The background of the page is a photograph of a beach scene. In the foreground, a white towel is spread out on the sand, and a yellow beach ball is partially visible on the right side. In the background, three people are standing on the grassy area near the water's edge. Two men are shirtless and wearing dark shorts, and one woman is wearing a light blue shirt and shorts. The overall atmosphere is bright and sunny.

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NOT BE WHAT IT IS WITHOUT THE  
PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT**

*like no other.*



**JUNIOR JAY** Brumsey slides down the Slip-n-Slide during Tiger Traks. Twenty-four teams competed in Tiger Traks. photo by Levi Dade



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Leaving all other sports behind, freshman Wyatt House, biomedical sciences major from Little Rock, decided to pursue powerlifting. House

achieved first place in the 90kg USPA for his junior class in April of 2021. He held the state record deadlift of 507 lbs. His current personal records include: 430 lbs. in squats, 245 lbs. in bench press, and 585 lbs. in deadlifts.

"I played sports through the beginning of high school, and while I did enjoy each sport in its own regard, my favorite aspect of athletics was resistance training that emphasized improvement in strength," House said. "I quit all sports my sophomore year of high school and made the gym my main hobby. I have met some of my best friends in the gym, and it has morphed into a haven for me when life is crazy. I try not to take it for granted because my body will only hold on so long, and I look forward to the years to come and I live by one motto: Work Harder."

Powerlifting competitions cultivate some of the most intense environments in weightlifting. Everyone is seeking to improve on a PRs and beat the next guy ahead; however, at the same time, everyone has each other's back and supports each other until the last rep. It has an atmosphere of intense focus as most powerlifters only compete two times per year. There is no room for failure when you prepped for 16 weeks.

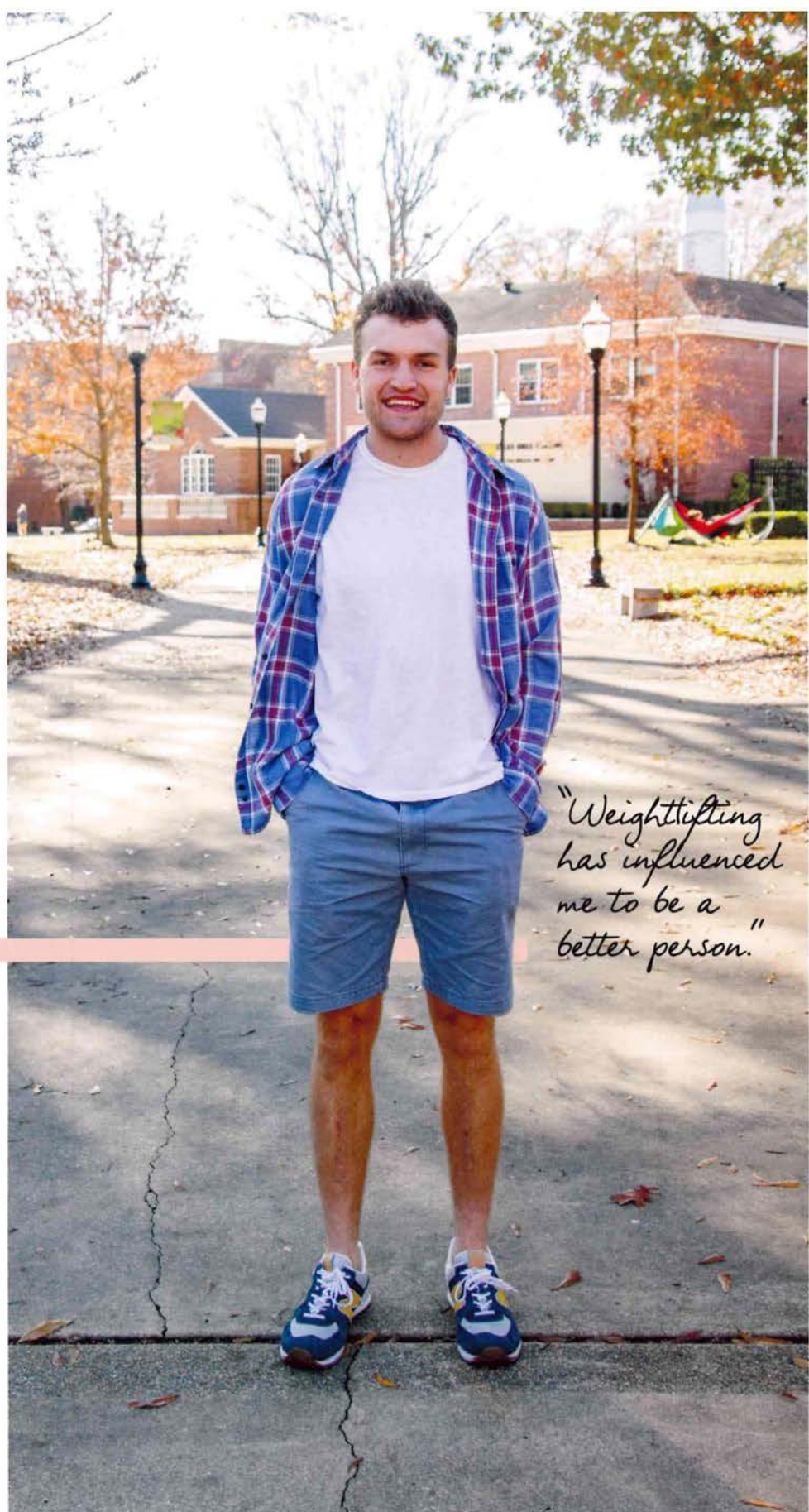
A-Town Fitness in Arkadelphia provided an amazing environment and made House's transition from his home gym seamless. He had been preparing for a competition in December and hoped to qualify for USPA Nationals last February.

"Weightlifting has influenced me to be a better person through teaching me both discipline and the importance of consistency," House said. "If you want to increase your maxes you must be disciplined in the day in and day out grind. You are not going to progress after one workout but continuing to put yourself in the gym will build long-term results that cannot be taken away from you."

Weightlifting has grown House spiritually, not in the sport itself, but in the community that has come from immersing himself in this environment. He has met people from a wide range of viewpoints and backgrounds and through their shared love for the gym they have grown close as a community. It taught him to love and not judge people at first sight. Some of the most intimidating gym goers are the most compassionate people you will meet.

"Giving up is not an option, and it will never leave you happy with your decision to quit," House said. "Not every day is going to be glorious, and you won't always find success, but it is these days that build you the most. Always find a way to work harder and remember that we are stronger together."

ANGELA WEBB



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WYATT HOUSE  
*wyatt house*





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*"My favorite part is sitting down with brides to talk about their wedding and love story."*

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Many college students have struggled with time management when it comes to school, sports, and other extracurricular activities.

For Mallorie Warner, a freshman Christian Studies and graphic design double major from Benton, this included running a full time business.

What started as a hobby in the seventh grade, calligraphy became a full time-business for Warner. In 10th grade, she needed to fund a mission trip to Ecuador, and that is when her love for calligraphy really began to take off. She creates and sells custom wedding signage and day of details including acrylic and welcome signs, seating charts, and place cards.

"I funded my way to a mission trip in Ecuador in 10th grade by selling art prints, t-shirts, stickers, and canvas paintings," Warner said. "Gradually, I started doing wedding signs for friends and family. I loved it and have chased that full force ever since."

In her journey of creating a business, Warner was featured in *Arkansas Bride*, the biggest bridal magazine in the state.

"It was one of my 2021 goals for my business, so having it actually happen was amazing," Warner said. "I participated in several styled shoots this year in hopes of being featured and expanding my portfolio, so to be in the Fall/Winter 2021 issue was exciting. I made many connections with wedding vendors all over the state now that were made possible through putting my work out there and getting involved in styled shoots with wedding photographers."

While Warner made strides in her business, she also struggled with juggling it with being a full-time college student. On the weekends, she made local deliveries to keep up with the upcoming fall weddings.

"Time management is difficult, especially as a college student," Warner said. "A specific struggle in my business is out sourcing materials. Finding quality acrylic for signs was harder than expected."

Warner's plans after college include continuing and expanding her business after graduating with a graphic design major. She has plans to expand her services to include invitation suites and other paper goods for weddings and events.

"I love this business because it combines all of my passions," Warner said. "I can be creative and serve others. My favorite part is sitting down with brides to talk about their wedding and love story. I love hearing how God has worked through the couple's lives and seeing it all come together for their wedding day."

"I'm expectant and excited for what God has for me post graduating, whether that is continuing my Mallorie LaRue wedding signs business or something else," Warner said. "Open hands, eager expectancy."

ADDIE WOODS

MALLORIE WARNER  
mallorie warner





Meghann Bledsoe was one of many people in America who grew up bilingual. Her second language is not spoken though. Bledsoe grew up fluent in American Sign Language.

Bledsoe, a freshman Christian Studies major from Plano, Texas, is the hearing child of two deaf parents. Bledsoe explained that both of her parents are the only members of their families that are deaf, and it not being genetic means that she, along with her older brother and younger sister, are all able-bodied in terms of hearing.

Despite what would seem to be a challenging life, Bledsoe had little to lament on in terms of growing up.

"Typically, if they didn't have a translator, I would be there to help translate, and there were times where I felt frustrated," Bledsoe said. "I felt really responsible for making sure that they understood what was happening. But I realize my parents didn't expect me to be perfect. They want to be included, but they don't want to make me feel like I'm the only way."

Growing up was a learning curve for Bledsoe. She learned ASL from her parents and spoke English with her grandparents, learning the languages simultaneously. Bledsoe had an open mind and open heart for where life will lead her in terms of deaf missions.

"We all have those things where we tell God like 'absolutely not this one thing.' And for me it was deaf ministries," Bledsoe said. "I was like 'absolutely not God, like that is not something I want.' It's actually so cool how He opened my heart up to it."

Bledsoe tells a story of a summer internship where she interreacted with the deaf missions on multiple occasions, from her roommate being fluent in ASL as well, to speaking with a partially deaf woman who was healed after her ministry group prayed for her. Since then, she's had an open heart to the idea of deaf ministries.

Bledsoe explained that people regularly take advantage of deaf people. She herself had her rebellious phase in kindergarten before she understood the implications of her actions.

"It was easy for me to go behind their back, so I had to be more aware of like, I love my parents and it's really important that I honor them because if I don't I can seriously hurt our relationship," Bledsoe said.

Bledsoe and her family were very close to each other, making a conscious daily effort to include each other in their lives, whether that be through signing at the dinner table so her parents are in on the stories being told or her parents comforting her from a storm they couldn't hear as a child. They choose to not let these roadblocks stand in their way.

EMMA DENNIS



*"It's so cool how God opened my heart up to deaf ministries."*

**MEGHANN BLED SOE**  
*meghann bledsoe*





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*"It is okay if you have many different passions and things you want to do in life."*

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The Ouachita Baptist University Elrod Center has provided many opportunities for students to get involved with various programs to serve the Arkadelphia community along with students and professors

alike on campus. In particular, ElderServe allowed students to be paired with an elderly couple or elder and visit them, bring them food, or write them letters.

Allie Bailey, a freshman biomedical sciences and psychology double major from Benton, was involved in TranServe on campus, and through the Elrod Center and TranServe became involved in ElderServe.

"I enjoy reading and writing poetry and learning about history, so when Mrs. Duvall sent an email asking for someone to just listen to and talk with a retired professor of literature who has written books on history and loves poetry. I knew immediately that it was something I wanted to do," Bailey said.

Bailey began visiting Charlie and Marie Hughes at their home in Arkadelphia at the beginning of her freshman year. Mr. Hughes is in hospice care and his wife, Mrs. Marie, is his full time caregiver. Mr. Hughes was a close friend of Dr. Wink and taught literature at Henderson State University for the majority of his life. Bailey jumped at the opportunity to visit with him and his wife because of their shared love of history and poetry.

"One of my favorite things about visiting them is to hear Mr. Charles recite some of his favorite poems by memory that he and Dr. Wink had loved decades ago," Bailey said. "It was just an incredible connection as I heard and appreciated the same words they had read and memorized years before."

Along with the countless poems and pieces of literature Bailey has learned, she has also gathered priceless life lessons from Mr. and Mrs. Hughes.

