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Life at Ouachita is something no one truly understands until experiencing it for themselves. To the outsider, Tiger Tunes looks like any other greek sing and the Tiger for Life ceremony with our freshman beanies seems a little odd. Larger schools will never experience an intense rivalry separated by a single ravine or a class that could fit around a conference room table. The bond of our shared traditions makes meeting a fellow Ouachitonian a meaningful experience accompanied by an immediate connection. Friendships made on this campus last for a lifetime and transcend all distance and time apart. Life at Ouachita is **LIKE NO OTHER.**



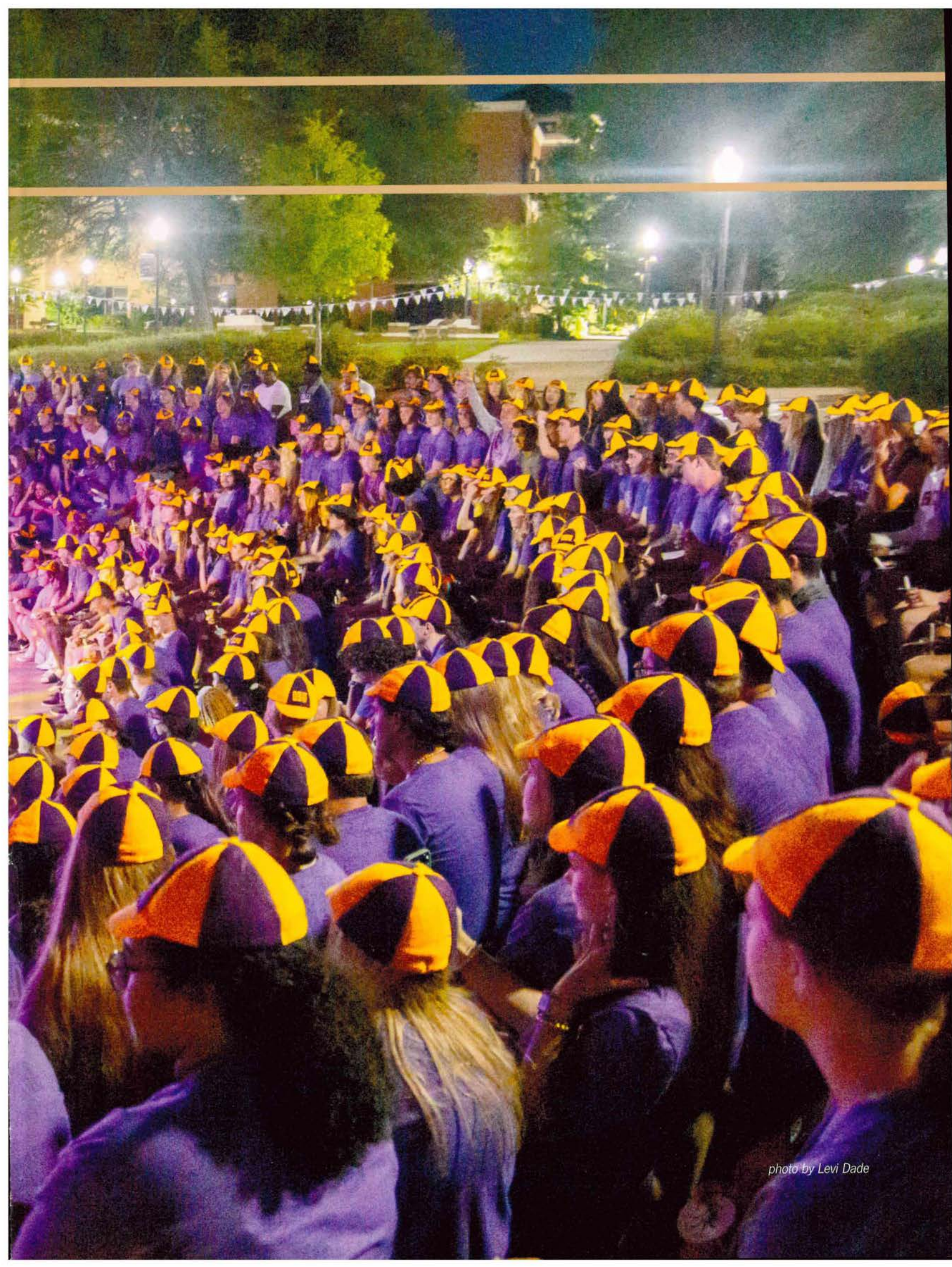



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After normal Ouachita campus life was put on hold for two years, the 2021-22 year ushered in the revitalization of sacred Ouachita traditions. Masks were slowly taken off, and the freshman and sophomore classes finally got a taste of Ouachita with no restrictions. The senior class was instrumental in showing their peers what campus life should look like as they were the only remaining class who had experienced a normal year. In the face of uncertainty, Ouachita students were certain of one thing: this was going to be an amazing year. Because of the determination of these students, this was a year **LIKE NO OTHER.**

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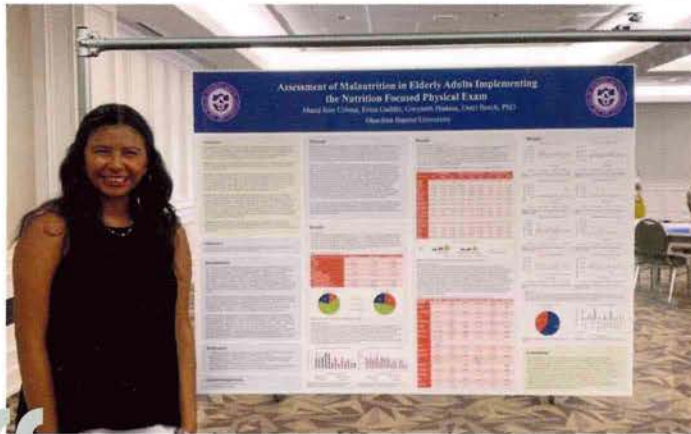


JOSHUA CALLEN
Smith leads Campus Ministries in a chant after performing their Tunes show for another club. The theme of their show was Church Choir.
photo by Abby Blankenship

Student Life



WHAT OUACHITA MEANS TO...



I am so grateful to Ouachita for giving me the opportunity to do summer research. I was able to expand my knowledge in Nutrition and Dietetics by doing hands-on activities, such as interacting with patients, and by teaching me how to do deeper research in the field. This experience has truly equipped me to pursue research in future."

Maria Urbina



RYAN YORK/YOUTHWORKS
photo courtesy of Ryan York

MAKING A *difference* SUMMER OF STUDENTS

In 2020, many summer plans and dreams were taken away due to COVID-19. This year was a breath of fresh air and filled with hope as most places returned to normal.

Ouachita students took advantage of the summer to work in churches, summer camps, internships and to travel abroad.

Julia Shands, a junior mass communications major from Searcy, had the opportunity to be the editorial intern for Arkansas Publishing Group in Little Rock.

"I wrote articles and profiles for several of their publications, including: Arkansas Bride, 360 West Weddings, Arkansas NEXT and Arkansas NEXT: PROS. When we would start a publication, I helped brainstorm and brought my own creative ideas to the table," Shands said. She also helped run the social media for Arkansas Bride and 360 West Weddings.

Noah McCallum, a senior Christian studies major from Jonesboro, spent his summer in Fraser, Colorado. He served at Fraser Valley Church and worked at Winter Park Resort. Thankfully, COVID-19 did not affect his experience, and he was able to learn and grow in different areas.

"I learned about how to find ways to relate to people that are different than me," said McCallum. "I learned what it meant to truly love people, even when it was hard. There's a whole world outside of Arkansas, and outside of the Bible Belt, of lost people that need to be reached with the gospel. This summer really awakened a desire in me to church plant in an area with little gospel presence, be that Colorado, somewhere else in the U.S., or overseas."

Some students were able to fulfill their dream of serving abroad. Jacob Cates, a senior Christian studies and Spanish double major from Houston, Texas, spent two months volunteering in Central Mexico with a program through the International Mission Board (IMB) called Summer Sojourner. Cates shared the good news to unreached communities, taught English at a local school, and had music lessons. This experience came with its challenges.

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"A big challenge for me this summer was getting out of my comfort zone and doing things that I had never done before," said Cates. "I had never taught English before, or taught the Bible or guitar in Spanish. Likewise, this summer was the longest I had ever lived in a foreign country, and I had to learn to do basic things differently and in a different language."

This summer was full of adventures and new experiences for Ouachita students. They embraced a time with fewer COVID-19 restrictions and were able to push through the challenges and grow professionally and spiritually.

VALERIA GOMEZ

ARKANSAS students enjoy serving others. Hunter Swoboda (left) worked at Kanakuk's K2 camp as a counselor.

photo courtesy of Hunter Swoboda

ARKANSAS BUSINESS interns celebrate at an event. Julia Shands (center) spent her summer writing for the company's publications.

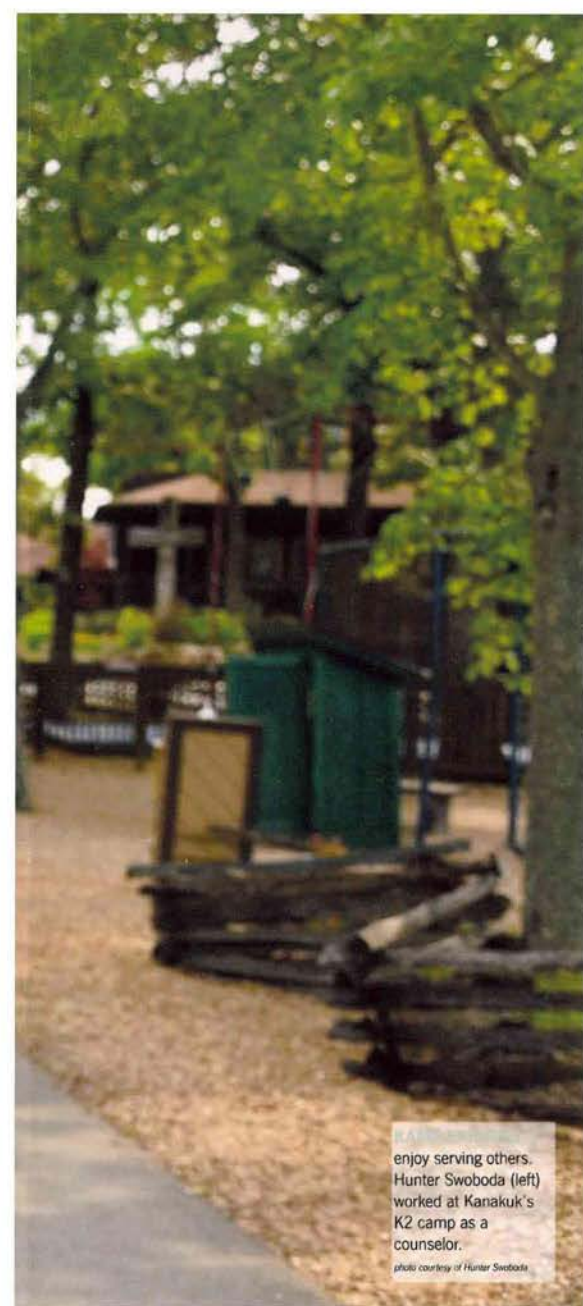
photo by Julia Shands

LYDIA DEAN poses for a snapshot with a camel during one of her many adventures. Dean lived in Africa for the majority of her summer.

photo by Lydia Dean

GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON gives an address accompanied by intern Sarah Spakes. Spakes' main job during the summer was helping to run the Governor's Mansion.

photo by Sarah Spakes



A *fresh* START

TIGERS WELCOMED HOME

Welcome to Ouachita's World, also known as WOW, was Ouachita's freshman orientation weekend. This weekend was an important part of the Ouachita experience as it allowed freshmen to make new friends and get adjusted to their new season of life as a college student. Ouachita placed an emphasis on making incoming freshmen feel welcome, as well as introducing them to important traditions at Ouachita such as the beanie ceremony, the Tigers4Life ceremony, and the Purple and Gold party.

