



# COMMUNITY IN ACADEMICS

cademic clubs provided a space for students to connect with people with similar interests and stand out in their major. The students were equipped with skills from upperclassmen and sponsors that helped shape their time at Ouachita. With a slew of clubs to choose from, students often picked one for their major. Along with honing their skills, the clubs aimed at community outreach and events.

Bailey Martin, a senior communications and science disorders major from Mount Ida, Ark., devoted her time as president of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association to meeting new people through community outreach.

"We always have a Tiger Serve Day team, which I have had the opportunity to lead for the last several semesters. Our TSD teams are always a great way to get to know each other outside of MoPro. Some of my fondest memories come from Tiger Serve Days with the other speechies," said Martin.

The students who served in roles in the various clubs mostly joined their freshman year as a way to get plugged into the Ouachita community.

"One of the best responsibilities our officers share is getting to promote NSSLHA to the freshmen that take the communications and science disorders seminar class," said Martin.

Many of the academic clubs are also national organizations which helped students make connections outside of the classroom. Anna Katherine Green, a junior elementary education major from Little Rock, touched on the importance of how Kappa Delta Pi prepared her for life post graduation.

"Being a part of it is very important and impactful because we do a lot with the community. We are able to get in touch with other future educators and professors who have been educators as well, so it's a good experience and very helpful. We have fun and exciting things coming up such as Praxis workshops and helping students with their next step in teaching," said Green.

With virtually a club for every major on campus, students had the opportunity to showcase their knowledge. The American Chemical Society empowered members to build skills not specific for their major while also educating students. Josh Spiva, a senior biomedical sciences and chemistry double major from Magnet Cove, Ark., served as the vice president and President for ACS.

"I was able to present my research at many ACS conferences which allowed me to build communication skills that I have used in interviews and other situations where I need to communicate ideas effectively. We are able to teach other students outside of the science building about chemistry and why it matters and how it impacts their daily life," said Spiva.

Whether major specific or open to all, academic clubs were full of students who were eager to learn more about their chosen major or interests.

By // Addie Woods





ART CLUB officers enjoy their time in Moses-Provine. The club hosted a Bob Ross Paint Night to kick off the year. Photo By// Lacey Lewellen





GREETING PARTICIPANTS, Sara Hulse and Hanna More volunteeer at Exercise is Medicine. This was an event held to help promote healthy lifestyles. Photo By// Cali Mendonca

### THE MOMENT GOLD



PRESIDENT OF the American Chemical Society OBU Chapter Josh Spiva and VP Hope Murph, deliver food to the Elrod Center. They helped families in need for Thanksgiving. Photo By // Levi Dade "Kappa Delta Pi allows educators to come together and connect to better themselves to be the best teachers we can be. It is a strong community that I am so blessed to be a part of."

-Jane Ellen Dial



AT THE ANNUAL Honors
Celebration of Excellence,
Dr. Barbara Pemberton
delivers a speech.
Pemberton served as
the director for the Carl
Goodson Honors Program.
Photo By // Sarah Dean



SARAH DEAN takes a paper at the beginning of the first honors meeting. Students were asked to complete a directed study or thesis to graduate with honors. Photo By // Coleman Callan



## THE MOMENT GOLD WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN "Honors is a chance to

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"Honors is a chance prove and test yourself.

It is a chance for Christians to compete with the top scholars in their field. God has called us to work for his glory, and Ouachita's Honors Program allows many students to do exactly that."

Cole Jester



AFTER BEING recognized for excellence, Saba Esho receives a gift bag. The event honored students who met the criteria for Honors.

Photo By // Sarah Dean

SENIOR speaks duri event. Student to join Ho high academi Photo B

## RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE



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CULTIVATING

n campus, students had many opportunities to get out of their comfort zone within their major and explore new ways to have fun and learn. One way to do this was through Fine Arts ensembles and clubs. Senior biology major Sophia Ward from Fayetteville particularly enjoyed the fun atmosphere created in the ensemble Tiger Steel.

"I like that it's a good break from the norms. Dr. Lewis likes to encourage the steel pan culture, which is about having lots of fun and working as a community to learn something," Ward said. Ward also mentioned that the people involved with the ensemble were from different musical backgrounds, allowing for a sense of diversity. Members included people of both differing music experience and major studies.

"As a biology major, I was able to get to know other people in different studies. It's a great way to learn music, even if you have a musical background or not," Ward said.

As ensembles did include people of different main interests, members had the opportunity to meet more people from different areas in the university. Senior biology major Emma Rouse from Mount Pleasant took advantage of this during her time in Wind Ensemble.

"I really like getting to play music. I'm a science major, so I don't get that creative outlet a whole lot. So, it's really fun to kind of take music and use it as a stress relief. I also really enjoy getting to talk to people that I normally wouldn't see because they're music majors," Rouse said. Rouse loved the different types of music pieces that were exposed to her through Wind Ensemble. She reminisced on one particular piece that she was able to play with the ensemble during the fall semester.

"I really liked the music that we played in this song called 'Angels in the Architecture' by Ticheli. The whole song is based off of this myth of angels living in the rafters of the Sydney Opera House. It's a really cool piece. Lots of different elements and different types of music," Rouse said.