"One major lesson I learned from Mr. Hughes was that it is okay if you have many different passions and things you want to do in life. In fact, it is adventurous and joy-filled to pursue everything you love in life at no matter what age you are," Bailey said. "Mr. Charles worked various jobs throughout his life including a medic in the Marines and a cryptanalyst."

Bailey used her time with Mr. and Mrs. Hughes to gain experience of talking to someone who has lived through so many years of change and to hear their story; ElderServe allowed her to have the opportunity to do just that.

"I knew immediately that meeting with an elderly couple was something that I wanted to do, and it turned into such a rewarding and humbling experience that I would not trade for anything," Bailey said.

ADDIE WOODS

ALLIE BAILEY  
*allie bailey*



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Ever since he was young, freshman finance and business management double major Ryan Wheeler from Little Rock obtained a passion that would

follow him the rest of his life.

Wheeler grew up in his family-owned used auto industry called "Rock City Classics." His dad was also a pilot who flew major auto dealers from throughout Little Rock. These experiences allowed Wheeler to be influenced by the auto industry.

At the age of 8, Wheeler received his first car: an orange 1955 Mercury Monterey. He now owns around 18 cars and plans on restoring many more in the future. Some of his cars have been on display in shows around Arkansas including the Petit Jean Car Show. The car he used as primary transportation, a 2014 Mercedes ML-63-AMG, was an asset for his restoration business.

"Seeing a car go from such a sad state to its renewal was a very proud moment for me," Wheeler said. "The man who purchased one of the cars flew all the way from California to pick it up. Giving the car to someone that is going to appreciate it instead of letting it rot in a shop, brings me a great deal of joy. I love getting to pair the cars with the owners."

Aside from cars, Wheeler has also worked on restoring boats. He stumbled across a \$500 boat he found that had been buried in the woods for 12 years. The boat was in horrible condition, but it did not stop Wheeler from working hard to restore it. His philosophy, inspired by his dad, is "eat the elephant one bite at a time."

Some of his favorite projects include restoring a 1989 Mercedes 560 SL Roadster. One of the boats he worked on cost about \$12,000 to restore which he sold later for \$24,000.

"Many of the youth today don't appreciate old cars and old things in general as much as they should," Wheeler said. "If we don't take care of these antiques now, they are going to be forgotten like they never happened. It hurts my heart imagining cars, especially older models, sitting in a shop not being used. I feel like each car I ride, or drive has a different personality, and you should keep its spirit alive and well."

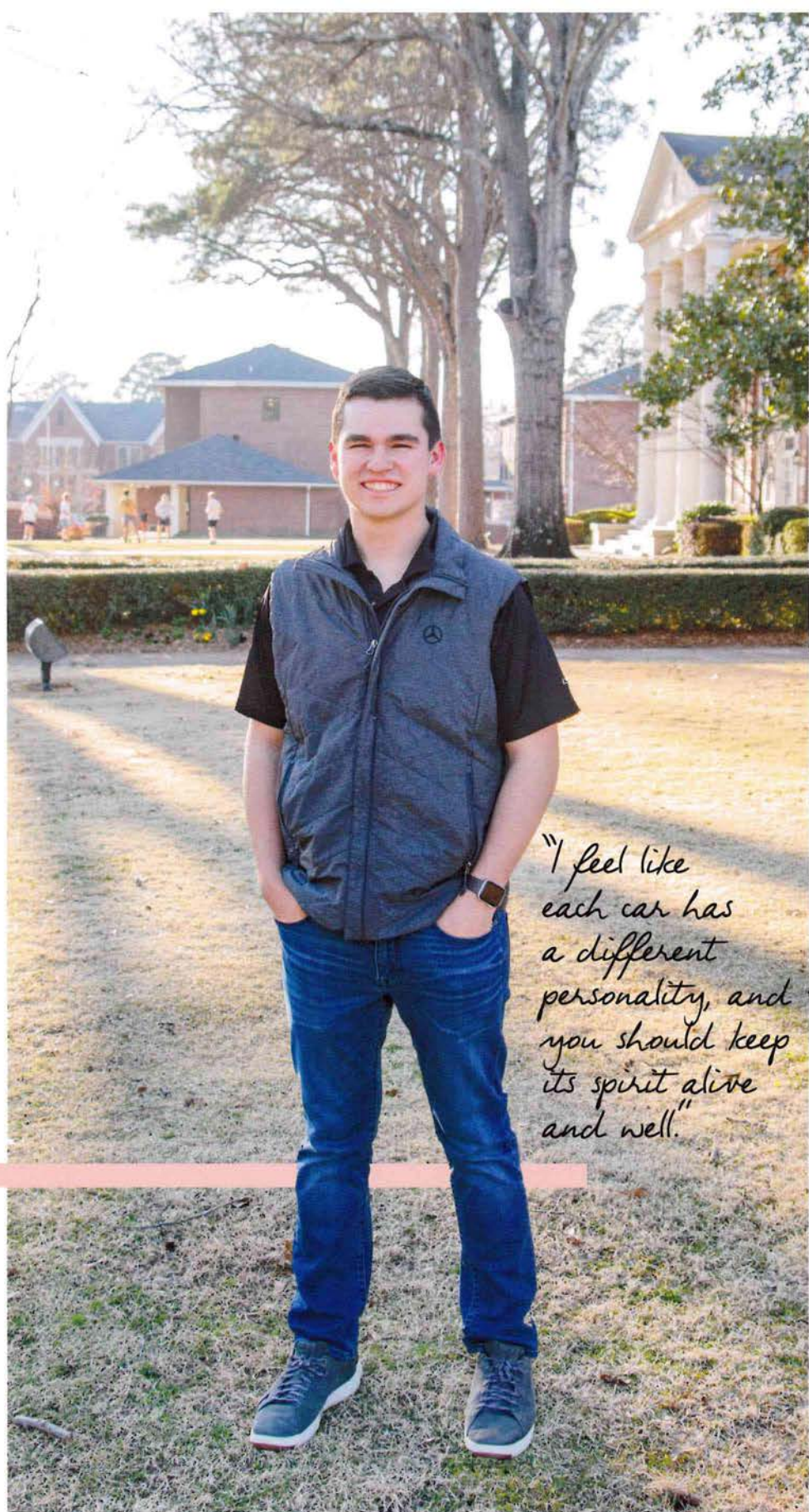
Wheeler admits that as many successful restorations there have been, he had just as many, if not more, project failures. He claimed that he has learned so much about the auto industry because of the mistakes and success and has gained valuable marketing analytic skills from his 11 years of experience.

While Wheeler earns a good amount of money from selling his cars and boats, he generously gives them to the church which is another passion behind his projects.

"I love the car business, but I love God more,"

Wheeler said.

ANGELA WEBB



*"I feel like each car has a different personality, and you should keep its spirit alive and well."*

RYAN WHEELER  
*ryan wheeler*





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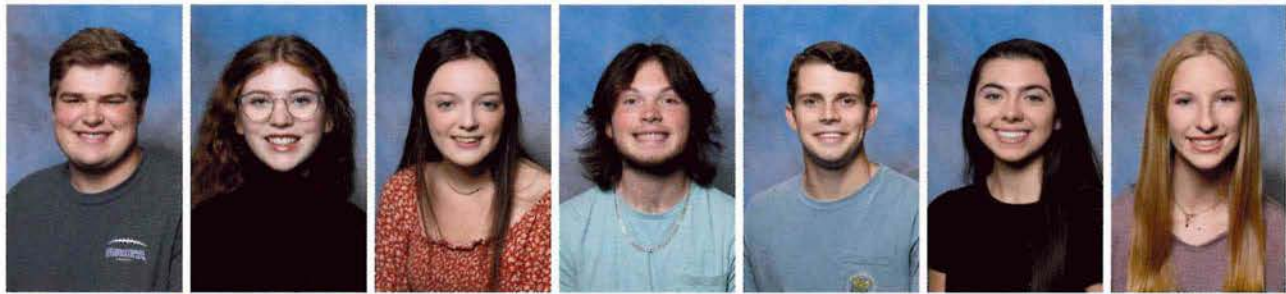
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At the age of five, a young girl established a love for a sport that would impact her for the rest of her life. Years following, a love for another

sport blossomed, leading her to play two sports throughout her life.

After years of practicing, growing skills and learning new techniques, it led this individual to live out her dream of playing at the collegiate level. Luckily, in this case she gets to play both of the sports she loves. Kellen Church, a sophomore business administration major from Jonesboro, had the opportunity to play both softball and volleyball at Ouachita.

In the years leading up to college, Church ran into difficulties during her high school years that caused her to rethink the ability of living out her dreams of playing in college. Church found it defeating sometimes when she was not being recruited for either sport.

"I wanted to play in college so badly that I decided to just go to school until I had the opportunity to play both sports," Church said.

Luckily with the help of her coaches and support system, she was able to figure out how to overcome her adversities.

"My family, friends, and coaches have pushed me to be the best I can be, and that has impacted my life in more ways than I could ever imagine," Church said.

The people she had in her corner are who got her here today.

While getting to the collegiate level was a challenge in itself, Church had to learn how to best balance academics, social life, and two sports schedules. It seemed like it was impossible to manage all of those. However, Church used her time management skills to make sure she stayed on top of her schedule. Along with that, the coaches and professors at Ouachita did a notable job helping their student succeed academically.

"My coaches and professors have been very supportive in anything I've done, and I really appreciate all their help," Church said.

Kellen Church lived out her dream playing not only one, but two sports in college. She was grateful for the opportunities she has had to grow in all areas of her life. Her favorite memory of being an Ouachita Tiger was creating strong friendships with her teammates.

"I have met some of my best friends through sports and I love that about these teams here at Ouachita," Church said.

LUCIE SHEPHERD



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**KELLEN CHURCH**  
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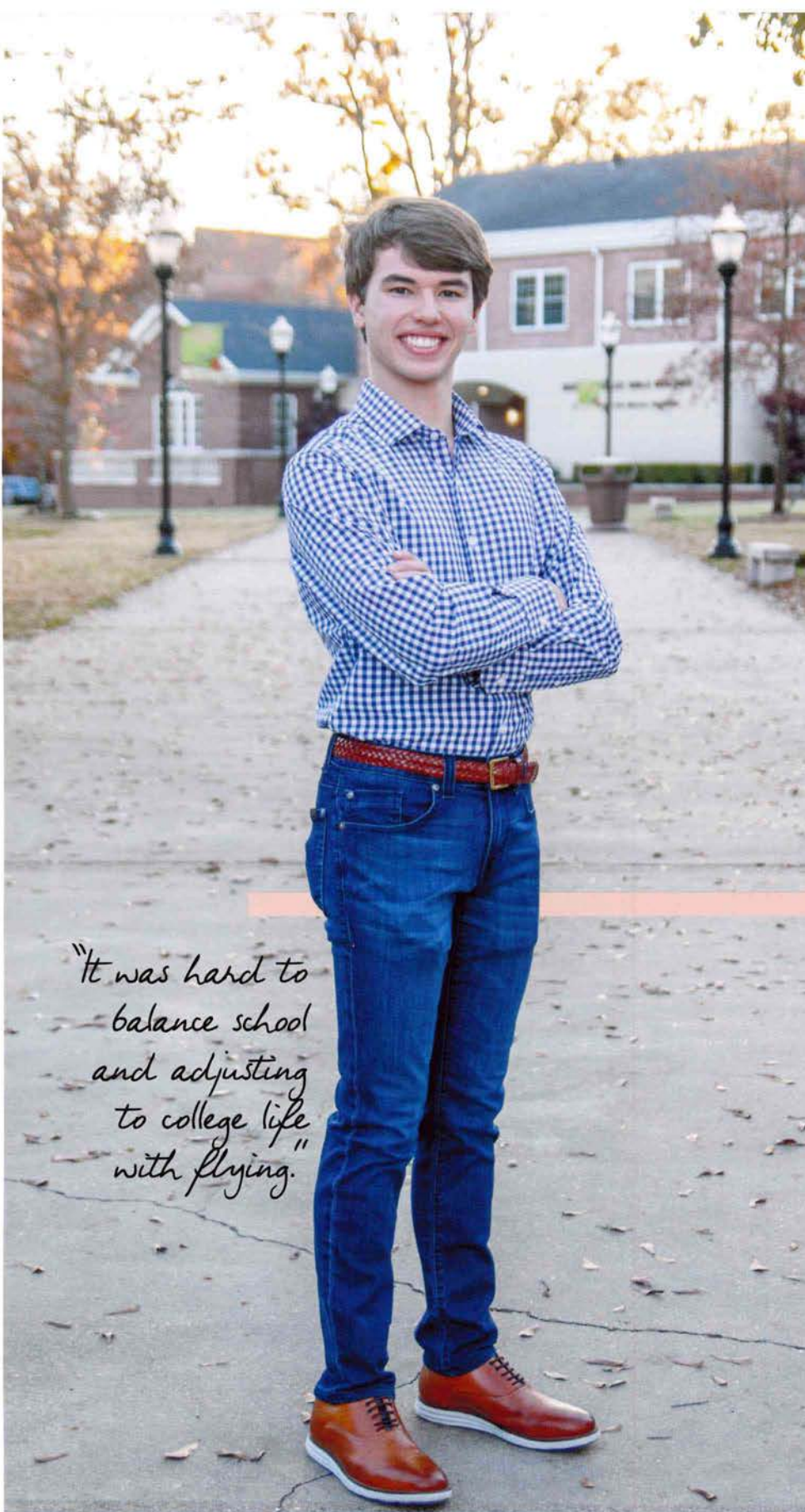
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Joey Whisenhunt, a sophomore business administration major from Conway, grew up engaged in the world of piloting. When he turned 15, his own journey to become a pilot began.