To ensure that WOW ran smoothly, a team known as the WOW Steering Committee was put in place. Michaelyn Ferrell, a senior marketing and mass communications major from White Hall, shared, "Steering is a group of eight students that help Tim Harrell (director of student life) plan WOW weekend. We move in a week early and spend three days planning, then train the leaders when they move in."

Ferrell saw WOW as an opportunity to serve her campus and fellow students. She also emphasized what made WOW different from other university's orientation weekends.

"We joke that WOW feels like church camp and VBS combined, but it gave new students so many opportunities to meet people, said Ferrell. "At Ouachita there is more of an emphasis on worship, visiting a local church, and traditions that other schools don't have."

WOW was a great way for freshmen to meet other students in their class as well as get acquainted with campus. Brianna Cantrell, a freshman elementary education major from Little Rock, spoke about her experience at WOW and how it impacted her time at Ouachita already.

"WOW is important because it prepares freshmen for the upcoming school year and it's a good distraction for the home sick," said Cantrell.

"Already having good friendships with others on the first day of school was very helpful," Jeremiah Major, a freshman political science and communications double major from Carrollton, Texas, shared. "I got to know my WOW leaders really well and made some new friends. I had the most fun going to church with my WOW group and learned a lot about the traditions at Ouachita."

While WOW was created and catered to the incoming freshmen, it's also a great way for upperclassmen to get involved. Nic Hazlett, a senior engineering major from Greenville, Texas, spoke about his experience of being a WOW group leader.

"I have done WOW in the past and every time I have loved being able to meet the freshmen and introduce them to the college world. I would definitely recommend everyone to try and be a WOW leader," said Hazlett.

An important tradition to Ouachita, WOW weekend was instrumental to starting the school year at Ouachita in an uplifting and welcoming way.

HANNA WILLIAMS



MOVING IN her belongings, freshman Paige Tankersley is eager to begin her Ouachita journey. All freshmen moved in at the beginning of WOW weekend.
photo by Abby Blankenship

SMILING EAR to ear, sophomore Madison Lovell exits the slip and slide at water day. Inflatable waterslides, water balloons, and a slip and slide were set up in the Village Circle.
photo by Abby Blankenship

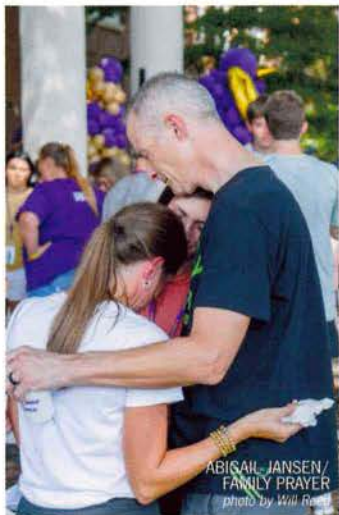


FRESHMAN LACEY Lewellen and senior Katie Gray enjoy conversation with Ouachita professors. Faculty and staff served ice cream outside the Student Center to welcome the freshmen.
photo by Abby Blankenship





FRESHMAN BRODY Horton and his WOW group perform karaoke at the Purple and Gold party. This party was held to celebrate their first weekend at Ouachita. photo by Levi Dade



ABIGAIL JANSEN / FAMILY PRAYER
photo by Will Reed



ANTICIPATING THE frisbee, freshman Allie Jane Wilson competes in Kan Jam during WOW weekend. Lake day was held at nearby Lake Degray. photo by Levi Dade

OUT *of the* ORDINARY

TIGERS FOR LIFE CEREMONY

“ It was really cool to have our entire class together to participate in a tradition that has been going on for so long. It’s a night that I will always remember, and I am glad I was able to be there with my friends.”

Rachel New

“ The Tiger for Life Ceremony is the climax of WOW weekend. The ceremony never ceases to make me smile seeing the new freshmen start their Ouachita journey. It’s unlike any other tradition, but it’s just another thing that separates Ouachita from the rest.”

Noah Sanders

“ There is something special about putting on your beanie for the first time that gives you a sense of unity with your class. You’ve only been on campus a few days, but you already know that you are a part of the Ouachita legacy”

Gabe Chandler



WADE WILSON
photo by Abby Blankenship



ZACHARIAH LANE / BERRY CHAPEL
photo by Will Reed

A LASTING legacy RETURNS TO JPAC

Tiger Tunes 2021 was a show to remember. Clubs worked hard for many weeks to put on an entertaining show. After long practices, late nights, stressful moments and costumes, it all paid off on Saturday night when four of the shows placed and were rewarded for their performance.

The Women of EEE Roaring Twenties show had a deeper meaning this year that was connected to

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their legacy and was a way to honor their sister who passed away. Emily McMaster, a senior communications sciences and disorders major from Texarkana was one of the directors, along with Katie Gray, who led the Women of EEE to have a first-place show.

“You Can't Stop the Beat” was also the finale song in the EEE Sheep show in 2014,” said McMaster. “It was the final winning show in the last EEE three-peat. Shelby Seabaugh directed this show and left a lasting legacy for the EEEs. She was known for her Christ-like character and Tunes joy. She passed away the year after directing the sheep show, so it was a privilege to honor Shelby in our finale song.”

Kallen Smith, a junior biomedical sciences major from Jonesboro, was one of the directors for the Campus Ministries Church Choir show. Unfortunately, he got quarantined and had to miss the first week of practices. This was a challenging situation, but it did not stop him from creating a community and sharing the excitement with the freshman class. Their show won second place.

“Being able to lead and disciple the freshmen was the biggest reason I signed up to direct,” Smith said. “Placing was the best feeling ever, but the community that was formed during the whole Tunes season was very special.”

Beta Dojo received the OSF Award for their great respect and behavior. Parker Zucha, a senior finance and business administration major from Wylie, Texas, shared how special it was as a club to celebrate. The Men of Beta Beta also won third place with their show.

“I couldn't be prouder of this group of guys,” Zucha said. “We know that OSF works so hard to make Tunes such a great experience for everyone participating and everyone who comes to see the shows, and it was an honor to receive the OSF award.”

Student life had not placed in a long time, so their show “Scouts” made history and was an exciting moment for their participants. Hallie Vaught, a freshman elementary education major from Little Rock, shared how impactful winning fourth place and this experience was for her.

“I was shocked but excited that we placed,” Vaught said. “I am very proud of our group. Tiger Tunes impacted my first semester in college by giving me many of my good friends.”

HANNA WILLIAMS



THE FLAPPERS entertain the crowd during their jazz dance. The Women of EEE took first place with their show “The Roaring TwentiEEEs.”
photo by Abby Blankenship

TUNES HOSTESSES

sing the song “Crowded Table” in between club shows. Eight students helped host Tiger Tunes by learning lyrics and choreography to popular songs.

photo by Abby Blankenship

BULL RIDING

comes to the JPAC stage during the Rho Sigma show. Isaac Sanders was one of the club's featured soloists.

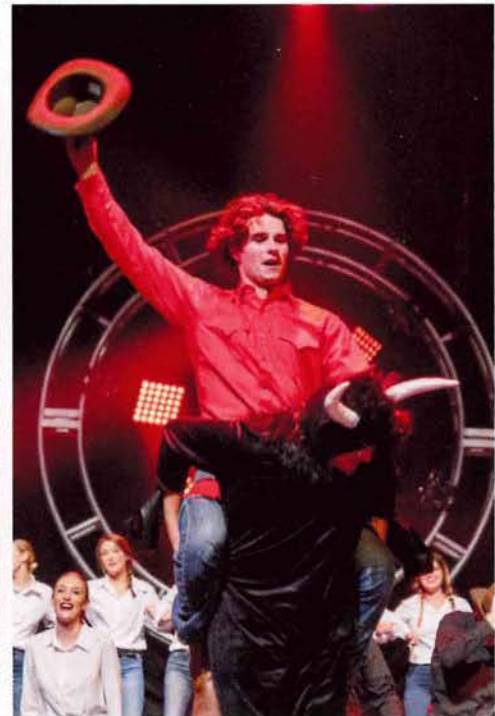
photo by Levi Dade



GAMMA'S ANGELS

take the stage to save the day. This was Gamma's first Tiger Tunes show since their re-founding in 2019.

photo by Levi Dade





JANNA WILLIAMS

WHAT OUACHITA MEANS TO...



Growing up coming to Tiger Tunes and hearing stories about it from my family and friends, I admired not only the fun, but the community and engagement that Ouachita had. This year, being in the Campus Ministries show, I felt exactly that. Tunes is a perfect example of life at Ouachita—a tight knit community built of fun, memories, relationships, support, friendships, and most of all, the love for others and Jesus. No where else can a school be found that has such a love and support system for their students, and a desire to build community among them; Tunes being just one small glimpse."

