano



"I enjoy being in the International Club because I get to meet students from other countries and learn about different cultures and experiences around the world."
Tom Tran



"I enjoy being part of IC because the people in it are genuine and caring. They make everyone feel included."
Valeria Gomez