"My first introduction to flying was with my dad," Whisenhunt said. "He is a private pilot and I started flying with him when I was eight years old."

Once Joey turned 15, he got to follow in his father's footsteps to become a pilot. He started training with a flight instructor to learn how to properly fly a plane. He would practice taking off, landing, as well as taking practice solo flights approved by his flight instructor.

"At this point it is a lot like having a driver's permit," Whisenhunt said. "I could practice within a certain radius of the airport, but there were still restrictions on what I could do by myself."

When Whisenhunt turned 17, it was finally time for him to take his private pilot license test. There were a few steps he had to take to obtain his license. He had to have a certain amount of flight time with an instructor, a certain number of hours of solo flying, and an extensive knowledge of the rules of flying and how to operate the plane. Whisenhunt passed each step with flying colors and was able to obtain his private license. As long as there were clear skies, he was able to fly wherever and whenever he wanted.

Whisenhunt's academic life challenged his flying career when he became a student at Ouachita.

"It was hard to balance school and adjusting to college life with flying; I couldn't fly as much as I used to," Whisenhunt said.

That was until he started preparing for his commercial license test. This license required a lot of responsibility, so he had to prepare months in advance for his exam. He took the written portion at the end of his first semester of freshman year, then halfway through second semester he took the oral and flying portion of the test.

"For these tests, you have to show the instructor that you know how to handle a plane so they can make sure you're safe enough to fly commercial," Whisenhunt said.

After weeks and months of preparation, Whisenhunt passed his tests and was able to add another license under his belt.

Since the beginning of his flight career, Whisenhunt gained licenses and ratings that make him a reliable and trusted pilot. Since he has been certified to fly, he enjoys taking trips with family and friends around the state and country. He also likes to get some practice in, usually flying 1-3 times a week around the area.

Whisenhunt looks forward to continuing his flight career and building upon the knowledge he has gained so far.

*"It was hard to balance school and adjusting to college life with flying."*

HANNA WILLIAMS

**JOEY WHISENHUNT**  
*joey whisenhunt*



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After witnessing a heartbreaking experience, she wanted to make a difference. She thought about those around her and desired to take a stand

so that others could look out for it as well.

Isabella Bejarano, a sophomore double majoring in elementary education and Spanish from Bogotá, Colombia, led the 2021 Walk for Freedom at Arkadelphia High School in October. This event had a total of 130 attendees and 22 volunteers raising over \$700.

Bejarano explained that The Walk for Freedom is a walk meant to raise awareness for human trafficking, modern-day slavery. It is a silent walk held in cities around the world to show support for victims and survivors, to raise awareness in our communities, and to fundraiser.

"I found A21 as I investigated organizations against trafficking that I could get involved with," Bejarano said.

The event started seven years ago by the organization A21. A21 is a campaign that is global 501 non-profit, non-governmental organization that works to fight human trafficking, including sexual exploitation & trafficking, forced slave labor, bonded labor, involuntary domestic servitude, and child soldiery.

"When I was 16, I witnessed a human trafficking deal, and had no idea what to do to report it or how to help the girls being sold," Bejarano said. "So, I researched because I never wanted to be in that position again, and I don't want anyone else to be. I want people to feel informed and empowered about what they should do if they ever witness a situation like that or if they are trying to educate others to mitigate risk because if only 1% of the world becomes aware of this problem, we will have twice as many advocates as victims."

Bejarano created a committee with someone from each classification and an alumnus, with different talents and connections that allowed the committee to reach different clubs and organizations on campus, as well as engage local churches and businesses. They met up almost every week and discussed what the committee needed to do. On the night before the event, they gathered volunteers to make posters and assign them their roles.

"Mrs. Judy Duvall is my greatest encourager to serve and lead," Bejarano said. "She also sent it out to Transerve to help me get more volunteers."

After holding the first Walk for Freedom in Arkadelphia, Bejarano hopes that this event will be a yearly occurrence for Ouachita as well as the Arkadelphia Community. Ouachita students are encouraged to serve the community and help other students, like Isabella, change the world one step at a time.

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*"I want people to feel informed and empowered."*

ISABELLA BEJARANO  
*isabella bejarano*





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*"I could go on a trauma call if I wanted."*

# NOAH BARKER

*noah barker*



Riding in ambulances, answering calls from patients in desperate need, and starting his day off at the crack of dawn each morning describes a small part of Batesville sophomore nursing major Noah Barker's fast paced job as an EMT.

Barker lives a bit of a double life as he tackles chemistry classes and three hour labs in the midst of life as an EMT. A typical day for this ambitious Ouachita student involved kicking his shift off at 6 a.m. and then proceeding to participate in what he refers to as a "morning check." This included making sure all equipment and medications were ready to go for the long day ahead.

Barker made sure everything was intact and ready at all times. He stayed alert and answered calls as fast as they came in.

He learned to never miss a beat in the world of EMTs, where sleep almost ceases to exist. As Barker checked off all his daily boxes and completed his early morning to-do's, the calls would come piling in.

"The only call I had in my first day of ride experience was a patient that needed transportation to the hospital with shortness of breath," Barker said.

Barker suited up, and even got to experience the patient first hand as he rode in the back and witnessed the patient's every move. His first ride as an EMT was transported by a relatively small ambulance service that had only one ambulance available.

Barker saw this as an opportunity to work his way up in the EMT world, and did just that, all while making Ouachita proud in the background. Barker decided to work for a different ambulance service where he gained more experience due to the number of ambulances. He even had the opportunity to pick and choose which calls he would go on.

"I really enjoyed this," Barker said, "because I could go on a trauma call if I wanted to or even more routine calls."

EMT and paramedics would even offer Noah advice to suggest which calls to go on. This not only benefited Noah's growth as an EMT, but will also help him in his new journey as a nursing student. As he juggled schoolwork, the pressure of nursing classes, and everyday life as a busy college student, Barker was putting in 12 hour days in this speedy profession. Barker answered many calls of hurting patients and people in need and jumped right to the task. He didn't hesitate to run straight where the problem was and learned the significance of being alert at all times. The 12 hour shifts and on-the-spot decisions will help Barker as he answers his next call: nursing school.



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Growing up in Arkadelphia and serving as Miss OBU has given Caroline Derby the opportunity of a lifetime. A junior mass communication and political

science double major, Derby has grown up dreaming about being a student at Ouachita. Derby has seen Ouachita from many different perspectives including coach's daughter, faculty and staff daughter, student leader, as well as Miss Ouachita Baptist University.

"Ouachita has been my home sometimes even more than the town of Arkadelphia has been," Derby said. "I am now living the life that I used to dream about and that is super special to me."

Before entering the college scene, Derby had competed in only one pageant her junior year of high school. She ended up walking away with a crown on her head and was hooked. She knew in that moment that she wanted to become Miss OBU one day. Dancing on stage, having an impactful platform, and wearing an evening gown has been on Derby's mind since she saw Miss OBU for the first time. She did not, however, know that her dreams would come true so quickly.

"I was randomly nominated to represent Student Senate at the Miss OBU pageant as a freshman," Derby said. "I remember being so nervous when the awards were being announced and then my name was called and I just lost it. It was a moment I will never forget."

Derby got to share what she loved about Ouachita, dance her heart out, walk across the stage in her beautiful green gown, and share her platform with all of her peers. She experienced more love that night than she had ever experienced before.

Derby has had the opportunity since winning to meet new people and form new connections. She was promised one year of getting to promote her platform, attend events, and represent the place that was written across the sash on her chest. When COVID-19 took the world by storm, Derby quickly came to realize that she would be Miss OBU for two years, which has never been done before.

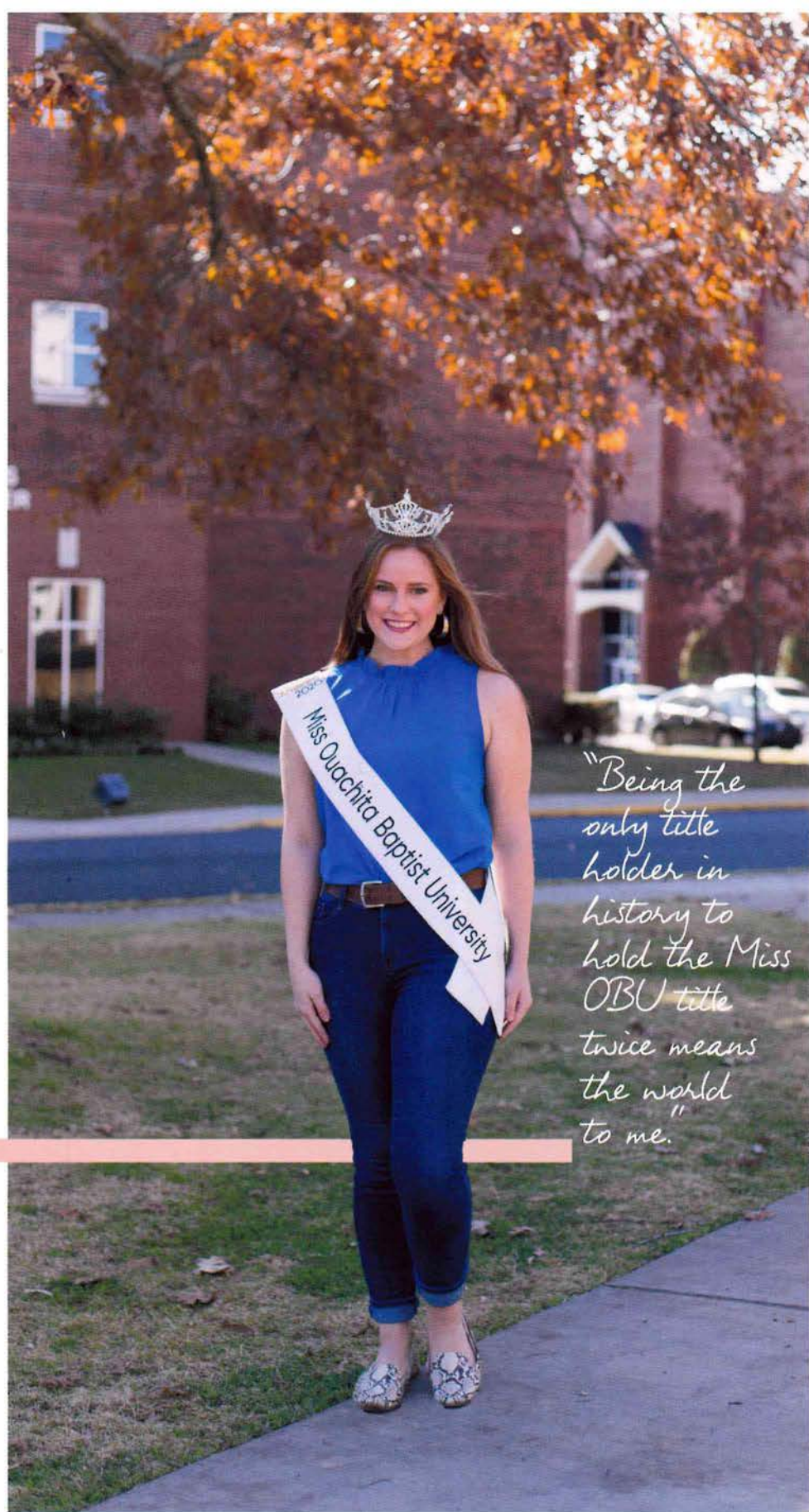
"Being the only title holder in history to hold the Miss OBU title twice means the world to me," Derby said. "I am excited to see what the future holds and whoever takes this title next."