Brookes Bell



ETA VIKINGS, HARRY JEFFREY
 photo by Abbie Blankenship



Women of Gamma Phi, "Gamma's Angels"



Fourth Place, Student Life, "Scouts"

The Return of **TIGER TUNES**



Men of Kappa Chi, "Kappa Chi Pharmacy"



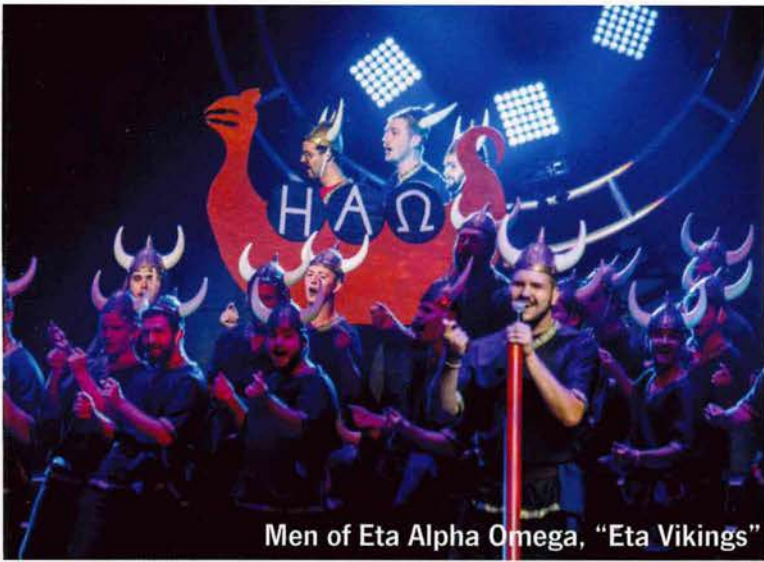
People's Choice, Women of Chi Delta, "Campers"



Third Place, OSF Award, Men of Beta Beta/"Beta Beta Dojo"



First Place, Women of EEE, "The Roraring TwentiEEEs"



Men of Eta Alpha Omega, "Eta Vikings"

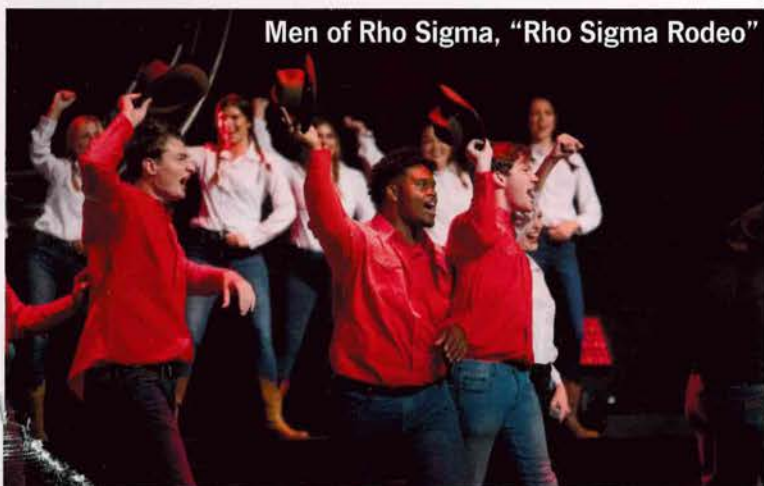


Second Place, Campus Ministries, "Church Choir"

Ouachita students waited 726 days to take the JPAC stage again and perform their Tiger Tunes shows. While the audience was half capacity, there was no lack of spirit in the auditorium. Because of practice protocols and students' hard work due to the desire to see a "normal" Tunes, shows were able to be performed unmasked and with everyone on stage. Tiger Tunes 2021 was regarded as one of the best shows yet and helped to raise over \$80,000 for student scholarships.



Women of Tri Chi, "Tri Chi Sleepover"



Men of Rho Sigma, "Rho Sigma Rodeo"



Women of Chi Mu, "Fangirls"



Tiger Blast, "We're All in this Together"



THE MEN of Eta Alpha Omega cheer on the Tigers at the Homecoming football game. Within the first quarter, a rainstorm hit Arkadelphia which left the fans to experience part of the game in the rain.
photo by Levi Dade

HOMECOMING COURT finalists are announced during pre-game. They were third runner-up Anna Roussel, escorted by her mother Amy; second runner-up Emily McMaster, escorted by her father Clay; Homecoming Queen Erica Dixon, escorted by her father David; 2020 Queen Holly Shipp; first runner-up Jazmyn Parker, escorted by her grandmother Lisa Maryovich; and fourth runner-up Jael Winterholder, escorted by her faculty adviser, Dr. Scott Duvall.
photo by Levi Dade



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GRANT JETTON, TANNER SHIPMAN
photo by Levi Dade

PURPLE PLAZA PARTY

“As the special events chair of Student Senate, I had the opportunity of working with the Homecoming court. Being able to work with such deserving girls while also preserving the tradition of the Purple Plaza Homecoming parade was an amazing experience.”
Kathryn Totty

“The Purple Plaza Party was greatly missed last year during the pandemic, as it is always a great opportunity for everyone in the Ouachita community to relax and fellowship. This year, I had the privilege of representing the Carl Goodson Honors Program and updating the rest of the campus on recent Honors events and research. Nearly every organization on campus is represented, so it provides a great chance to catch up with a wide range of people.”
Dane Jester

“I had a lot of fun getting to play keys and getting to work with a band. It was a busy week of Tunes and Homecoming, but I think it made the week even better getting to do something like that.”
Erlyn Riley



REGANNE DUMAS
photo by Will Reed

BACK *on the* FIELD

HOMECOMING CELEBRATIONS

O Ouachita Homecoming was always a very special tradition held on campus each year, and it was unpredictable how this year's events were going to play out. With COVID-19 happening in 2020, it caused Tunes and other dearly beloved Homecoming events to be changed or cancelled in order to keep everyone safe. However, at the beginning of this academic school year, things slowly started to go back to normal, including Homecoming and all its sweet traditions.

Homecoming preparations for the fall of 2021 started in February of that same year. Jon Merryman, director of Alumni Relations and Ouachita Student Foundation, was excited to plan one of his favorite Ouachita traditions.

"Planning Tiger Tunes was the same as years past, but we had to keep COVID-19 in the back of our minds and have different plans lined up just in case," Merryman said.

Ouachita hosted five shows this year after adding an additional Friday late show due to 50% capacity in Jones Performing Arts Center. Amidst the changes, OSF did all they could to bring the heart of Tunes back to campus, all while putting on a successful show to raise money for student scholarships.

Another new addition this Homecoming season was a ferris wheel in Tiger Alley for alumni and families to enjoy while being back at their alma mater.

All the Homecoming festivities were brought back including the Purple Plaza Party. It took place on Friday afternoon and it was a great feel of normalcy.

"The food is great, the music is great and the environment is great, and that is why it is one of the best days of the year," senior Alex Bryan, a business major from Dallas, Texas, said.

The pre-game ceremonies included the crowning of Erica Dixon as Homecoming Queen. The experience of getting to be on Ouachita's Homecoming Court is a bittersweet feeling that all the women will cherish forever.

"I am overjoyed to have been crowned queen and it is an unexplainable feeling to know that my peers thought I was worthy of the title," Dixon said. "All I could think about was my dad next to me, my family in the stands, and how much Ouachita means to me."

Student Senate had a huge part in helping these festivities happen as well. Senior mass communications and political science major Madison McGhee served as the Senate president and enjoyed organizing and planning the events.

"In the end it went smoothly and could not have gone better," McGhee said.

LUCIE SHEPHERD



FILLED WITH excitement, senior Erica Dixon hears her new title as Homecoming Queen while being escorted by her dad. Dixon represented the Women of Tri Chi. *photo by Levi Dade*



SWAYING TO the Alma Mater, sophomore Victoria Bourgeois sings with the rest of her cheer team. The cheerleaders continued the cheer at the game despite the rain. *photo by Levi Dade*

SPRINTING DOWN the field, freshman Xaylon Falls moves the ball for the Tigers. Ouachita beat Northwestern Oklahoma State 64-17. *photo by Levi Dade*

DANCE THE night away

ORGANIZATIONS HOST TWIRP

Poodle skirts, square dancing, masquerade masks, angels, carnival games, and neon colors mean one thing: TWIRP. In years past, TWIRP consisted of one week of different parties with themes hosted by The Women of Chi Delta, EEE, Gamma Phi, Chi Mu, Tri Chi, and Campus Ministries with one condition that is made clear in the name: The Woman is Required to Pay. This year, the parties were split up into two different weekends that gave students extra time to

TWIRP HELPED ME MEET PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THE DATE ASPECT.

enjoy every party. Andrew Ellis, a freshman accounting and finance double major from Ruston, Louisiana used TWIRP as a way to delve into Ouachita's traditions.

"TWIRP helped me meet people because of the date aspect and getting to go with different people every night," Ellis said. "This made me branch out and go with different groups and was really enjoyable."

Ellis attended every TWIRP event and gave him something to look forward to. His favorite TWIRP was Campus Ministry's Barn Bash because he was able to learn how to square dance and meet new people.

One of the parties hosted was Chi Mu Masquerade. Angela Webb, a sophomore communications and

business administration double major from Pleasant Plains, was able to learn more about her club's history and got to know the freshman.

"Last year it was held outside and was more of a "mask"querade instead of the usual masquerade," Webb said. "This year we were able to serve finger foods, and it felt more intentional as we got to know more girls as well."

One of the fan favorite TWIRPs was Barn Bash hosted by Campus Ministries. Last year, Barn Bash was held on campus due to COVID-19 restrictions, but this year it was held off campus at a barn and included square dancing. Barbecue was also served for students to eat as they fellowshiped with one another.

One of Barn Bash's planners, Caroline Massey, a junior mass communications and Christian Studies double major from McGehee, was able to bring the traditions of a normal Barn Bash.

"We have a man in town who has always been so kind to teach students how to square dance, and the students love getting to learn something new with friends," Massey said. "I think that is what makes Barn Bash so fun. Different groups of people all come together and get to participate in something regardless of their background or experience."

Another one of Barn Bash's planners, Emma Donley, a sophomore Christian Studies major from Frisco, Tex., reflected on the new aspects of this year's Barn Bash.

"Part of the fun of Barn Bash is the atmosphere," Donley said. "Getting to work together to make each year different and fun for students allowed me to have a change of pace and was relatively easy to get together!"

ADDIE WOODS



DRESSED IN his best suit, freshman Cody Pallen dances at the Chi Mu Masquerade. This TWIRP night was held in the Walker Conference Center.
photo by Coleman Callan

AT TRI CHI 80's night, juniors Taylor Barnhart Alexandra Dupree along with sophomore Kaylee Johnson dance the night away. Students wore their favorite 80's clothing to this event.