Exposure to multiple pieces of music also allowed different avenues for performing in the ensembles. For the fall semester the president of Ouachita Singers, senior music education major Erin Riley from Fort Smith, particularly loved the opportunity presented to her during her sophomore year in Singers.

"I got to play piano for Singers. The piece was called 'A Thousand Beautiful Things.' It was cool to get that opportunity. I feel like you don't get that opportunity at a lot of other schools," Riley said.

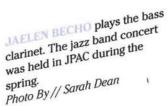
Riley used Singers as an outlet to help her with her major as a future music educator. She recommended the ensemble for anyone who is considering pursuing an avenue similar to her own or simply anyone who likes to sing.

"If someone is considering it because they want to teach choir, I would say it's a high-caliber course that they're going to learn a lot. They're going to learn what to listen for in their future choirs and know what to fix," Riley said.





sings a solo. The Ouachita Singers had their first concert of the year outside of the Student Center. Photo By // Sarah Dean







THE MOMENT GOLD



DARRIL "HARP" Edwards performs an individual piece. He was a guest artist at



"I think what I loved the most about being in band is the life-long friends I have made the past four years. The friends I made during the first week of summer band made the transition to Ouachita easier." -Josh York

Clubs and Organiz

To have been philanthropic was to have sought to promote the welfare of others by having devoted time and money to a cause that you believe in. Philanthropy could be defined as generosity in all forms, and the clubs on Ouachita's campus have historically made this form of service a priority. Each organization that was chosen by each of the clubs reflected the heart and essence of who the club was.

The women's social clubs had a wide variety of organizations selected as their philanthropies. However, when it comes to their community, many of the clubs put down their walls to unite together in order to serve. Each year, the Women of Tri Chi and the Women of EEE traditionally cooperate by having a week dedicated to raising money for their selected organizations. The Women of Tri Chi have chosen the Percy and Donna Malone Child Safety Center as their official philanthropy so that they could support the people who work so hard to serve the children around them. The Women of EEE worked alongside the Pregnancy Resource Center for Southwest Arkansas because they have always supported women and families in the community in a way that glorified the Lord. Together, EEE and Tri Chi put on events in order to raise money such as Space Jam, hosting a flower shop, and various percentage days in order to earn more money to benefit and give back to the community.

The Women of Chi Mu selected the Arkansas Autism Acceptance organization as their club's philanthropy. These women felt called to help those who have Autism Spectrum Disorders. The Women of Chi Delta served the Junior Auxiliary from year to year. This philanthropy was chosen by them so that they could give back to children in the community that may not have been provided with the same opportunities that many of them had been provided growing up.

"I believe that having a philanthropy is important because not only does it teach our members the importance of helping others, but it also allows us to use our time to share the Lord's blessings," Chi Delta philanthropy chair Anna Claire Newman said, "We are so fortunate to be where we are at Ouachita, so it's wonderful when we get to share the love with our community."

The Women of Gamma Phi made the decision to serve the Nightingale Nursing Home. Gamma Phi saw their need for help and saw it as a purposeful way to give back to their community which is what they felt philanthropy was all about.

"We're all really lucky to get to go to college and be in a club," Gamma Phi philanthropy chair Liberty Crouse said, "There are so many people in the community that need help and are overlooked. We have the resources to help and I feel like that should be something that each club focuses on doing."

When it came to men's social clubs, many of their philanthropies were more oriented toward service projects. The Men of Kappa Chi did multiple service projects throughout the school year. They participated in school-sponsored events such as Tiger Serve Day but also went above and beyond and served in other capacities apart from that. The Men of Beta Beta served in a similar magnitude. Also not having selected a specific organization to serve, these men chose to serve in a more general sense by having the willingness to serve when their service was wanted, needed, or required.

Twin Rivers Nursing Home was the location that the Men of Rho Sigma dedicated themselves to serving. These men chose this nursing home because they felt that they needed people to show them love and care, and Rho Sigma members saw this need and wanted to do their best to be the ones to show them that desired love and care. The Men of Eta Alpha Omega chose a local organization in Arkadelphia referred to as Lighthouse Ministries. Lighthouse Ministries ran a food pantry and specialized in disaster relief.

"I think ETA chose this philanthropy for the same reason any other club would choose theirs," said ETA philanthropy chair Alex Browning, "The club and I strongly believe that Lighthouse is making a huge impact in Arkadelphia by spreading God's love and helping people at every turn. We love being a part of that as much as we can."

Philanthropies allowed social clubs to give back to the community of Arkadelphia. These clubs were given the chance to pay forward the opportunities that were so graciously gifted to them. After being blessed, each club chose to become a blessing to a variety of people they saw in need.

By // Erin Key



## Living a Philanthropic Life



SERVING THE COMMUNITY with a smile, international students hand out food. The annual Food Fest raised awareness and highlighted the many different cultures on campus.

Photo By // Sarah Dean



TO SUPPORT their favorite teams, students gather in a classroom to watch the World Cup. Argentina won the tournament against France. Photo By// Kelsey Bester





### THE MOMENT GOLD WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN



"I love being in the International Club because it's fun, unique, and welcoming. IC is where I feel comfortable to be myself, relax, and have a good time. My favorite memories are our lake day trips and friends-giving.