Derby is currently living the life that she had always wanted to live. She cherishes her time here at Ouachita because of the legacy others before her have left.

"Ouachita will forever be a large part of who I am," Derby said. "I hope to leave the legacy of someone who was kind, gentle, outgoing, and a great leader."

Derby can only hope that the future of Ouachita as well as the future Miss OBU cherishes their time at school no matter what. She will always be proud that she got to represent the queen of the college world.

MADI DARR



*"Being the only title holder in history to hold the Miss OBU title twice means the world to me."*

# CAROLINE DERBY

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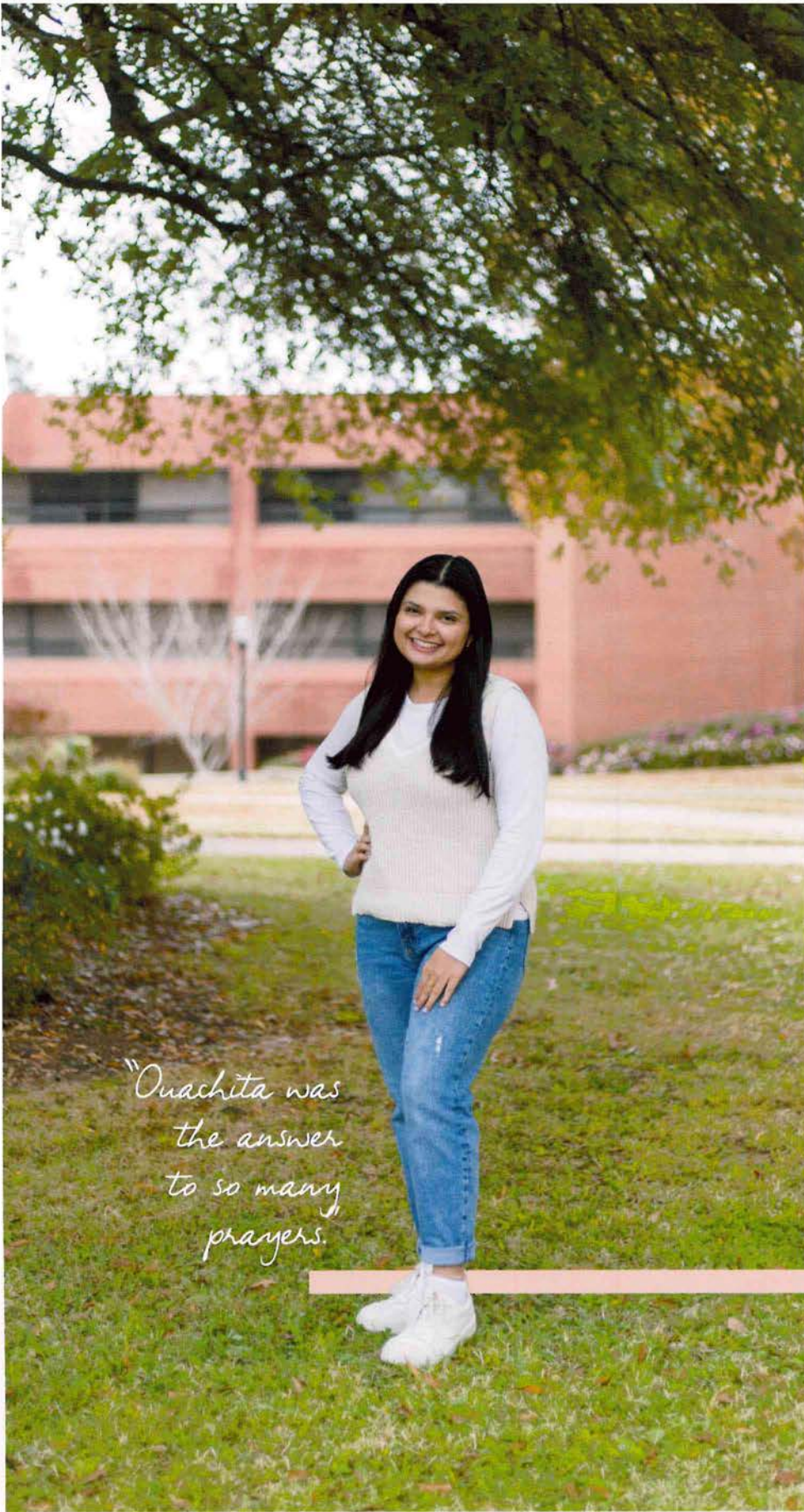
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*"Ouachita was the answer to so many prayers."*



One thing that high school does not teach in classes is what happens when your dreams do not work out. Junior mass communications major Valeria Gomez, from San Jose, Costa Rica, has a testimony that encompasses this challenging path she had to navigate.

"Since I was a little kid, I have always wanted to be a doctor," Gomez said. "My mom is a nurse, and she would always come home with all these fascinating stories. I knew I wanted to be on that side. I dreamed of working as a doctor and helping people for many years. I loved everything about how our bodies worked and all the things I could do to make others feel better."

Once graduating high school in December of 2017, Gomez flew to Wisconsin for a five month long exchange in an American high school. After returning, Gomez knew she wanted to pursue medical school. Due to expenses and options in Costa Rica, Gomez attended her fourth option for a medical school.

"We all had to wear blue scrubs and white coats," Gomez said. "I still remember the excitement of buying the uniform. I looked at myself in the mirror and couldn't believe I was about to start medical school. My dreams were finally becoming a reality."

Gomez experienced all the excitement that came from learning how to use a scalpel to getting to hold and observe different organs. But classes began to get difficult, and her mental health started to decline rapidly. It was a challenge going from high school straight to medical school.

Making friends was also a challenge for Gomez. While attending Christian schools her whole life, medical school felt like a different universe. She battled daily the feeling of failure because she was not happy doing the thing she had always wanted to do.

"After a few days of looking at different universities, praying, and talking to my parents, I decided to drop out of medical school," Gomez said. "It was the hardest decision yet the easiest. I didn't want anyone to know that I had dropped out. I kept it a secret for months."

Ouachita was not on Gomez's radar for a potential school to attend, but after meeting with a recruiter she knew this was where she needed to be.

"After I applied to Ouachita, I was consumed by a sense of peace," Gomez said. "I was not worried anymore. Even when I was just waiting to hear back, I knew this was it. I patiently waited, knowing that everything was going to be OK. Ouachita was the answer to so many prayers."

Although medical school was not what God had in plan for Gomez's life, she still values the experience she had.

"My experience with going to medical school not only serves me as a fun fact every time someone asks me for one, but it transformed my faith," Gomez said. "I have never seen prayers being answered in such a tangible way. What I didn't know was that God crushed my dreams before they crushed me. He always has better and bigger plans for my life."

ANGELA WEBB

# VALERIA GOMEZ

*valeria gomez*





It was the fourth quarter with 57 seconds left. The Henderson Reddies and the Tigers were tied at 28-28. The Ouachita fans were silent as

Gabe Goodman, a junior finance major from Arkadelphia, prepared for a 53-yard field goal to win the game. The Henderson Reddies' cheers shook Cliff Harris Stadium as he approached the football.

Goodman found himself in the same mindset as the Harding versus Ouachita game back in 2019 where he kicked a field goal to win the game, and Ouachita won the conference title. As every Tiger fan held their breath, Goodman kicked the field goal, and the Tigers won the battle 31-28.

In the seconds before the field goal was kicked, Goodman relied on his instincts and tried not to think too much about the actual kick. He spent the majority of the fourth quarter calculating how he knew the game would come down to a field goal.

"I knew I could make the field goal, but the pressure was on," Goodman said. "I wanted to win the game for my family and friends and to give back to the campus that has given so much to me."

As the 94th Battle of the Ravine unfolded, the Tigers and Reddies stayed close behind each other on the scoreboard.

"I was feeling pretty good that day," Goodman said. "I had some issues pulling the ball right earlier on in the game but, once that final kick came around, I was feeling good about hitting a clean, straight ball. After the kick, I felt a sigh of relief and a lot of pressure fall off of my shoulders just because of all the stress that was built up throughout that week."

This year's Battle of the Ravine stakes were high as a win for Ouachita would guarantee Henderson would not win the conference championship. Henderson had been a dominant team this year, but each team played the best they could, and it all came down to who wanted it more.

Because Goodman grew up in Arkadelphia, he has attended Battle of the Ravine since he was a child. Goodman said kicking the game-winning field goal in the Battle of the Ravine is something he has dreamed about since he was a kid.

"I've grown up watching this game and I've seen how much it means to so many people, so to be a part of it is just indescribable," Goodman said. "It was an awesome feeling to be a part of something that is so special and important to this community."

MADI DARR



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# GABE GOODMAN

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**Maria Urbina** // Arkadelphia, AR  
**Rebekah Van Namen** // Little Rock, AR



**Gracie Vaughn** // Little Rock, AR  
**Sam Vickers** // Shreveport, LA  
**Vanessa Vives** // Bogota, Columbia  
**Faith Vondran** // Jonesboro, AR  
**Brock Wade** // Plano, TX  
**Josh Wallace** // Arkadelphia, AR



**Sophia Ward** // Fayetteville, AR  
**Emily Waters** // Texarkana, AR  
**Drew Webb** // Arkadelphia, AR  
**Jack Webb** // Arlington, TN  
**Graca Webster** // Frisco, TX  
**Sophie Weghorst** // Rockwall, TX



**Rebekah Wendt** // Haworth, OK  
**Mary Charles West** // North Little Rock, AR  
**Josie White** // Marion, AR  
**Katie White** // Sparkman, AR  
**Erin Williams** // Richardson, TX  
**Kyla Williams** // Weatherford, TX





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Brad Richardson, a junior Christian studies major with a military science minor from Lonoke, grew up in a family with a tradition of military service. The Richardson family can trace their military history all the way back to the

Revolutionary War. Because of this rich history, Richardson had a great example of what service looked like while he was growing up, and he started his journey with the military during his freshman year of high school.

"I always knew that one day I would want to serve, but I didn't know exactly how," said Richardson. "However, after learning about the Army values, and truly learning what service was, I embraced it and continued to rise through the JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) program at my high school."

Richardson dedicated countless hours to this service and was awarded the Cadet Battalion Commander Position. This meant that he was the highest-ranking Cadet and that he would be responsible for leading the entire program during his senior year. This led him to enlist in the Arkansas National Guard and pursue ROTC at Ouachita where he will graduate as a Second Lieutenant. Not only did Richardson feel strongly about serving his country, but he also felt called to ministry.

"The Lord called me to ministry in high school, and God made it clear to me that all I needed to do was commit my life to serve Him," Richardson said. "I didn't know what I was supposed to do, I just knew I was supposed to trust Him."

Richardson has spent his time at Ouachita preparing for this calling to vocational ministry. He has led his social club, The Men of Beta Beta, as the chaplain, led Campus Ministries life groups, and worked as a youth intern at a local church. Ouachita has equipped him for a job in the ministry after college as well as a career in the military.

"My dream job is ultimately to serve God in all that I do," said Richardson.

Richardson plans to combine his two callings to service by becoming a military chaplain, and later working as a youth pastor while he is enlisted in the National Guard.

"If things go according to plan, the things that I have learned in my Christian Studies classes and in my experiences as a spiritual leader will most definitely set me up for success as a youth pastor and chaplain. Not only this, but my time in ROTC has prepared me for a life of service in the National Guard," said Richardson.

CAROLINE JOHNSON



*"My dream job is ultimately to serve God in all that I do."*

**BRAD RICHARDSON**  
*brad richardson*





Mary Madison Tolbert spent her summer interning in San Francisco, California. She was located in the middle of the Tenderloin district with

San Francisco City Impact, a non-profit organization. Tolbert was connected to this organization through a longstanding relationship with her home church in Texas and a past mission trip where she worked with City Impact. Tolbert described the Tenderloin district as an area concentrated with homelessness and poverty.