photo by Lydia Dean

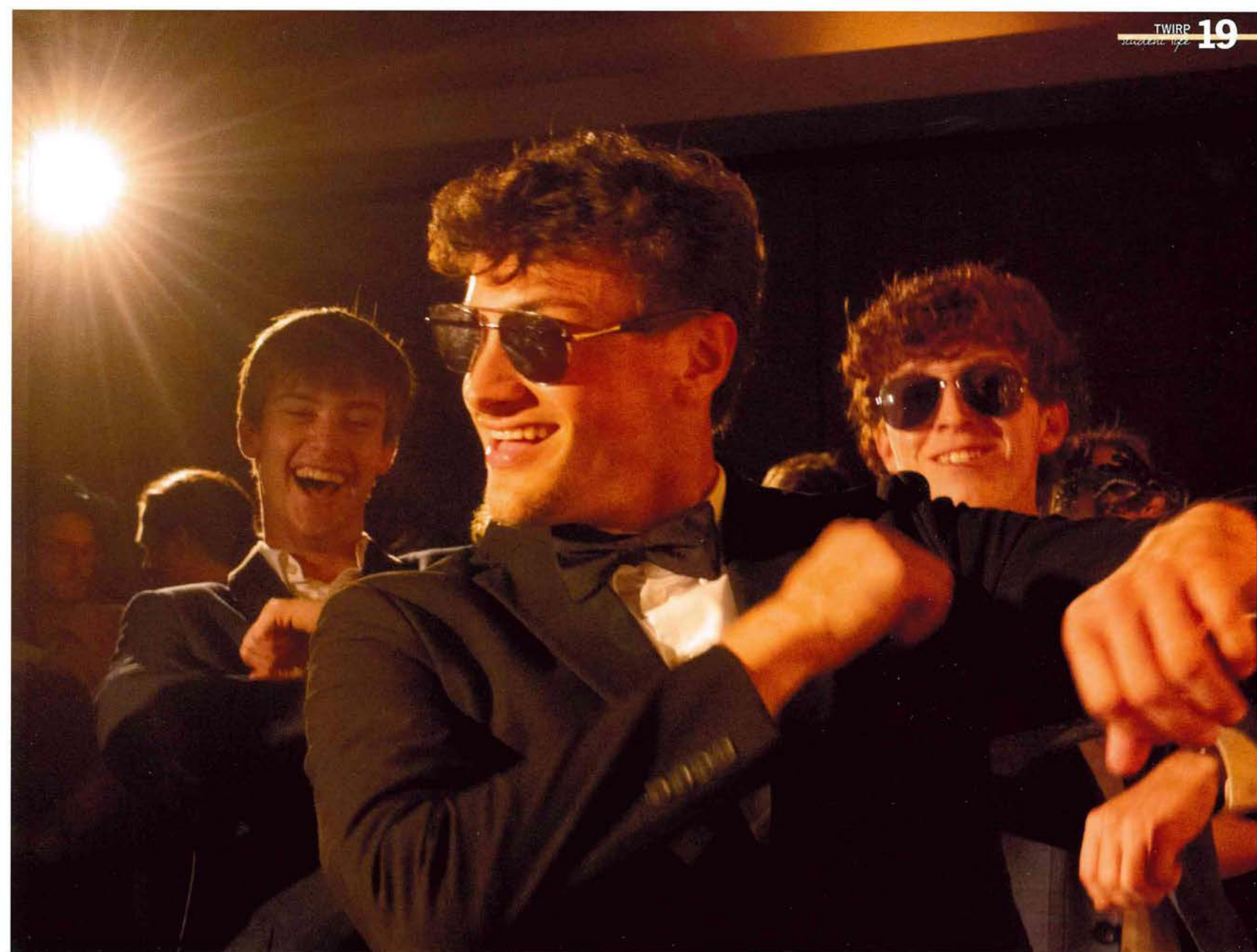
FRESHMEN MAGGIE Moore and Brianna Cantrell smile big at the Gamma Phi Angels in the Outfield. It was held in the Tiger Den.

photo by Coleman Callan

THE SWING DANCING competition begins with Haley Shourd and Micah Belue practicing their moves at EEE 50's night. This TWIRP took place at the Village Circle.

photo by Coleman Callan





SAM SCOTT / CM BARN BASH
photo by Madison Melcher

WHAT OUACHITA MEANS TO...



As a freshman at Ouachita, TWIRP was the first event that my class could actually meet people and find out what Ouachita was all about due to Covid-19. I made so many friends, and it helped me come out of my shell just in time for rush. This year I was able to put on TWIRP with The Women of Chi Delta and it was so much fun. Getting to welcome the freshmen and help show them that Ouachita is their home, just like the upperclassmen did for me, was an unforgettable experience!"

Kara Burns

A triumphant RETURN

LONG ANTICIPATED VICTORY

Nearly two years after the last competition, the Ouachita Tigers hosted and defeated Henderson State as the Reddies crossed the street for the 94th Battle of the Ravine. In addition to the return of the highly anticipated football game, the activities surrounding the excitement of the oldest Division II football rivalry returned in full force.

Since 1935, the men of Rho Sigma have guarded the tiger, but they began their weeklong tradition of guarding the tiger in 2007 while also participating in all the different traditions that surround the busy week.

"I think that Rho Sigma offers a sense of peace, knowing that we are watching the tiger intently to keep it safe from any possible vandalism," said Alex Savage, a junior biology major from Smackover. "I think these traditions of ours contribute to a sense of school pride throughout the Ouachita Bubble and with Ouachita alumni."

Although the Men of Rho Sigma have guarded the tiger for many years, the entire campus began guarding the tiger in the early 2010s.

"Guard the tiger has been a tradition for about six years now. Ouachita students stay up and guard the tiger statue that was made by Ouachita student B.F. Worley in 1935. Student Senate thought it would be a great way for students to show school spirit while meeting one another in their respective classes and making new relationships," said Student Body President Madison McGhee, a senior communications and political science major from Alma, Arkansas. "This year we had the largest turn-out with each grade level having over 100 students participate."

Coming out of a year without the Battle of the Ravine traditions, students from all classes met to honor the Ouachita tradition and create new memories with their classmates.

"Guard the tiger night was probably the best night out of the week because there were so many different things for us to do to make it through the night," said Madison Gray, a freshman kinesiology major from Fordyce. "Rivalries are always fun, and Ouachita created one of the best atmospheres for students and alumni to enjoy the Battle of the Ravine."

Although the traditions surrounding the Battle of the Ravine are always fun, ending the week with a big win makes the long and busy week worth it for the entire campus. With one minute left in the game, Gabe Goodman kicked the game-winning field goal which sealed the team's huge victory over Henderson State, 31-28.

"The town of Arkadelphia is divided by two schools that battle it out in one of the oldest rivalries in college football," said Xaylon Falls, a sophomore kinesiology major and football player from Camden, Arkansas. "Being in that type of atmosphere is surreal, and it felt great ending the year with such a huge win."

KATHRYN TOTTY



JUNIOR NATHAN

Turner lifts up his teammate in victory at the BOTR football game. This game was played at home in Cliff-Harris stadium.
photo by Abby Blankenship

CHEERLEADER TORI

Bourgeois encourages the crowd to get loud at the football game.

The Ouachita cheer team was at every home game to cheer on the Tigers.

photo by Abby Blankenship

STUDENTS SHOW

their spirit at the Battle of the Ravine football game. Members of the Men of Beta Beta painted their chests for the rivalry game.

photo by Abby Blankenship





SENIOR FOOTBALL player Ethan Gasaway participates in the Battle of the Ravine pep rally. This annual tradition included a large bonfire for the student body.
photo by Levi Dade

OUACHITA TOOK home the victory in the Battle of the Ravine flag football game. This game was an annual tradition during Battle of the Ravine week.
photo by Coleman Callan

BOTR PEP RALLY
photo by Will Reed

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SENIOR CLASS
photo by Abby Blankenship

GUARDING THE TIGER

“Guarding the tiger is an important tradition because it brings everyone on campus together. We did not get to guard the tiger last year, so when the tradition was brought back this year, you could really feel the team spirit at an all time high.”

Chris McCuiston

“This tradition is important to Ouachita not only because it is the biggest rivalry but because it brings the whole campus together. It was so fun staying up all night laughing and playing games with my classmates, making memories we will always remember.”

Mikayla Long

“This was my first year guarding the tiger and it was so fun. I loved how we spent the night hanging out with our class. It was so cool to take part in this tradition, especially since my parents got to do it when they were students.”

Laynie White



KENDEL GIVENS
photo by Will Reed

ENABLING Service 50th TIGER SERVE DAY

The Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community hosted Tiger Serve Day, an event allowing students, faculty, and staff to go out into Ouachita's community in teams of six to 10 people for three hours to complete service projects. Participants completed a wide variety of projects including mowing someone's lawn, painting fences, and picking up trash on the highway.

“THERE IS GREAT COMMUNITY OF SERVICE AND ACTION ON OUACHITA'S CAMPUS.”

Judy Duvall, a director at the Elrod Center who had overseen Tiger Serve Day for 15 years, shared the purpose of Tiger Serve Day was to serve as a gateway for Ouachita volunteers to discover the joy of service, as well as cultivate relationships with community members outside the school's walls.

“As volunteers have this experience and see the value in serving, we hope that this day sparks an interest to be involved in other ways throughout the year,” Duvall said. “As a Christ-centered university, this day gives our campus a chance to live out their faith in very practical and relational ways with the community.”

Cabb Batson, a sophomore biology major from Arkadelphia, served as a member of the Tiger Serve

Day leadership team and had the opportunity to help plan the event through the logistics committee. His job on the committee was to ensure they had all of the necessary tools and supplies for a successful day. After all of this work, Batson enjoys seeing the impact it makes throughout the community.

“For me, it is very rewarding to see the excited smiles on the faces of those whom our volunteers serve,” Batson said. “I know that these Ouachita students, faculty, and staff are doing meaningful work for all of these individuals and groups as they serve Arkadelphia.”

Through his work on the leadership team, Batson gained insight into the hearts of his peers on campus. While he was able to give back to the town he grew up in, he also had the chance to enable his campus to make a difference in the lives of the people they serve.

“Something I've learned from my year and a half on the team is that there is a great community of service and action on Ouachita's campus,” Batson said. “I think it is an amazing thing that the campus as a whole teams up to be servants to the community.”

Duvall confirmed the work of the leadership team and their crucial role in making the day a success. She enjoyed seeing their selfless contributions to aiding Ouachita's students in serving the Arkadelphia community, as well as seeing their relationships form as they worked together as a team.

“Our desire is to continue to deliver a quality day for our campus and community,” Duvall said. “This takes a lot of time and effort, and this day would not be possible without the leadership team. This team of students is the backbone of the day.” ANNA ROUSSEL & ANGELA WEBB



BIG SMILES are seen on freshmen Jalon Davis and Kristopher Garcia. Over 800 students, faculty and staff signed up to serve on Tiger Serve Day.
photo by Abby Blankenship

IN DEEP focus, senior Chase Foiles works in the yard of a community member.

Tiger Serve Day teams dispersed all across the Arkadelphia community.
photo by Levi Dade

FRESHMAN JILLIAN

Covington rakes leaves during her Tiger Serve Day project. Yard work was a common job given to the students.
photo by Levi Dade



TIGER SERVE

Day leadership members hand out job assignments for the day.

The leadership team was a group of students selected by the Elrod Center to organize and assign jobs.
photo by Levi Dade





CHI DELTA
photo by Abby Blankenship

WHAT OUACHITA MEANS TO...



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One of the words on the Ouachita seal is "service" which I believe is a part of the DNA of Ouachita. You see the importance of service in our campus on Tiger Serve Day each semester. On this day approximately 800 students, faculty and staff join together to serve our community in very practical and relational ways. Tiger Serve Day is a reminder to me of what makes Ouachita special. We are a community who loves God and loves people."