City Impact's mission was to serve the transient population of the Tenderloin district. They achieved this by facilitating a church on Sunday mornings, running a soup kitchen, providing a grocery service, and working a children's program. Although Tolbert spent her summer involved in all of these different aspects of ministry, her favorite was a ministry called Adopt a Building.

"Many of the buildings in the tenderloin were SROs or single residency occupancy. That means that they had very small rooms without bathrooms or kitchens," Tolbert said.

These SRO buildings were typically in very bad condition. Each floor of these buildings had a shared bathroom and one shared kitchen for the entire building. Despite these living conditions, the buildings are filled to the brim.

"It's crazy because getting into these buildings and having a place to live is so competitive. I talked to so many people who were homeless for ten years and waited to get into a dirty building that was infested with mice and roaches because it is better than the streets," said Tolbert.

Tolbert loved this ministry because she was able to go into these buildings and build relationships with the residents.

"I loved this ministry because it was so consistent. I could go back and see the same people over and over again. This was different than the other ministries we did because the population is so transient that you might serve someone in the soup kitchen and then never see them again," Tolbert said.

Mary Madison lived in the Tenderloin district along with other members of the City Impact team. She shared a room with two other girls who were interning with City Impact that summer as well.

Tolbert's summer of serving ignited her passion for the people of San Francisco so much that she began to lead mission trips in the Tenderloin. Church groups from across the country partnered with City Impact to serve in San Francisco, and as part of her internship, Tolbert lead these groups during their week of service.

"I don't know exactly what I want to do in the future, but I've learned that I have a passion for connecting people to opportunities for service that will transform their lives," Tolbert said.

CAROLINE JOHNSON



*"I loved this ministry because it was so consistent."*

# MARY MADISON TOLBERT

*mary madison tolbert*





Lainy Alexander // Dierks, AR  
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Grace Avery // Durham, NC  
Maddie Bailey // Benton, AR  
Hollie Barger // Carrollton, TX  
Garner Barnett // Hot Springs, AR



Emily Barton // Marshall, TX  
Anna Black // Paron, AR  
Abby Blankenship // Little Rock, AR  
Andrew Boatman // North Little Rock, AR  
Gracye Bohannon // Springdale, AR  
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Jack Brent // Fordyce, AR  
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Alexa Copeland // Nashville, AR  
Katelin Cotton // Bryant, AR  
Cortney Crawford // Texarkana, TX  
Braden Crawley // Jonesboro, AR  
Olivia Crites // Poplar Bluff, MO  
Madison Crow // Benton, AR



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 Rylie Davis // Benton, AR  
 Lydia Dean // Nashville, TN  
 Erica Dixon // Arkadelphia, AR  
 Sydney Donaldson // Benton, AR  
 Reganne Dumas // Texarkana, TX  
 Carter Duren // Plano, TX



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 Bailey Ellison // Walnut Ridge, AR  
 Kassidy Falco // Malvern, AR  
 Temi Fayiga // Waxahachie, TX  
 Michaelyn Ferrell // White Hall, AR  
 Paige Fett // Fayetteville, AR  
 Cannon Fisher // Wynne, AR



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 Nathan Frick // Benton, AR  
 Erica Gaddie // Meridian, AR  
 Lauren Gaharan // Frisco, TX  
 Emilio Garcia // McKinney, TX  
 Mallory Gatson // Little Rock, AR  
 Scott Gay // Roanoke, TX



Maggie Goff // Carrollton, TX  
 Keaton Goodrum // Arkadelphia, AR  
 Hannah Gothard // Cleveland, TX  
 Gracen Goudy // Benton, AR  
 Katie Gray // Dallas, TX  
 Hanah Green // Arkadelphia, AR  
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 Taylor Hamilton // Murphy, TX  
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 Lindsey Hyde // Spring, TX







*"My favorite part was being able to play with my friends and get closer to all of them."*

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The Ravine Rovers began their journey during the first semester of the 2021-2022 academic year at Ouachita as a group of OBU students looking for an organized league in which to play soccer. The team was initially created

by two individuals, senior biology major Kevin Merino from Wylie, Texas, and senior business administration major Logan Daust from Plano, Texas.

The motivation for such a team stemmed from many small soccer games played on and off the Ouachita campus by this group of students. After committing themselves to a league, the team played every Sunday evening in Burns Park of Little Rock against many other adult teams in the league.

Although the team did not begin competing until the fall semester of 2021, the team began to form a year ahead of time. According to Merino, developing the Rovers started with discussions between himself and Daust over the desire to play at a more difficult level. As these conversations furthered, Merino was sure this was what the group wanted.

"We were playing a lot of futbol with our friends all of last year and as we got more into it, we thought that it would be a lot of fun to just have some of us be on a team together and play some organized futbol," Merino said.

Once the basic idea was formed, the team needed a name and look, pushing Merino and Daust to spend time in design mode. Daust began trial and error of many designs, resulting in the current logo for the team. The next step the duo took to form the team required established members, subsequently sharing the vision with their desired circle of players. Once the potential members were involved it didn't take long for the excitement to spread and the team to be set in stone. However, the most vital component of any athletic organization was still up in the air; a name.

As expected, much thought went into the process of choosing a name, as the team took a vote on a list of four potential titles and landed on "The Ravine Rovers." This name was chosen as a way for the group to represent Ouachita in some fashion, as the ravine that runs through Ouachita Baptist was included as well as rovers, a common English soccer team name. The jerseys were a shade of green to represent the "Natural State" of Arkansas. According to Daust the process of getting jerseys made took quite some time but now the team is stronger than ever.

The final piece in this puzzle was creating an Instagram account with the handle, @ravineroversfc. Once fully constructed The Rovers were able to begin their season in the fall and are proud to be a part of a life-long memory.

"My favorite part of Ravine Rovers was being able to play with my friends and get closer to all of them," Merino said. "Going out to eat and congregate with all of them afterwards was also always a joy."

KATIE MOORE

**KEVIN MERINO**  
*kevin merino*





Years before attending Ouachita, Harry Jeffrey, a senior biology and chemistry double major from Conway, Arkansas, knew that he wanted to become a Tiger

Tunes director.

"The first thing that I came to at Ouachita was Tunes. I saw all those people dancing and singing, and I knew I wanted to do that too," Jeffrey said. "I saw the hosts and hostesses and knew that I wanted to do that, but then I realized that, logically, I can't dance. After realizing this, my sister told me about how you can direct a show. From that moment in the eighth grade, I decided that I was going to become a Tiger Tunes director."

Jeffrey's dream of becoming a Tiger Tunes director became a reality during his junior year when he was asked to be a junior director for the ETA Tiger Tunes show. However, his dream was suddenly ripped away as COVID-19 surged across the nation and led to the cancelation of the fall 2020 Tiger Tunes. When the opportunity of leading a possible spring Tiger Tunes show emerged, Jeffrey volunteered to assume the role of the head director.

"I chose two other directors to help me. We were excited, then it got canceled. I was heartbroken, my dream of being a Tunes director was slipping away," Jeffrey said.

As COVID-19 began to settle down, ETA began elections for the 2021 Tiger Tunes directors. Jeffrey decided to run for the position again in hopes of finally fulfilling his goal of becoming a director. Jeffrey won the election and began his eight yearlong dream of directing a Tiger Tunes show.

"I worked at UAMS over the summer and any chance I had, I was working on Tunes. I would set up a reaction or put something in the gel purifier, then while I waited, I would work on Tunes. After work, I worked on Tunes. This dream that felt impossible was finally coming true."

After many practices and long nights, Jeffrey's long-awaited show became a reality. Jeffrey and his two co-directors created the show ETA Vikings with the intention of having a fun and memorable experience. Jeffrey's dream had finally come true, but little did he know, his attitude and pure excitement toward Tunes carried over to everyone around him.

During the final night of Tiger Tunes, Jeffrey received the Spirit of Tunes award. The Spirit of Tunes award was awarded to the person who embodies the energy, spirit, and excitement of Tiger Tunes.

"When they announced the Spirit of Tunes award, I stood there in shock for a moment. I don't think there is any way to put it into words, but the emotion and happiness that I felt in the moment was truly indescribable," said Jeffrey. "Tunes is coming together from all backgrounds, majors, locations, and producing this one thing that brings so much joy to the community. It allows us to come together as one, and it will always be something that I can look back at with overwhelming joy."

KATHRYN TOTTY



*"Tunes is coming together to produce joy to the community."*

# HARRY JEFFREY

*harry jeffrey*





Ben Inmon // Rogers, AR  
 Amy Jackson // Cypress, TX  
 Reagan James // Greenbrier, AR  
 Rebecca Janke // Branson, MO  
 Mason Jarrett // Coppell, TX  
 Lindsay Jefferson // Allen, TX  
 Harry Jeffrey // Conway, AR



Dane Jester // Hot Springs, AR  
 Holly Jones // Conway, AR  
 Julianna Jones // Little Rock, AR  
 Emma Kelley // Roland, AR  
 Kylie Jo Kilgore // Yellowville, AR  
 Lauren Kinley // Conway, AR  
 Kaitlan Kinney // Dekalb, TX



Aaron Koen // Hot Springs, AR  
 Able Kusaloka // Garnetown, Zambia  
 Jahvel Lair // Richardson, TX  
 Langley Leverett // Fouke, AR  
 Grace Loftin // Shreveport, LA  
 Christleigh Longlois // Orange, TX  
 Katie Loving // Richardson, TX



Faith Lymburner // Rogers, AR  
 Molly Maddox // Jonesboro, AR  
 Taylor Marlow // Huntsville, AR  
 Ethan Marshall // Carrollton, TX  
 Allison Martin // Bella Vista, AR  
 Hannah Martin // Conway, AR  
 Victoria Martin // Bella Vista, AR



Victoria Mayfield // Jonesboro, AR  
 Noah McCallum // Jonesboro, AR  
 Lauren McCann // Hot Springs, AR  
 Lucas McCann // Camden, AR  
 John Michael McCollett // Donaldson, AR  
 Andrew McDonald // Little Rock, AR  
 Madison McGhee // Alma, AR



Elaina McKenzie // Gulfport, MS  
 Sean McKinney // Little Rock, AR  
 Buck McKnight // El Dorado, AR  
 Emily McMaster // Okolona, AR  
 Aj McWilliams // Frisco, TX  
 Jonah Mears // Bryant, AR  
 Candace Moix // Conway, AR



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 Madison Montgomery // Cypress, TX  
 Katie Moore // Fort Smith, AR  
 Logan Moore // Gulfport, MS  
 Abby Morris // Conway, AR  
 Ben Morris // North Little Rock, AR  
 Jaelle Morrison // Rison, AR



Madison Mosier // Van Alstyne, TX  
 Kyndal Moyer // Lampasas, TX  
 Hope Murphy // De Kalb, TX  
 Jonte' Normand // Lewisville, TX  
 Allyson Oliver // Conway, AR  
 Isabella Owen // Jonesboro, AR  
 Jazmyn Parker // Jefferson, AR



Sydney Parker // Edmond, OK  
 Thomas Parsons // Celina, TX  
 Sara Patterson // Wylie, TX  
 Lacey Pettigrew // Bentonville, AR  
 John Peyton // Little Rock, AR  
 Ryan Pickelman // Texarkana, TX  
 Celeste Pinkerton // Beebe, AR



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 Alyssa Price // Hot Springs, AR  
 Josie Pringle // Hot Springs, AR  
 Kylie Radabaugh // Richardson, TX  
 Lauren Reams // Beebe, AR  
 Bailey Redden // Benton, AR  
 Hayden Reedy // Plano, TX



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 Cora Saddler // Cabot, AR  
 Karlee Sanders // Caraway, AR  
 Rachel Sansano // San Antonio, TX



Brennan Saunders // Wylie, TX  
 Todd Schmidt // Little Rock, AR  
 Lucie Shepherd // Rowlett, TX  
 Haddon Smead // Glenwood, AR  
 Peyton Smith // Maumelle, AR  
 Sarah Spakes // Benton, AR  
 Josh Spiva // Malvern, AR



Katelyn Still // Benton, AR  
 Abbigale Sullins // Benton, AR  
 Liv Sweeden // Richardson, TX  
 Hunter Swoboda // Bentonville, AR  
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 Taryn Toles // Little Rock, AR  
 Libby Tomlin // Fort Worth, TX  
 Tom Tran // Little Rock, AR







*"It was fun dreaming about all the possibilities and then seeing it come to fruition on the wedding day."*

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After expressing interest in helping a friend on her big day, senior communications major, Lucie Shepherd, from Rowlett, TX was offered a job that has influenced her desires and passions post graduating. Shepherd now desires to find a job in the wedding planning industry with dreams of owning her own business one day.

"I will forever cherish this experience," Shepherd said. "Since I have only fully planned one wedding, I would have to say that was my favorite. I absolutely loved growing closer to the couple and seeing their love for one another grow as they planned their wedding. I have been a helper in other weddings and my favorite part is seeing the bride's face light up as everything starts falling into place, and that is why I want to get into this business."

A challenge for Shepherd was carrying the responsibility of being a wedding planner and a student at Ouachita at the same time. While trying to stay up to date with classes, Shepherd was also responsible for calling vendors, staying organized and meeting with the bride and groom weekly. She expressed that this challenge helped to grow her and her time management skills.

"One thing I really enjoyed as her wedding planner was getting to meet weekly with the bride to see and hear what she has always envisioned for her big day," Shepherd said. "It was fun dreaming about all the possibilities and then seeing it come to fruition on the wedding day. I felt very accomplished as her wedding planner after her wedding day."

Shepherd starts the process by asking the bride to share with her all the dreams and inspirations she has.

"When I ask the bride first what she wants, it helps me stay on track of what we are trying to accomplish," Shepherd said. "After that we take it detail by detail and talk through it, then search for vendors and reach out. Obviously, there are bumps along the way and for budget or availability reasons we must change to our back up options and that is okay."

Once getting closer to the wedding, Shepherd believes that communication is key. It is her job to make sure everything goes smoothly the days leading up to the wedding and the day of.

"The wedding day it is most important to make sure the bride does not worry about anything," Shepherd said. "The job of a planner is to let the bride plan her perfect day, but when the day comes, let her relax and work your magic."

Throughout this process, Shepherd has learned to be an advocate and friend to the brides she meets with.

"Being a wedding planner is challenging yet exciting, but always a humbling experience and now I am in the process of planning my own," Shepherd said.

ANGELA WEBB

LUCIE SHEPHERD  
*Lucie shepherd*





Many university students begin college life and choose to become involved in something that brings them joy and fulfillment, and this case is no

different with senior soccer player, Jaymee Dotson from Princeton, Texas. At the age of six, Dotson developed a deep appreciation for the sport, a passion that continues as she reflected upon God's plan in bringing her to OBU through her devotion to soccer.

"I played other sports, but soccer always stuck with me," Dotson said.

Her love for the game began at the age that brought tiny cleats and small-scale soccer goals which grew alongside her. As she advanced to play at the high school level, she was presented with the opportunity to enter the U.S. Soccer Development Academy, or DA. Throughout this time, she had been noticed by various D1 colleges who expressed an interest in her and her advanced capabilities in the sport. However, her development as a player would soon be stunted by a circumstance that not even Dotson expected.

"My junior year of high school I broke my leg," she reflected. She was no longer able to pursue DA and instead played at the high school level for the remainder of her junior and senior year to heal and reevaluate her next steps. Although this devastating injury was not in Jaymee's plans, it eventually led to her coming to Ouachita where she is convinced that God wanted her all along.

"Me breaking my leg pushed me back and allowed smaller schools to show interest," Dotson said.

Her positive and compassionate disposition remained untouched even after the injury, and she soon took to encouraging her coach's daughter who had also suffered from breaking her leg in the height of her soccer career.

"I was able to relate my experience with hers, and it got her through it," she recounted. "Now she's their starting goalkeeper."

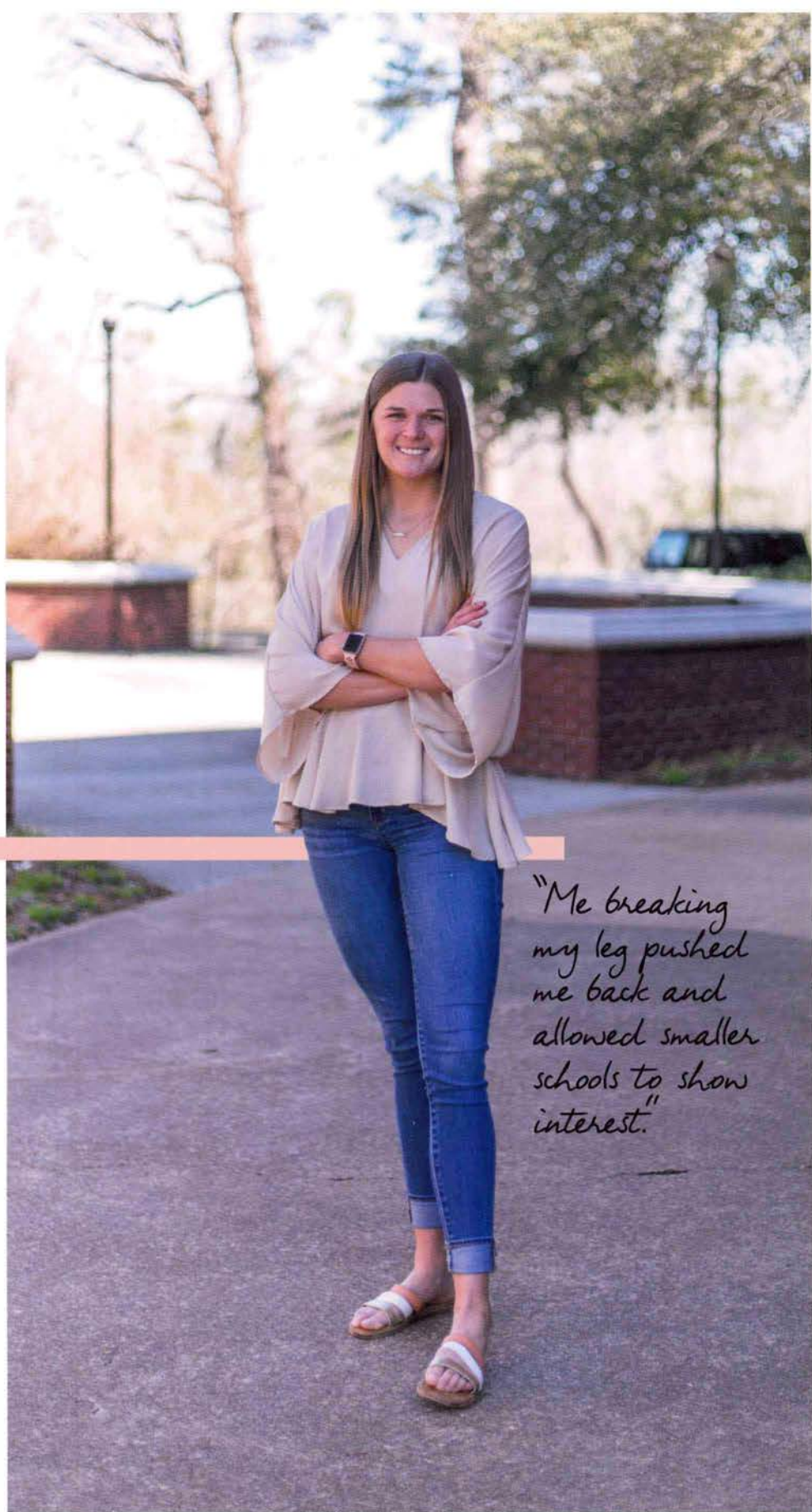
Since coming to Ouachita and joining the soccer team, Jaymee has been awarded several honors, such as "GAC Freshman of the Year," "First Team All-GAC," and "First Team All-Great American Conference." Yet, according to Jaymee, these wins are not solely based on her efforts.

"My team helps me accomplish everything," Dotson said. "They make me look good."

For Jaymee, her time at Ouachita will quickly be coming to an end which evokes bittersweet feelings for the college senior. As she considered how soccer will be involved in these next life steps, she expressed her gratitude for the experiences that she has been able to have playing the sport that she cherishes so greatly.

"The Lord just wants me playing," she said. "I've played pretty much my whole life and I feel like that was my calling."

BREANNA WATSON



*"Me breaking my leg pushed me back and allowed smaller schools to show interest."*

# JAYMEE DOTSON

*jaymee dotson*





Sarah Tuller // Plano, TX  
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 Mitchell Waite // Fort Smith, AR  
 Mallory Wallace // Longview, TX



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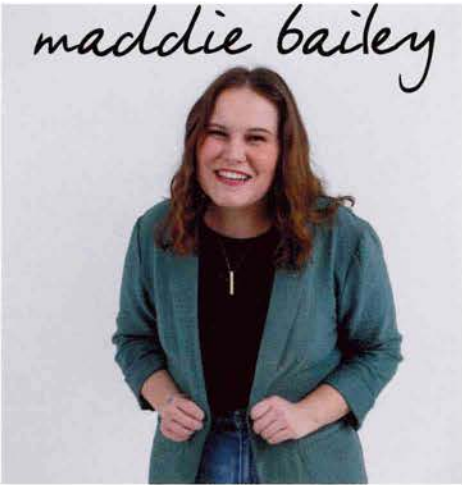
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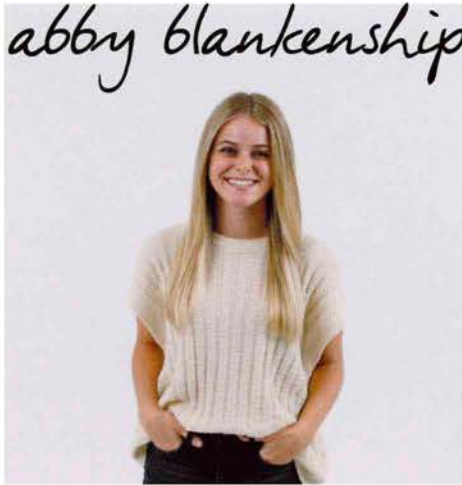


maddie bailey



**POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR FROM BAUXITE, AR**  
**Involvement:** OSF Special Events Chair, Pre-Law Society President, The Women of EEE, Carl Goodson Honor's Program, Campus Ministries Life Group and Big Sister Mentor Program, Tiger Serve Day  
**Next Steps:** Prosecuting Attorney

abby blankenship



**COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR FROM LITTLE ROCK, AR**  
**Involvement:** Tiger Serve Day Leadership, Women of EEE Social Chair, Photo Lab Editor, WOW Leader, President's Leadership Circle, TranServe  
**Next Steps:** Pursue a career in photography and social media

matthew branch



**COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR FROM WHITE HALL, AR**  
**Involvement:** Student Director/Founding Member of Ouachita Sports Digital Network, OSF, President's Leadership Circle, Tiger Serve Day, FCA  
**Next Steps:** Sports Broadcast Production

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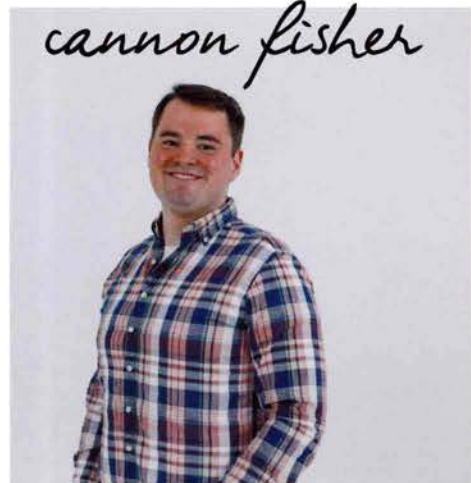
**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR FROM AMITY, AR**  
**Involvement:** Women of EEE, Kappa Delta Pi Chaplain  
**Next Steps:** Teacher

michaelyn ferrell



**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR FROM WHITE HALL, AR**  
**Involvement:** The Women of EEE Spring President, WOW Steering Committee, Tiger Serve Day, President's Leadership Circle  
**Next Steps:** Director of Communications and Marketing at Hunter's Refuge

cannon fisher



**NUTRITION AND DIETETICS MAJOR FROM WYNNE, AR**  
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**Next Steps:** Become a Clinical Dietitian and University Prof.