Judy Duvall



SPEAKING TO the audience, Dr. Terry Carter preaches a message during Christian Focus Week. Ouachita faculty were always willing to step in and serve during this important week on campus.
photo by Sarah Dean



WORSHIP IS led by guest worship pastor Grant Harrison. Campus Ministries worked hard to bring in many outstanding guest speakers and leaders for the week.
photo by Sarah Dean



OUT *of the* ORDINARY



NATALIE FLETCHER
photo by Madison Melcher

CFW BREAKOUTS

“The Christian Focus Week breakouts were amazing. I loved how diverse the topics were and how they connected to the week’s theme. I loved getting to hear from so many professors and alumni that provided so much insight because they could relate to life at Ouachita.”
Allie Jane Wilson

“Through the Christian Focus Week breakout sessions, every student can get something out of this special time Ouachita provides. This year I got to attend alumni Hayden Walker’s session about walking with God through suffering. Her deep relationship with the Lord and her love for scripture flowed through her so beautifully. I was so encouraged by her story and how the Lord is near through every season we walk through.”
Natalie Fletcher

“I was able to learn about God’s work around the world and in the personal lives of those who love him. I was encouraged and challenged and God used those to reveal more about his character and his work.”
Noah McCallum



ANNA ROUSSEL
photo by Will Read

IMPACT *across* CAMPUS

CFW ENCOURAGES GROWTH

C Christian Focus Week (CFW) impacted campus in a big way this year. The Campus Ministries leadership team worked very hard to facilitate many events to further students' relationship with Christ, meeting every other week throughout the fall and early spring semester.

Tom Tran, a senior finance major from Little Rock, helped to lead this planning team along with Ashlyn Ham, a junior engineering physics major from Jonesboro.

"Our leadership team worked together to find a theme that we felt met the needs of our campus," Ham said.

The team ended up choosing "With Me" to be the overall theme for Christian Focus Week. This theme was chosen because it was relatable to everyone; everyone is going through something. Psalm 23 was also an inspiration for the theme.

"We need to trust in God's guidance and providence. We felt that the campus needed to be reminded of the importance of relying on the Lord even through hard times and suffering," Tran said.

Throughout the week, professors canceled classes that conflicted with CFW events. This support allowed even more students to attend events.

"Christian Focus Week has been happening on campus for decades. I feel like Ouachita always makes it a priority for people to be able to participate in one way or another. Campus Ministries staff were all very helpful in guiding Tom and I throughout the planning process," Ham said.

Many events that happened during the week are traditional to CFW and take place every year. One difference this past year was the addition of a coffee and dessert night with breakout sessions.

"That event created a more intimate and informal time during the week. We had never done something like that since I've been here," Tran said.

There were a variety of events that went occurred during Christian Focus Week. It was not just services that were similar to Chapel. The week included worship nights, hiking, art nights, and breakout sessions.

"My favorite part of CFW was definitely the hiking trip. I heard a lot about CFW going into the semester and everyone seemed to be really passionate about it," Tanner Roberts, a freshman Christian studies major from Hot Springs, said. This was Roberts' first CFW as a Ouachita student. He described how strongly supported the event was by faculty and staff and the enthusiasm that students had leading up to the week. The week also impacted his life spiritually.

"After that week I learned what it truly meant to abide in God and have Him with me," Roberts said. "I really gave my future plans that I had with people and my career to Him on a bigger scale after CFW."

CAROLINE JOHNSON

FRESHMAN
SCARBOROUGH Richards and Senior Ben Scarborough welcome students to an important week on Ouachita's campus. There were multiple worship sessions held during the week.
photo by Sarah Dean

ALUMNI HOLLY

Shipp Woolbright and Ainsley McDonald Webb lead a breakout session about life after college. Additional breakout sessions were held during the week.
photo by Erica Wilmath

MAKING HIS plate, freshman Joel Allen is ready to hear a speaker at a breakout session. These sessions were hosted by speakers with different backgrounds and testimonies for students to hear.
photo by Madison Melcher





WHAT OUACHITA MEANS TO...



“ I have always loved competing in Tiger Traks because it is so different than the usual intramural I participated in. This is a fantastic way to just have fun with your friends and do all the crazy fun events. Win or lose, it is always one of my favorite memories at Ouachita. I have made some of my best friends through Tiger Traks and playing around in the mud!”

Nic Hazlett



KAYLA STEINMAYER
photo by Levi Dade

HEALTHY competition

OSF HOSTS TIGER TRAKS



TEAMMATES ARE fighting hard in the tug-of-war competition. The team pictured, Trak Stars, won third overall this year.
photo by Abby Blankenship

a Arkansas' most exciting college weekend came back in full force with 24 teams totaling to 192 participants. Members of the Ouachita Student Foundation spent countless hours in the weeks leading up planning and preparing to give their peers an exciting day on campus.

Josh Spiva, a junior biomedical sciences major from Malvern, AR was one of the OSF volunteers for the event and believed two of the group's committees were integral to making the day happen.

"Special Events has to think up and prepare all of the wonderful games that students get to enjoy the day of Traks, and every year they are trying to tweak and adjust so that the games can be more fun than they were the year before," Spiva explained. "Traks would also not be possible without Fundraising and Finance securing sponsorships and donations."

After the behind the scenes work was completed, OSF members had the chance to work each of the games throughout the day, which allowed them to interact with their friends who were participating. Spiva had worked Tiger Traks for two years and loved to watch everyone's competitive spirit.

"The Mega Relays and Egg Relays were so much fun to work," Spiva said. "It was all a team effort and watching each of the teams go at the challenge in different ways was super entertaining because they all seemed to have a great time."

to meet new people on campus and have fun with your friends in a new way, all while raising money for student scholarships.

Traks Stars took home a third place win, securing gift cards for their entire team and a sense of pride. Ward felt that the secret behind her team's success was their attitude throughout the entire day.

"We did so well because everyone on my team was having fun, encouraging each other, and bonded really well," Ward said. "It felt awesome to win third place because we were not expecting to place, but we felt we did our best, and had fun while participating in Tiger Traks."

Spiva agreed that the event was not only a day of playing games and having fun, but a time for the campus to come together as a whole. He also felt Traks was a way for friends to spend time together in the midst of crazy schedules.

"I personally have met many people on campus through Traks," Spiva said. "I think it is definitely a time where people who would not normally know each other can become friends through healthy competition."

ANNA ROUSSEL

“WE DID SO WELL BECAUSE EVERYONE ON MY TEAM WAS HAVING FUN, ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER, AND BONDED REALLY WELL.**”**



PEDALING FAST in the trike race is freshman Brooks Bell. The tricycle race was an iconic event every year of Tiger Traks
photo by Levi Dade



KAREN FERNANDEZ cheers on her team during the Tube Turbo race. This event took place in the Ouachita pool and involved teams paddling in their tubes across the pool.
photo by Levi Dade

BALANCING an egg on a spoon are freshmen Brianna Cantrell and Anna Grace Rankin. The egg games consisted of a relay race where an egg must be held at all times.
photo by Abby Blankenship

AN *adventurous* BREAK

STUDENTS ENJOY OUTDOORS

R From hardcore, yet nonetheless rewarding, Tiger Tunes practices, to writing that glorious exegetical paper for Bible Interp, Ouachita has so much going on at all times of the school year. Students stay actively busy, and at times, can need a break from all the beautiful chaos. Thankfully, Ouachita offered numerous RecLife outdoor activities that benefit students in many different ways.

Disc golf was a popular RecLife activity as a handful of BETA brothers enjoy doing this together. Both senior engineering physics majors from North Little Rock, Andrew Boatman and Ben Morris, actively participated in disc golf tournaments.

"Playing in a tournament is a great way to increase your confidence and skill level, but most of all you get to play with a lot of great people," Boatman said. The laid back sport of disc golf consists of 18 holes of nothing but a good time, and in Boatman and Morris' case-brotherly bonding.

The weekly Zumba classes offered are yet another student body RecLife event favorite. Junior graphic design major from Bentonville, Madeline McKay, is a regular attendee, and could not enjoy it more.

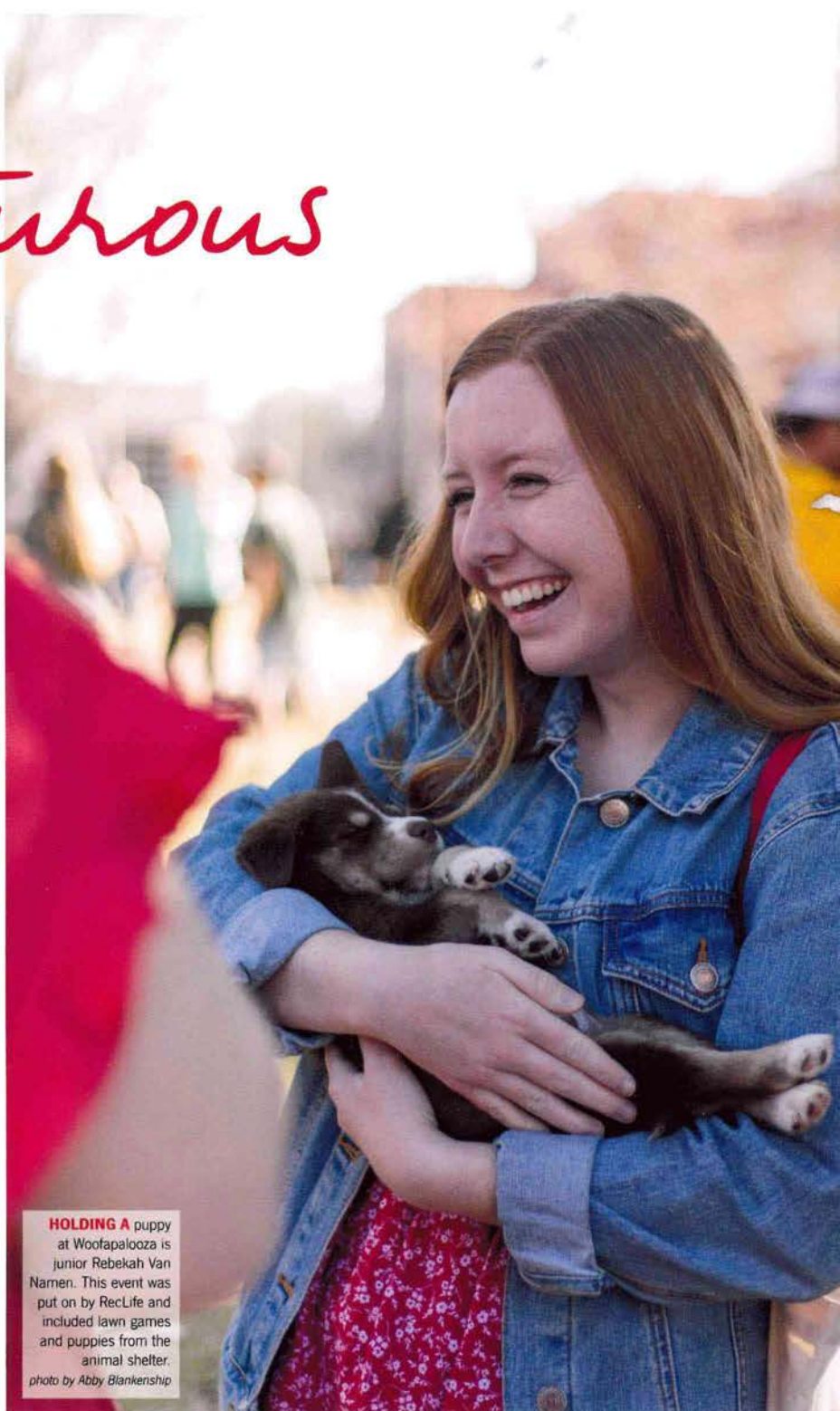
"I like Zumba because dancing is so much fun even if you're not great at it, and it's a great way to exercise," McKay said. This live version of Just Dance referred to as Zumba is a great addition to the many epic events RecLife gives us the privilege of making possible. It may take two to tango, but it only takes one to Zumba.

One of the most well-known RecLife events was FOOT camp that takes place each summer. FOOT stands for Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trip. It's a trip for the incoming freshman to fight off not only mosquitoes and sunburns, but the fear of starting college too as they spend time together before school starts to help calm nerves. Campers get to do all sorts of fun outdoor activities all while learning their new classmates names, making new friends, and having sweet fellowship with one another.

"Everyday we would split off into groups and there were three different activities we could choose from: river floating, cliff jumping, and rock climbing," freshman business administration major, Gabe Mills, from Frisco Texas said.

FOOT campers would cliff jump by day, and gather together to do devotionals in small groups at night. This is the balance every organization should strive to have. There truly was no better way to prepare students for their new season of life at Ouachita than FOOT. Making the transition from camper to student not only helps freshmen get their foot in the door here at Ouachita, but is overall the very beginning of all the amazing things they have yet to experience in four short, sweet years of college.

ROSE ROBINSON



HOLDING A puppy at Woolapalooza is junior Rebekah Van Namen. This event was put on by RecLife and included lawn games and puppies from the animal shelter.
photo by Abby Blankenship

STUDENTS PARTICIPATED in weekly yoga classes as a way to exercise as well as de-stress. Yoga classes were held on Wednesdays in the Tiger Den.
photo by Sarah Dean

ERICA DIXON stretches during a RecLife yoga session. Afternoon yoga was a popular activity for students wanting to find a new way to get active.
photo by Sarah Dean





RELAXING IN their tubes students enjoy floating down the Caddo River during a ReCLife event. This was a common activity for Ouachita students on a hot Saturday.
photo by Sarah Dean



DR BYRON EUBANKS
photo by Sarah Dean



HAMMOCKING WAS a fun way to relax during the Pumpkin Carving Cookout hosted by the Eubanks. The Eubanks lived close to campus and hosted many ReCLife events.
photo by Sarah Dean

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REC LIFE

“ I really enjoyed going to Zumba through rec life because it was a great study break and I got to do it with friends. Stephanie always had high energy and made me feel welcome.”

Anna Marie Plastiras

“ Intramurals are one of my favorite parts of campus. There's always so many memories we can take away from each game we play and it's great getting to play sports with my Kappa brothers.”

Tanner Shipman

“ I love all the events that ReCLife puts on during the semester, especially intramurals. It is so fun not only competing but also going to watch friends play. It is friendly competition that helps distract from school work.”

Gracen Goudy



ANNA MARIE PLASTIRAS
photo by Sarah Dean



TANNER SHIPMAN
photo by Mikaela Monahan



SERVING *others* IN THE COMMUNITY

From spending time with elderly people in the Arkadelphia community to helping tutor kids from local schools, the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community gave students many opportunities to volunteer and get involved.

Each year, the Elrod Center offers different events, service projects, and activities to the local community and students. For many students, the Elrod Center

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encouraged students to get involved with community activities and acts of service while developing meaningful relationships.

Tehya Hinkson, a senior studio art and education major from Benton, worked with the Elrod Center to create different media graphics and designs since her freshman year. Her graphics were featured during Healthy Relationships Week, Tiger Serve Day, and many other programs.

“If I was asked to choose one thing that has made Ouachita special to me, then I would say the Elrod Center. It offers the largest array of community outreach that I have ever seen, and it is completely free for the community and students,” Hinkson said. “The Elrod

Center not only allows you to serve, but it also allows you to serve easily and in a way that you enjoy.”

Because of the Elrod Center’s wide variety of volunteer options, students of different majors and talents volunteered in unique ways. Juli Parsons, a sophomore business administration and entrepreneurship major from Celina, Texas, used her talent of baking to bring joy to the community and campus.

“Every week I come in and bake homemade goods for many of the outreach programs. I’ve made cupcakes for the community students that are tutored at the center on Mondays and Tuesdays,” Parsons said. “I’ve also made cookies and French macrons for ElderServe community members, desserts for faculty meetings, and gift bags for families serviced during Tiger Serve Day and our Thanksgiving meal program.”

Because of the Elrod Center’s involvement with and dedication to the community, students can get involved within the community beyond the campus.

Mary Madison Tolbert, a senior Christian studies and social justice major from Rockwall, Texas, served as the student leader for the annual Thanksgiving basket outreach program since her sophomore year. Tolbert discovered her passion for connecting people with service opportunities while also helping them discern their gifts.

“As college students, it can be so easy to live in a community for four years without ever getting involved in anything outside of Ouachita,” Tolbert said. “The Arkadelphia community has given so much to Ouachita, so it is extremely important that we give back to them.”

KATHRYN TOTTY



LOADING UP

his truck, sophomore Joey Whisenhunt helps deliver Thanksgiving meals to the community. This was an annual event sponsored by the Elrod Center.

photo by Abby Blankenship

POSING WITH

a community member, junior Valeria Gomez serves on Tiger Serve Day. Many students served in community members’ homes.

photo by Abby Blankenship



HARD AT WORK

senior Ryan Thompson and sophomore Isaac Crow help distribute tools at Tiger Serve Day. They were on the leadership team.

photo by Abby Blankenship



SERVING WITH A

smile are senior baseball players Garrett Hermes and Beau Burson. Sports teams and organizations commonly did service work through the Elrod Center as team bonding.

photo by Abby Blankenship





THE MEN OF RHO SIGMA AT THE PLAZA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY
photo by Coleman Callan

WHAT OUACHITA MEANS TO...



“The Elrod Center has shaped my time here at Ouachita through giving me leadership opportunities and allowing me to discover my calling. Through my work here, I have found a passion for connecting people with service opportunities and helping them discern their gifts. Besides just shaping my time at Ouachita, it has helped shape me into someone who is committed to living their life out in faithfulness through service to others.”

Mary Tolbert

ON THE ROAD *again*

TRAVELLING BEGINS AFTER COVID-19 CAUSED A PAUSE

North, West, East, and South, students hit the road travelling across the United States with COVID-19 restrictions being lifted. Longer breaks also allowed for students to travel further away without fear of missing classes.

In the fall the women of EEE went to Tulsa, Oklahoma over Halloween weekend. Along with seeing impressive costumes Katie Gray said "My friends and I did a spin class in the morning and spent the evening bowling at a really cool local bowling alley." The girls spent their weekend exploring downtown Tulsa and honoring the coming officers for the club.

Outside of social clubs, the International Club spent their time in St. Louis, Missouri during Fall Break in early October. They visited landmarks such as the famous Gateway Arch and establishments such as the City Museum. They spent their days exploring the Delmar loop eating at various restaurants and shopping. They ended each of the days with a group devotional and board games in their Air BnB.

COVID-19 restrictions kept international students home for longer than they expected to be. Pietra Camargo came to school from Brazil her freshmen year and didn't get to go back home until winter break this past

year. She spent a month back in Itapeva-São Paulo with her family and friends and visited places such as the beaches in Santa Catarina and Curitiba-PA. "The best part of the trip was probably having everyone I love in the same place." Pietra said "I felt to thankful and glad to be back after such a long time."

The arrival of spring provided more opportunities for students to travel. The Department of Public History were able to travel to historic sites and museums in three cities in Mississippi over the first weekend of March. "Getting to experience and learn at each of these places was a highlight of my semester [along with] getting to know the other Public History majors better and engaging with history with them." said Isaac Lawson.

During Spring Break Houston was a popular location to travel to. Anna Kate Velasquez went to the Houston Rodeo with her friends and family and got to see Brad Paisley in concert. "The best part was getting to share the experience with friends and seeing Brad Paisley switch guitars over 15 times!" she said.

Travel has always been an integral part of Ouachita culture and we are very excited to be hitting the road again.

EMMA DENNIS

HOT AIR BALLOONS

sit on display for tourists. Abby Blankenship attended the International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta in New Mexico over fall break.

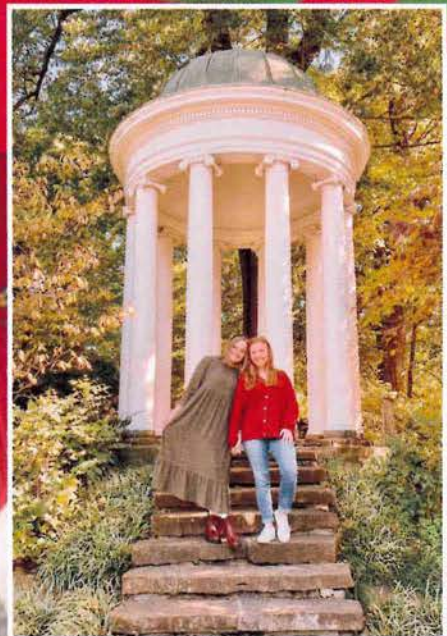
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VALERIA GOMEZ plays at the City Museum in St. Louis, Missouri. Students from the International Club visited the city together over fall break.
photo courtesy of Valeria Gomez



PUBLIC HISTORY students visit a historical site. The program took students to three cities in Mississippi one weekend in March.
photo courtesy of History Department



EMMA KATHLEEN Conner and Rebekah Van Namen enjoy the Philbrook Museum in Tulsa, Okla. The Women of EEE traveled to Tulsa for their fall outing.
photo courtesy of Emma Kathleen Conner





FRIENDS HANGING
out during the game night and karaoke held in Evans Student Center. This event was put on by Multicultural Student Programs as a part of their Black History Month events.
photo by Susannah Arm

KANEIL PURIFOY speaks during the Sexual Assault Awareness Month panel "In it Together". This was one of three panel discussions held during the month to spread awareness.
photo by Sarah Dean



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ANNA KATHERINE GREEN
photo by Levi Dade

WALK FOR FREEDOM

“It was such an amazing thing to see so many people show up to support this movement. I loved being able to take time to recognize how important our actions and prayer are in efforts to end human trafficking. It made me want to continue being involved in events for this cause.”

Anna Katherine Green

“I was brought to tears at the sight of so many people ready to fight for those without voices. This community is bold and courageous in their fight for the greater good of our town, state, and world. The walk against human trafficking is just the start of standing together and it is an opportunity for us to have real impact for those whose voices deserve to be heard.”

Katehyn Harris

“Being part of the walk was a highlight of my time at Ouachita thus far. The hurt that is being caused by human trafficking is an issue that is close to my heart. By putting on the walk, it felt like a small step towards something greater.”

Malea Borland



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS PANEL
photo by Sarah Dean

TALKING *about* CHANGE

OBU MONTHS OF AWARENESS



In April, Ouachita recognized its first Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which is already observed both nationally and internationally to raise awareness and generate unity among both victims of sexual assault and those interested in educating themselves on the subject.

Christa Neal, Title IX Coordinator and Program Advisor for Community and Family Services, was eager to educate the Ouachita community on the topic of sexual assault through campus recognition of this globally Acknowledged event.