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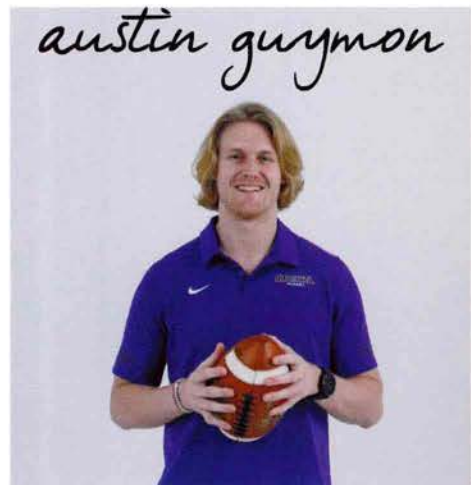
**COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR FROM BRYANT, AR**  
**Involvement:** Ouachitonian Yearbook Editor, Women of EEE Fall President, OSF, Tiger Serve Day, President's Leadership Circle  
**Next Steps:** Pursue a career in communications

katie gray



**MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH AND HISTORY EDUCATION MAJOR FROM DALLAS, AR**  
**Involvement:** Women of EEE Tiger Tunes Director, WOW, MORE  
**Next Steps:** Middle School Teacher

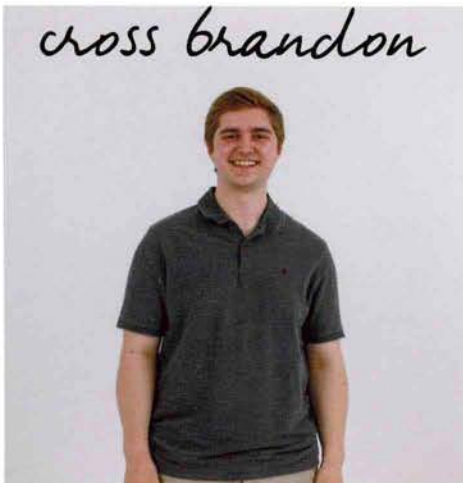
austin guymon



**COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR FROM BENTON, AR**  
**Involvement:** Football Team, BETA BETA Song Leader and Sergeant at Arms  
**Next Steps:** Graduate Assistant for Ouachita Football



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**MUSIC INDUSTRY MAJOR FROM LITTLE ROCK, AR**

**Involvement:** Kappa Chi President, OBU Saxophone Quartet, OBU Jazz Band, OBU Wind Ensemble, Tiger Serve Day

**Next Steps:** Professional Doubler in Multiple Woodwinds and Performer

*sebastian bustillo*



**ENGINEERING PHYSICS MAJOR FROM TEGUCIGLAPA, FM; HONDURAS**

**Involvement:** Resident Assistant, Apartment Manager, Academic Success Center Tutor, Tiger Serve Day

**Next Steps:** Continue to scale EdTech start up

*erica dixon*



**GRAPHIC DESIGN MAJOR FROM ARKADDELPHIA, AR**

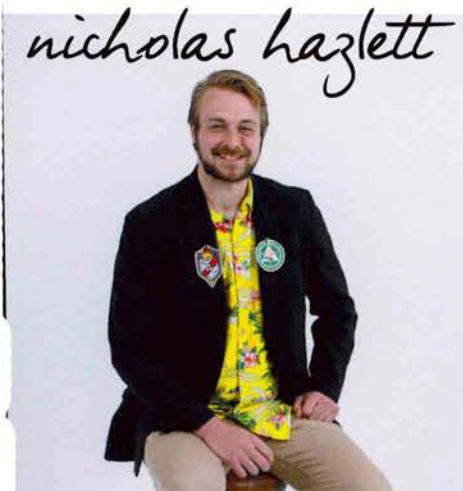
**Involvement:** Tiger Steel, Kappa Chi Little Sis, Women of Tri Chi President

**Next Steps:** Pursue a career in design and communications

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# WHO'S WHO

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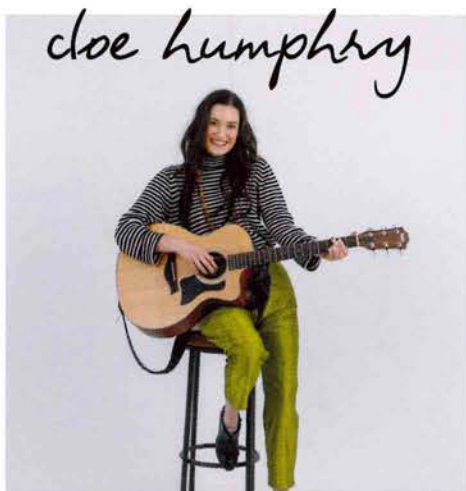


**PHYSICS ENGINEERING MAJOR FROM GREENVILLE, TX**

**Involvement:** Kappa Chi Vice President, Tri Chi Beau, Tiger Tunes Director, WOW Leader, Backyard Bible Club, President's Leadership Circle, Tiger Serve Day

**Next Steps:** Work as a civil engineer

*cloe humphrey*

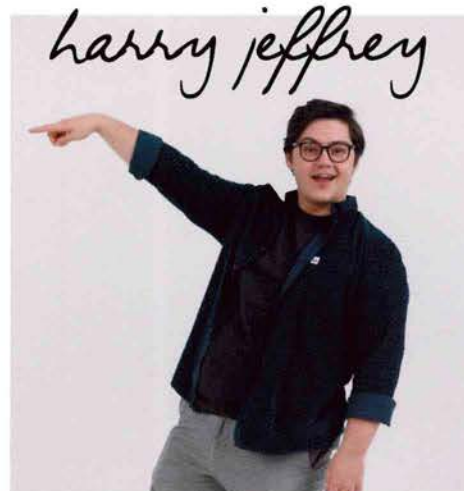


**WORSHIP ARTS MAJOR FROM BENTON, AR**

**Involvement:** Ouachita Worship, Ouachita Worship Travel Team, Life Group Leader, Refuge Worship Leader, Ouachita Singers, Concert Choir

**Next Steps:** Lead worship in a church

*harry jeffrey*



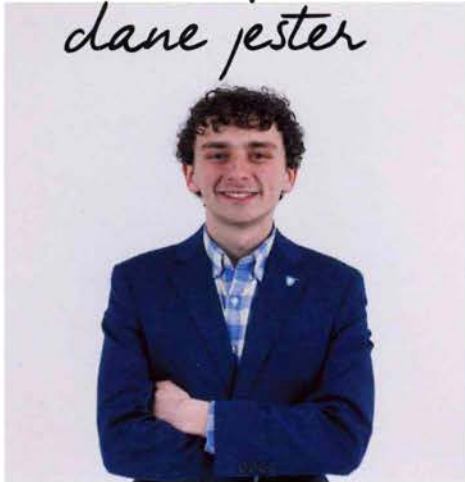
**CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY MAJOR FROM CONWAY, AR**

**Involvement:** American Chemical Society President, ETA Assistant Tunes Director, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, Tri-Beta, Student Senator and Treasurer, WOW Steering Committee, Tiger Serve Day

**Next Steps:** Attend Physician School at UAMS



dane jester

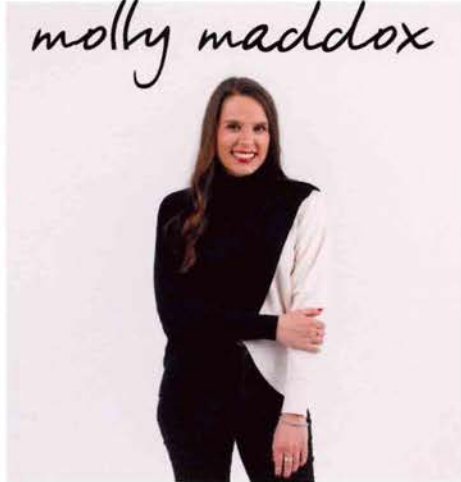


**BIOLOGY MAJOR FROM HOT SPRINGS, AR**

**Involvement:** BETA BETA Chaplain and Social Chair, Carl Goodson Honors Program Academic Chair, Social Chair, and Community Service Chair, Student Senate, American Chemists Society, Tiger Serve Day

**Next Steps:** Attend the College of Medicine at UAMS and become a physician

molly maddox

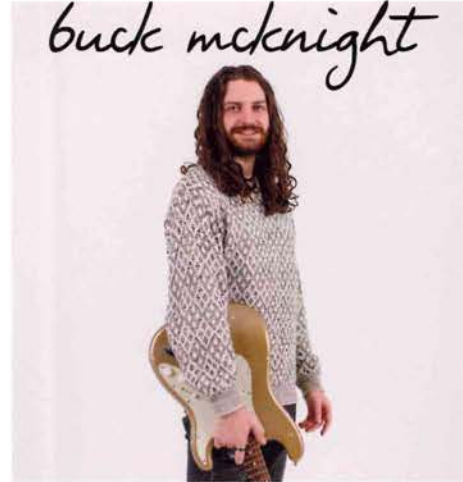


**COMMUNICATIONS SCIENCES AND DISORDERS MAJOR FROM JONESBORO, AR**

**Involvement:** Women of EEE Pledge Mistress, OBU National Student Speech Language Hearing Association President, OSF, Transerve

**Next Steps:** Attend graduate school and work towards my goals of receiving a Master's in Speech Language Pathology

buck mcknight



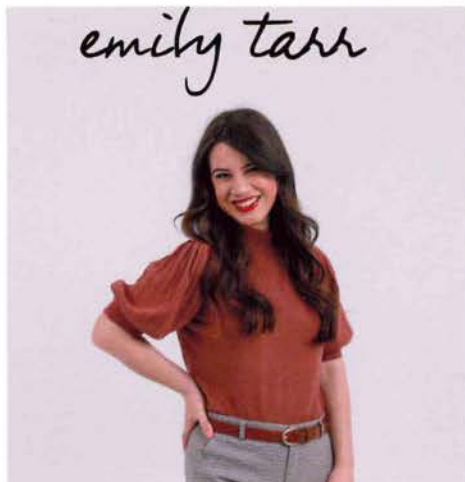
**CHRISTIAN STUDIES MAJOR FROM EL DORADO, AR**

**Involvement:** BETA BETA, Ouachita Worship, Refuge  
**Next Steps:** Clinical Mental Health Counseling

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emily tarr



**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR FROM FORT WORTH, TX**

**Involvement:** Life Group Leader, Panhellenic Representative and Co-President, Women of Tri Chi, Tiger Serve Day

**Next Steps:** Pursue a career in Elementary Education

kate vernon



**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR FROM EL DORADO, AR**

**Involvement:** Women of Tri Chi Fundraising Chair and Tiger Tunes Director, OSF, Student Senate, Kappa Delta Pi, WOW, Tiger Serve Day

**Next Steps:** Elementary Education teacher

kayla whittington



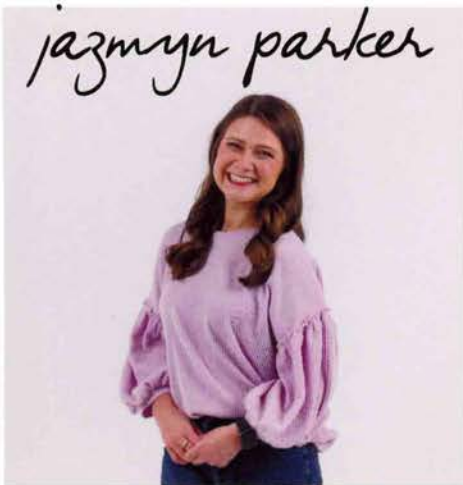
**CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, AND SPANISH MAJOR FROM NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR**

**Involvement:** Women of Gamma Phi Panhellenic Chair, Chaplain, and President, Carl Goodson Honor's Program, Alpha Chi, American Chemical Society, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team

**Next Steps:** Attend medical school to become a Pediatric Pulmonologist



jazmyn parker



**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR FROM JEFFERSON, AR**

**Involvement:** Women of EEE Keeper of the Beaus, Kappa Delta Pi President, WOW Leader, President's Leadership Circle, Tiger Serve Day

**Next Steps:** Career in elementary education and pursue Master's in Curriculum and Instruction and in Reading

sara patterson



**CHRISTIAN STUDIES MAJOR FROM WYLIE, TX**

**Involvement:** The Signal Editor-in-Chief, Women of Tri Chi, Pruet Sisterhood, Carl Goodson Honors Program, Theta Alpha Kappa, Sigma Tau Delta, Tiger Serve Day, Life Group Leader