"There is a lot of benefit in education, awareness, and prevention," she said. "I've seen professionally that talking about a taboo or avoided topic really does improve things, it just shines light."

Sexual Assault Awareness month consisted of faculty-guided panels for both male and female students encouraging open discussion on the subject.

"I feel very strongly that any time there is a topic that is avoided it gives it power and allows it to thrive," Neal said. "I just wanted to openly talk about it and change that sort of climate that we all naturally fall into"

April also brought about the circulation of posts containing statistics on sexual assault on Ouachita's social media platforms and the distribution of student-designed blue buttons with the phrase, "In It Together."

"It really doesn't get talked about very much in general but especially here because it seems so uncommon. I really want to continue to do this with her and build on it," freshman community and family service major, Rachel Dunnam, who helped create the buttons, said.

The month also served to inspire students who desire to work with victims of sexual assault in their future profession, like Malea Borland, a freshman community and family services and philosophy double major from Arkadelphia. Borland attended one of the panels and was present in classes where Neal came to speak about the impact of sexual assault, especially as it relates to the university culture.

"Her style of speaking and getting the word out is not sugarcoating things, it's just telling people straight up what the facts are and what's going on," said Borland. "I feel like there's always this stigma that's it's not a fun subject to talk about, and maybe it's not but it's really important."

Sexual Assault Awareness Month not only helped to educate, spread awareness, and push for prevention, but it also invigorated the Ouachita community to move toward unity in this discussion.

"What we wanted to communicate is that we all play a role," said Christa Neal. "Even if we aren't a victim of assault or we aren't the one doing the assault, we can still be a friend, we can still educate ourselves, and become aware of what to do if we know someone that experiences it."

BREANNA WATSON



DURING BLACK
 History Month, influential alum returned to speak to students. There were two speakers at this event.
photo by Abby Blankenship



A GROUP
 of Chi Mu members walk around the track in honor of Autism Awareness Month. The club hosted an Autism Acceptance Walk.
photo by Levi Dade

LEADING A
 discussion for sexual assault awareness month is Christa Neal. She was the Title IX Coordinator and program director for Community and Family Services.
photo by Sarah Dean



WHAT OUACHITA MEANS TO...



Being in the theatre department is kind of like living on an island. We don't get to participate in as many things with the rest of the campus, however it is a really tight knit group and we have tons of fun. The theater department demands a lot of time and dedication, but it is really cool to get so close with people who are all working together every hour of the day until late hours."

Julia Letcher



H.M.S. PINAFORE
photo by Anna Weyenberg

TALENT ON *display* FALL AND SPRING MUSICALS



CORDELL HUFSTEDLER raises his cap as he crew surrounds him. H.M.S. Pinafore was an opera. *photo by Anna Weyenberg*

Whether it's dancing the night away in JPAC as large crowds of audience members watch you, or the uproar of applause that signals you just put on a successful opera show, there's no debate that OBU's musical production department is top notch. Having had past OBU alumni take the glorious Broadway stage, These talented groups of students never fail to shine wherever they are.

In the fall semester, the theater department put on the H.M.S. Pinafore Opera. When he's not singing in the Student Center on a Friday or on stage worshipping in Chapel on Tuesday mornings, junior music industry major from Bryant, Arkansas, Brennan Humphry, was usually found participating in musical productions. Humphry has played countless characters in his impressive career, but added some diversity to his acting resume as he played a role in the H.M.S. Pinafore Opera like no other he's ever had before. He was a great addition to this show, and never failed to put on an outstanding performance.

"I loved playing the comic relief of the show," Humphry said. "I've played characters with high energy in the past, but none quite like Sir Joseph."

Although his character's estimated age was between 75-80, Brennan willingly accepted the challenge of this complex role, and executed his character beautifully.

Senior musical theater major from Plano, Julia Letcher, put her many talents to good use as she was a lead in the H.M.S. Pinafore Opera. Letcher has been involved in many productions in her time at Ouachita, and has had the opportunity to work with numerous different music majors. Cast members spend a rather

large amount of time together. Between the long hours of reading over lines, participating in dress rehearsals, or attending the many practices it takes to bring a show to life, these talented students become very close to one another in just a short amount of time.

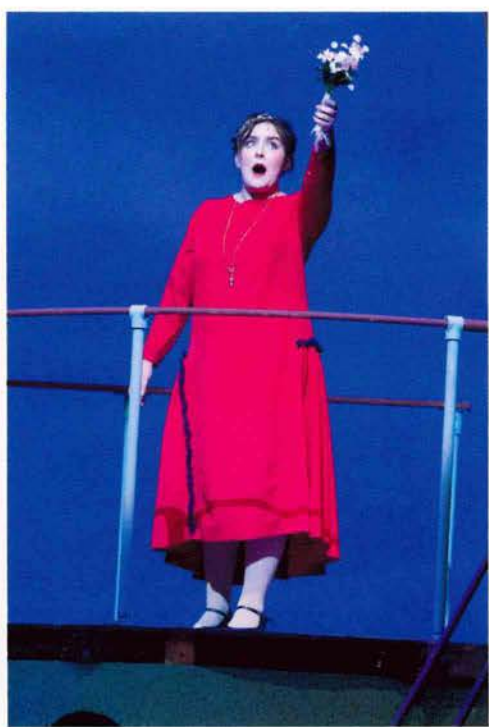
Unbreakable bonds are formed through the early mornings, late nights, and all the wonderful chaos in between. Letcher exclaimed, "The people really

“EVERYONE IS REALLY TALENTED AND WE ALL HONESTLY MESH PRETTY WELL.”

become your close friends because you spend so much time working really hard all on the same task to create a really good product. Everyone is really talented and we all honestly mesh pretty well."

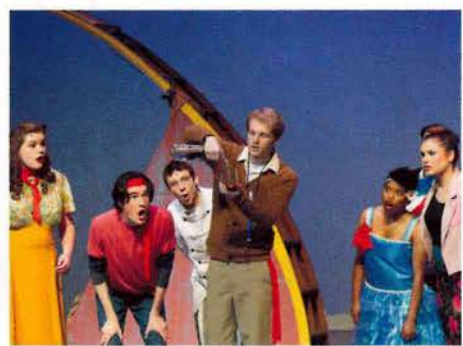
The thriving musical productions department is one of the many amazing assets to Ouachita. This department prepares its students for the future as students have the opportunity to do things such as playwright, directing, and performing. Every single student involved in this department has a bright future ahead as Ouachita continuously pours into them what they need to have in order to excel in the world of theater. Students in this department will continue to represent OBU well, from opening act to curtain call.

ROSE ROBINSON



AMAYA HARDIN embraces her solo during Godspell. There were 31 students in the cast of the musical. *photo by Coleman Callan*

HANNAH GOTHARD raises her bouquet during a scene in H.M.S. Pinafore. The musical took place on a ship. *photo by Anna Weyenberg*



STUDENTS ACT in awe during a scene in Godspell. This performance was hosted during the spring semester. *photo by Coleman Callan*

A *dramatic* SEASON

THEATER PRODUCTIONS

The Theater department put on several successful productions in the fall and spring semesters. From the war torn set of *Into the Breeches* to the fantastical land of *Tanglewood* with *One Acts* and *All-Night Theater* in between, it was a busy year for the students in the theater department.

Into the Breeches, the fall production, was about a theater during World War II being saved by a group of women actors producing Shakespeare's *Henriad* and breaking down barriers of the time.

Sophomore musical theater major from Mesquite, Texas, Maddy Moore played Grace, a quiet girl who grew in confidence as the play goes on.

"I loved playing Grace because she inspired me – and hopefully other people as well – to break out of our shells and be confident in who we are," Moore said.

In the spring semester, the students had the opportunity to produce a play written and directed by one of their peers. Senior musical theater major from Waxahachie, Texas, Sam Campione spent two-years writing *Tanglewood* before it was performed on stage.

"[It was] truly a dream to get to see it come to life so beautifully," Campione said, "I felt incredibly lucky to get such an amazing opportunity and I'm so grateful to the theater faculty for putting that much faith in my work."

A lot of work went into making the production work. Each actor had their own obstacles to overcome. Junior musical theater major, Noah Warford, worked hard in order to perform great.

"To prepare for the production, I had to brush up on my British accent and drill the lines over and over again," Warford, who played Ferdinand, said. "Many seemed to think that because most of my lines contained alliteration, that memorization would be easy. They are wrong. I had to work on those alliterate lines more than any lines I've ever worked on before."

Sophomore musical theater major from Fort Worth, Halle Jones, who played Pyke, also explained that she had a difficult time with the music and fighting in the complex costume pieces. However everyone overcame their obstacles before the show went on.

Amongst the larger productions the theater department also hosted *One Acts* where small groups of students direct and act in five-to-ten-minute plays of their choosing. In the spring semester Alpha Psi Omega, the theater honors society, hosted *All Night Theater* where students of any major could participate in the entire production process. Students wrote plays to be produced and then students directed, acted in, and designed costumes and sets all in one weekend. The theater department was always on their feet and their many productions prove that.

EMMA DENNIS



ISABELLA OWEN

plays Ridley in the production of *Tanglewood*. This play took place in the spring semester.

photo by Abby Blankenship

ACTORS PARTAKE

in full character within their scene. The *One Acts* Play Festival took place in December and May.

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THE CAST

for the *One Acts* Play Festival takes a final bow after their performance.

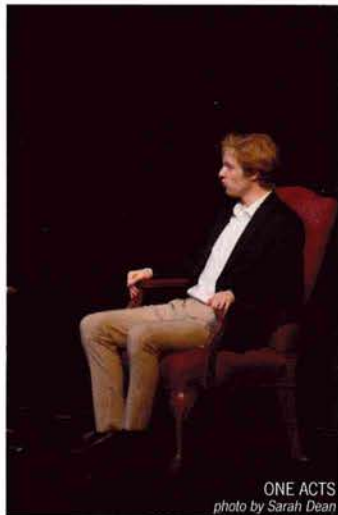
Each *One Act* was student directed.

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THREE MAIN characters within Tanglewood gather together for a scene. Tanglewood was selected for the annual Muse Project.
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ONE ACTS
photo by Sarah Dean



KENZIE BURKS strikes a pose during a scene. Burks played the role of Windy.
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THEATER PRODUCTIONS

“Tanglewood has been everything I possibly could have asked for, working on this show with all these passionate people bringing their talents to it. There are really no words to describe the fulfillment and joy it brings.”

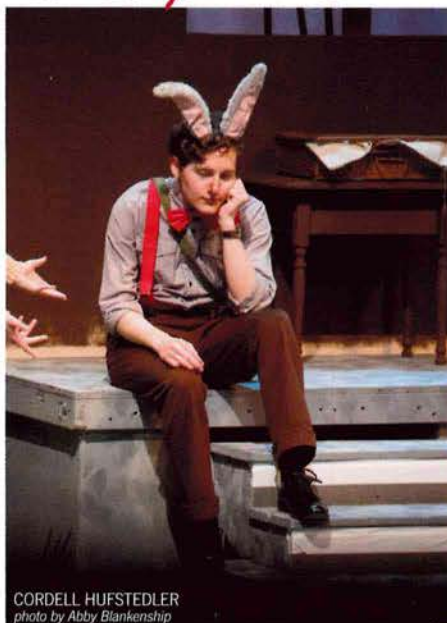
Sam Campione

“Students direct, perform, design, crew, assist and run the shows. For directing students, this festival provides the opportunity to enjoy their work alongside an audience.”