**Next Steps:** Attend seminary to obtain Master's of Divinity with hopes of becoming a Bible Prof.

james renschan

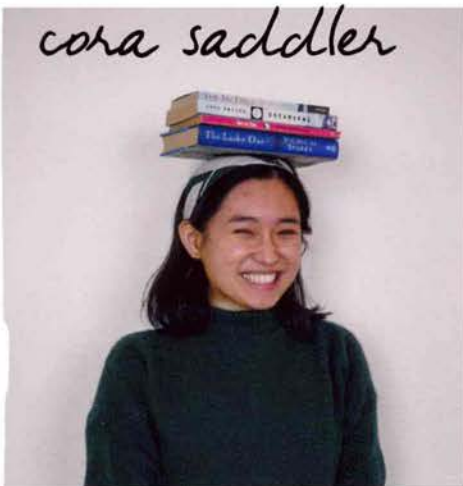


**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MAJOR FROM NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR**

**Involvement:** Refuge Speaker, BETA BETA Chaplin and Historian, Monticello Children's Home Leadership Team, OSF, Life Group Leader, Tiger Serve Day

**Next Steps:** Pastoral Ministry

cora saddler



**ENGLISH AND SPANISH MAJOR FROM CABOT, AR**

**Involvement:** Sigma Tau Delta Co-President, Honors Secretary, Alpha Chi President, Women of Tri Chi, Wind Ensemble

**Next Steps:** Attend graduate school for Creative Writing

lucie shepherd

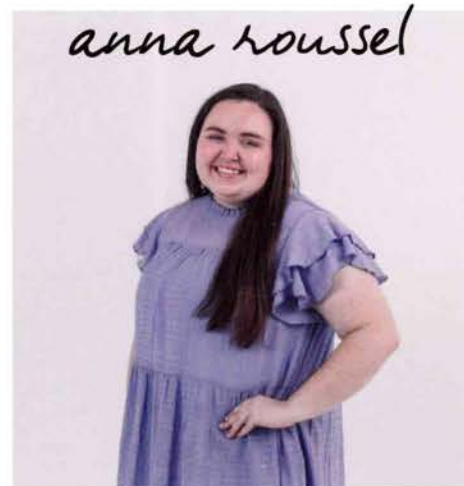


**COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR FROM ROWLETT, TX**

**Involvement:** OSF, Women of Tri Chi, Ouachita Worship, Refuge Worship Leader, Residents Assistant, President's Leadership Circle, Ouachitonian Staff Writer, Tiger Serve Day

**Next Steps:** Pursue a career in event planning

anna rousset



**COMMUNICATIONS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR FROM SEARCY, AR**

**Involvement:** OSF President, Ouachitonian Yearbook Editor, Women of EEE Historian, Life Group Leader, College Republicans, WOW Leader, Model UN, Tiger Serve Day

**Next Steps:** Pursue a career in marketing and writing

jael winterhotter



**CHRISTIAN STUDIES MAJOR FROM FORT WAYNE, IN**

**Involvement:** Pruet Sisterhood Student Assistant, Women of Tri Chi Chaplain, Alpha Chi Chaplain, Campus Ministries Leader, President's Leadership Circle, Theta Alpha Kappa, Feed Arkadelphia, Tiger Serve Day

**Next Steps:** Pursue a Master's of Divinity in hopes of teaching in the field of biblical scholarship

ryan york



**COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR FROM PLANO, TX**

**Involvement:** ETA Social Chair and Fundraising Chair, Ouachita Sports Digital Network, Signal Staff Writer and Sports Editor, Life Group Leader, Men's Basketball Team Manager, Chi Mu Beau, Tiger Serve Day

**Next Steps:** Pursue full-time ministry

parker zucca



**FINANCE AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MAJOR FROM SACHSE, TX**

**Involvement:** BETA BETA Tunes Director, OSF, Women of EEE Beau, Tiger Serve Day, WOW Leader

**Next Steps:** Pursuing a career in insurance



C

Christa Neal accepted the position of program advisor for Community and Family Services in June of 2021. This major trained and equipped students

to pursue careers in fields of community, family, and social services as well as graduate education for counseling, social work, and more. This program needed someone with a variety of experiences in these fields, and Neal was the perfect fit.

Neal graduated from Ouachita in 2008 with a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology. She then earned dual Master's of Science in community counseling and marriage & family therapy from John Brown University. She started her career working in school-based therapy as well as private practice. In 2013, she was hired to help start a non-profit called the Percy & Donna Malone Child Safety Center, an organization that responds to child abuse. There she served as the director and provided counseling and forensic interviews, applied for grants, did fundraising in the community, and much more. Her favorite aspect was educating others about child abuse.

Due to Neal's wide range of experience in this field, it was clear that she would be a perfect program advisor. Her drive and passion for educating others effortlessly carried over into her role at Ouachita. When asked about her desires and goals for this program, Neal emphasized the importance of combining both the heart and passion for this field as well as the understanding and applying best practices and standards.

"I want to educate and empower competent, well-trained, and passionate people to go into these fields," Neal said. "I'm really passionate about this being an integrated program that allows students to be the hands and feet of Christ but also have the knowledge of how to best help people."

Since starting her position here, Neal has also started teaching a new class called Child and Family Advocacy. "This course is an entry overview of the human services field that introduces students to a broad variety of elements of child and family advocacy and an in-depth overview of trauma," Neal said.

This course is for the student that knows they are called to help people but aren't sure where to start. Here, they could learn about the many different opportunities there are to help with a focus on children and families.

Neal plans to build the program by continuing to develop courses for Community and Family Services majors. She also still serves as a part-time therapist at the Child Safety Center in Arkadelphia. She is passionate about helping students develop a healthy integration of their faith and their practice.

"I want to help students realize that their faith goes hand in hand with the work they are called to do," Neal said.

HANNA WILLIAMS



*"I want to educate and empower competent, well-trained, and passionate people to go into these fields."*

CHRISTA NEAL  
*christa neal*





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*"I'd have to say there were no boundaries between workmate with our colleagues and a friend."*

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The infectious laughter of Dr. Amy Sonheim and the careful clicking of a keyboard from Dr. Doug Sonheim would help fill the language and literature department for years before their combined retirement from Ouachita

in Spring 2022. In the years that they have worked at Ouachita, the couple has made some amazing changes to the university.

Amy Sonheim has spent her time as the faculty sponsor of Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, before passing the torch to Dr. Benjamin Utter prior to her retirement. Doug Sonheim helped lead the Sundance class, established by Dr. Rebecca Jones, and has taken his wife Amy with the class to Park City, Utah, for the festival many times. "We got to share that with each other and the students and with the Jones," Amy Sonheim said of the Sundance class.

"We loved our department. I'd have to say there were no boundaries between being a workmate with our colleagues and a friend. And those friendships were born out of common interests and common sensibilities, and we just love the friendships. And we loved working with them."

The Sonheim's have both made an impact on the department with the other professors and with the students that go through the offices. The palpable connection that they have with every other professors in the department helped make everybody feel connected and like they belong in the department. The same courtesy was extended to the Sonheims when they first came to Ouachita.

"We early on weren't sure about moving to Arkadelphia. We came in '92 and it was somewhere in like '94 I think I had an interview somewhere else... but then we thought 'we don't want to leave Johnny Wink'," Doug Sonheim explained, remembering how difficult it was to come to Ouachita at first, a feeling now mirrored with the departure from the school. "The little culture of the Bug Truck convinced us that we really could find a place here in spite of not being Ouachitinians."

The two professors didn't have many plans for their retirement. They moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and planned to spend most of their days taking care of their grandson who was the driving factor for their retirement.

"Our labor of love is that we get to take care of our little grandson Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. We are also looking forward to volunteering in the community," Amy Sonheim said.

With no jobs planned, the professors were keeping an open mind what jobs they will work. "We've toyed with the idea of being a greeter at Costco or Walmart, which is a real possibility just for something completely different," Doug Sonheim explained.

The Sonheims were a whirlwind force in the department and their retirement was a sad affair, but it brings a bright new beginning to their lives.

EMMA DENNIS

# THE SONHEIMS

*amy and doug*



K

KaNeil Purifoy served a mental health therapist in Ouachita's Counseling Center and the RD of Anthony Hall. KaNeil had been at Ouachita for three

years, where he started right around the time COVID-19 came, and interned at Ouachita a couple years prior.

"When COVID-19 hit, it intensified the anxiety that was already there through the isolation when students were sent home in March, and a lot of students didn't really have the same social structure at home as they do here, so when we implemented "Telehealth" (a counseling session over the phone) at the counseling center, we focused more on how our patients can maintain and tread through those COVID-19 waters," Purifoy said. "There was a drastic increase in numbers of patients from before COVID-19 to when COVID-19 reared its ugly head."

The advice he gave students to get through these confusing times was to not allow the present situation to convince them that there is no other way of doing things. Even with social distancing and staying at home, they could work on utilizing what they did have available whether that was connecting with others through talking on the phone or through social media and just being as connected and sociable as possible. He also encouraged them to continue to build that relationship and connection with the Lord and take advantage of streamed church service, life groups, and Bible studies that were available to them.

Purifoy reflected on a podcast on SoundCloud titled "I Can Face Tomorrow" he created upon a request by Campus Ministries' director James Taylor for an online chapel while students were sent home. Purifoy did an episode based on the old hymn, "Because He Lives." Purifoy also explained that there was a lot of reframing that needed to take place which is a term they used in the counseling center which meant taking a healthier perspective of the present situation while dealing with cognitive roadblocks.

"Since I was a new counselor for Ouachita, I had to get use to counseling sessions over the telephone despite all the counseling training that involved strict face to face contact with the patients," Purifoy said. "And not only was I new but so was COVID-19, and I had to learn how to cope with that confusing season. My fellow counselors and I came together to support each other during this time reassuring each other that we are not alone in this. It was a whole growing experience, and it still is." When Purifoy was asked what his favorite part about being a counselor was, he answered simply, "Being a reservoir of life."

Purifoy brings in another famous hymn "Thou has taught me to say it is well." He continued, "that by embracing one another we can lift the ones that are struggling when they feel worthless or insane. No matter what physical or mental problem someone may have, God can use whoever He chooses no matter how strong or weak you may seem to the outside world."

ANGELA WEBB



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KANEIL PURIFOY  
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*"Ouachita has left such an impact on our entire family."*



Ouachita's favorite set of faculty football brothers, Head Football Coach Todd Knight and Dean of Natural Sciences Tim Knight, continue to make a lasting impact on OBU's campus. As Coach

Knight led his team to wins on the football field year after year, Dr. Knight experienced his victories in the classroom. This purple-and-gold bleeding set of brothers truly make Ouachita a better place. Coach Knight keeps OBU's successful football program on the map as his brother is the face behind the entire Jones Science Center operation. These two brothers are special assets to Ouachita, and OBU wouldn't be the same without the Knight family.

At Ouachita graduation ceremonies in years past, the last name "Knight" has been called out from generation to generation. Coach Knight said, "OBU has left such an impact on our entire family as all of our kids graduated with a Ouachita degree, and even our wives went here."

From both Coach Knight and Dr. Knight attending OBU themselves, to meeting their wives here, to coming full circle and taking over their desired departments, this family is the definition of a Ouachita family.

As Dr. Knight's days were filled with back-to-back meetings, teaching biology, and keeping Jones Science Center a thriving place, Coach Knight's schedule consists of hard practices and leading Ouachita's football program, all while managing his bonus sons' football careers.

"We really only have time to see each other on the weekends," Coach Knight said. With long hours and busy days, the Knight brothers did at times have trouble finding time to see each other, but when they do, the family reunion is that much sweeter.

"Sometimes the only time we get to spend together in a week was when we sit down on the church pew on Sunday mornings," Dr. Knight said. Although both Knight brothers have much on their plate on a daily basis, they both enjoy having the other on their team rooting for them—whether it's on the football field, or inside the classroom.

Having been at Ouachita for practically their whole lives, the Knight brothers have truly left their mark here. "God brought us here," exclaimed Dr. Knight, "and we're all in."

The Knight name will continue to carry a legacy here for generations to come. Coach Knight leads his pack with loyalty all while holding the title of being the GAC's longest-standing head football coach. Dr. Knight guides his ambitious students with passion as he educates young minds on top of running his school. The Knight brothers passionately utilize their God-given gifts to benefit students' lives in any way possible. They go above and beyond to make Ouachita home for all kids they're around.

Whether it's impacting a player's life or helping a student pursue the career they desire, both Coach Knight and Dr. Knight have made Ouachita a better place as they carry on their family name.

ROSE ROBINSON

# THE KNIGHT BROTHERS

*tim and todd*



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