Matthew Murry

“The Muse Project slot is a great place for Ouachita students to do applied creative work in theatre that goes above usual undergraduate work and features a fully-produced performance of their work supported by the entire department.”

Eric Phillips



CORDELL HUFSTEDLER
photo by Abby Blankenship



LOGAN BABEL
photo by Abby Blankenship

COMMUNITY

returns TO FULL CAPACITY

T As a Christ-centered learning community, Ouachita fostered a program to deepen students' spiritual lives, to broaden their cultural appreciation, and to realize their role as a part of the Ouachita community. The year of 2022 was the first year that chapel was able to be held at full capacity without masks for the first time since COVID-19 began.

“ I HAVE GOTTEN TO SEE HOW POWERFUL CHAPEL IS FOR STUDENTS ”

James Taylor, director of Campus Ministries, led chapel in unprecedented times.

“My first semester leading the programing of chapel was spring of 2020, so it was tough. In the summer of 2020 we made the decision to produce videos for chapel and not have in-person chapel. That was a tough decision, but it was the right one to give us the best chance of staying in-person for other classes,” Taylor said. “The path from 2020 to now was made so much better by the help of all the people that coordinate on chapel and by Ian Cosh sharing his wisdom and experience from leading it for so long.”

Student-led worship, along with campus and guest speakers, allowed for students and staff alike to deepen their relationship with the Lord while they ministered to their fellow peers. Cloe Humphry, a worship arts major from Benton, reflected on how chapel has strengthened her spiritual walk.

“Leading worship in chapel has reminded me that I cannot lead people to God if I am not following or seeking God. I have been challenged to continue my relationship with Christ and spiritually grow,” Humphry said. “I want to grow closer to God and take people with me on that journey.”

Humphry has been involved in leading the worship at chapel since her freshman year and was called to ministry while she was still in high school.

“When I was a junior in high school, God called me to music ministry,” Humphry said. “I have loved being a part of this ministry since my freshman year. I have met many incredible people, thus building lifelong relationships and ministry partnerships.”

Chapel was held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and allowed students to enjoy a break spent in God's word. Kennedy Johnson, a sophomore biology major from Fayetteville, used chapel as a way to deepen her spiritual journey.

“This year, after moving from half capacity to full capacity I have gotten to see how powerful chapel is for students developing their faith,” Johnson said. “I look forward to Tuesday mornings because it gives me a break in my busy week to slow down and hear a message that encourages and strengthens me as a believer.”

ADDIE WOODS

JUNIOR KARIS

Staley leads worship during chapel. Every week a student-led band would lead students, faculty, and staff in worship.

photo by Natalie Moore

MICROPHONE IN

hand, James Taylor shares with the audience during chapel. Taylor was in charge of organizing chapel each week.

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SPREADING AWARENESS

for Black History month to the student body is senior Dayja James. Chapel was a requirement for all students.

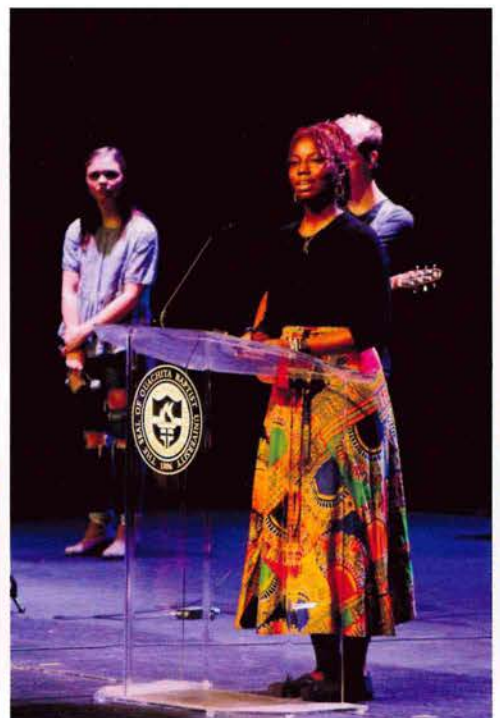
photo by Caroline Massey



SHARING THE

benediction is junior Ashlyn Ham. At the end of chapel each week, a student would give the benediction to dismiss everyone.

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DUSTIN AND JULIE WAGLEY
photo by Natalie Moore

WHAT OUACHITA MEANS TO...



“Leading with Ouachita Worship in Chapel has been a wonderful outlet to carry out and practice God’s calling on my life and discover new passions in ministry. I have observed leaders while also learning to become a leader myself. Since being in Ouachita Worship, I have had many opportunities to share the gospel and lead worship through music at Chapel. This experience has encouraged me to continue following God and seeking Him with my whole heart. While following God can be challenging, it is rewarding to see others come to know God and learn more about Him.”

Chloe Humphrey

A resilient CLASS

GRADUATES CELEBRATE SUCCESS

The class of 2022 was recognized at their commencement as a class that had overcome significant obstacles. The ceremony was held on the lawn of Cone Bottoms for the first time in six years, and celebrated the students and all of their accomplishments. In his address to the class, Ouachita's president Dr. Ben Sells commended the class for their leadership the past four years.

"We will forever remember you as the class who guarded and revived essential Ouachita traditions for us and all who follow," Sells said. "I'll forever be grateful for this."

Jazmyn Parker, an elementary education major from White Hall, AR remembered how difficult it was being sent home when her class was in their sophomore year. For her, many treasured traditions were put on hold and it was up to she and her peers to reintroduce them to campus.

"It was a privilege to be able to instill and teach other students about these traditions," Parker said. "We taught them to treasure them and never take them for granted."

Looking back on her four years at Ouachita, Parker was thankful for the lessons she had learned. The people and community she was surrounded by helped prepare her for life after school.

During the commencement ceremony, several students had the opportunity to play a part in honoring their classmates. Senior class president Bennett Hasley, a biology major from Fort Smith, offered the invocation, and the students with the top four GPA's in the Pruett School of Christian Studies read scripture for the crowd.

Noah McCallum, a christian studies major from Jonesboro, was one of the four who read scripture. McCallum felt the ceremony was the ideal way to reflect on years of hard work, friendships, and memories. He felt the program did an excellent job of recognizing how the graduates' accomplishments were possible because of their faith.

"We reflected on how our work to this point has been for his glory, and the ways in which we will take what we've learned and put it into practice," McCallum said. "It's a great time of celebration with friends, family, and professors who have invested in us well."

McCallum had a special moment on stage as he embraced his grandfather Dr. John McCallum, who served as vice president for the board of trustees.

"I'm so thankful I got to experience that moment with him," McCallum said. "It only made sense that since he was such a big influence in my choosing OBU, he would see me all the way through and I would get to celebrate on stage with him in the end."

ANNA ROUSSEL



CLOE HUMPHRY takes in the exciting day during the ceremony. Graduates enjoyed getting to sit by many different classmates. photo by Levi Dade

AFTER GRADUATION

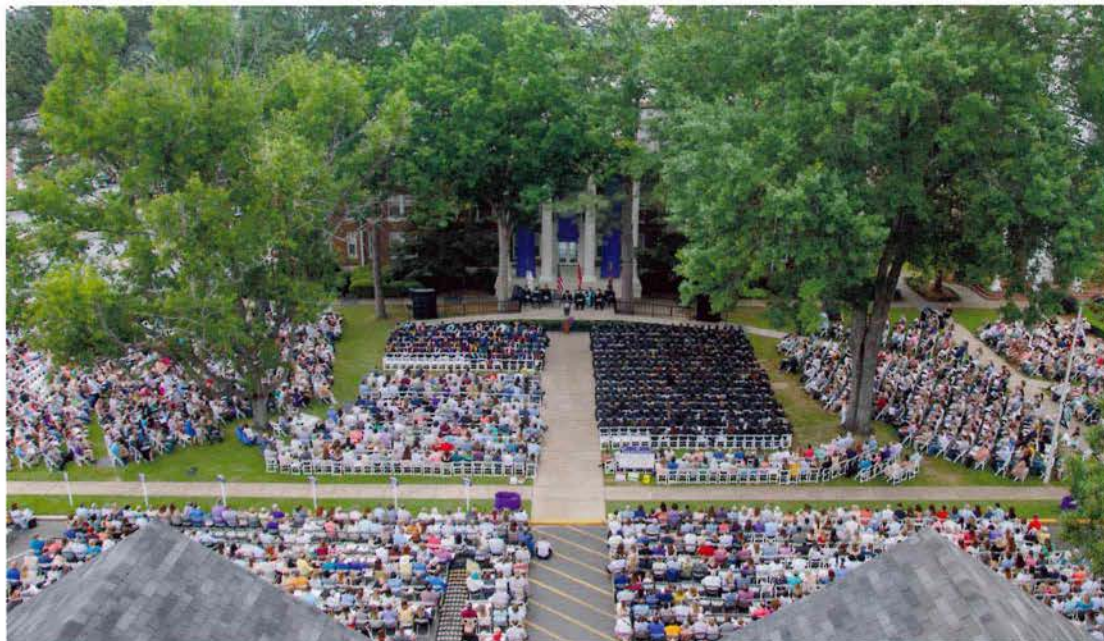
Ethan Elkins and Dr. Viser pose for a photo. Professors waited after the ceremony to say their goodbyes to graduating seniors. photo by Levi Dade



GRADUATING FRIENDS

Anna Roussel, Maddie Bailey, Bennett Hasley, Becca Janke, and Kate Vernon celebrate after the ceremony. Students enjoyed spending their last moments on campus with their friends. photo by Levi Dade





CHRIS MCCUISTION
photo by Levi Dade



SUPPORTERS GATHER to watch the class of 2022 walk across the graduation stage. This was the first time in six years that graduation was able to be held at Cone Bottoms.
photo by Levi Dade

SENIOR FRIENDS Erin Williams and Clara Taylor take a photo after the ceremony. Graduates said many of their goodbyes on campus that afternoon.
photo by Levi Dade

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HANNAH DWIGGINS
photo by Levi Dade

GRADUATION

“ Graduation was one of the highlights of my time at Ouachita. Being able to celebrate all that we have achieved with some of my closest friends made it extra special.”

Hannah Dwiggins

“ I don't think graduation could have been any more special. The ceremony was a perfect time to reflect on and appreciate all of the hard work we have done the last four years.”

Mitchell Waite

“ Witnessing the love and support from the families of my classmates as well as the professors who led us to Cone Bottoms that day made receiving my diploma so special. We worked so hard and getting to celebrate our accomplishments together is something I will never forget.”

Kate Vernon



SARA PATTERSON AND QUANTEL WILLIAMS
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