It really is home."

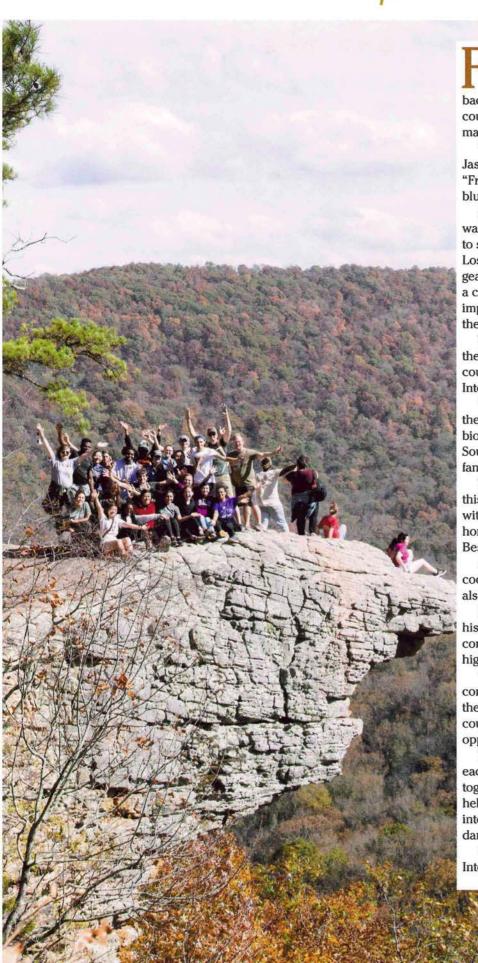
-Saba Esho



PIETRA GOIS and Maria Urbina enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. The event was hosted by students and each brought a dish to enjoy. Photo By// Kelsey Bester

STUDENTS IN International Club hike a mountain during Fall Break. The group traveled to Castle Bluff. Photo By // Meghann Bledsoe

## EXPERIENCE W CULTURES



rom intense gaga ball tournaments to cooking rich dishes together, the International Club had a year full of fun festivities. This group was intentional in learning about the backgrounds, special cultures, and traditions from each others' countries. The group hosted its first ever bake sale, and even managed to pull off a trip in the midst of their busy schedules.

"During Fall Break, we went on a hiking trip to Castle Bluff in Jasper," said freshman nursing major Ann Klein from Fort Smith. "From the various activities we did such as playing pool and bluff-climbing, my favorite part had to be playing board games."

All within the short span of a few days, the International Club was constantly on the go. The sights they had the opportunity to see were incredible as they hiked to the Hawksbill Crag and Lost Valley/Eden Falls. When they weren't grabbing their hiking gear or shuffling out a deck of cards, the group gathered around a campfire for nightly Bible studies. As if long hikes weren't impressive enough, they would also assist each other in cooking their own meals at the end of the day.

The International Club had grown quite fond of cooking as they enjoyed getting to showcase unique meals from their home country through the simple task of creating food together for the International Food Festival and caf events.

"It was really cool to get to have my culture represented in the cafeteria as I prepared Potjie," said Kelsey Bester, senior biology and communications double major from Johannesburg, South Africa. "It was so fun getting to have my five minutes of fame."

This dish was a taste of home as her dad frequently prepared this for her family. Bester included sweet potatoes and carrots with her meal to top it all off. Whether it was prepared in her home country on an open flame or in the caf in a Crockpot, Bester's beef-stew-like meal was quite the hit.

As Bester gathered recipe books accompanied by various cooking gadgets, many International Club members prepared to also make dishes from their home countries.

For Ben Olatunji, a senior accounting major from Nigeria, his food of choice to share was Plantain. While this dish was considered to be a popular served dish in Nigeria, it was also highly favored among the student body as well.

"I was on the International Food Festival leadership committee this year," said Olatunji, who enjoyed helping plan the event and sharing one of his favorite dishes from his home country. The Food Festival gave international students the opportunity to share their favorite dishes.

The International Club allowed individuals to experience each others' cultures through the numerous meals prepared together in addition to fundraisers and campus-wide events held. The club participated in a Chapel service dedicated to the international program. They also held their second ever formal dance to end the year.

From delicious dishes to daring dance moves, the International Club was an active part of campus life.

By // Rose Robinson

## UNITED IN FAITH AND SPORTS

y uniting the two passions of faith and sports,
Ouachita's Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization
allowed student-athletes to make an impact for Jesus
Christ on and off campus. Eli Livingston, a sophomore biology
major from Batesville, was on the leadership team for FCA and
was passionate about its mission to spread the gospel.

"To me, FCA is about having a good community as a believer and being able to surround yourself with people that are fighting the same fight as you," said Livingston. "Having a group of people who have the same interests and goals as you is really important and encouraging."

FCA's faculty sponsor, Coach Spencer Knight, the Ouachita Football receivers coach, had a goal of bonding student-athletes not only on the field but off of it as well. Knight wanted FCA to be a place where students could go to escape from the everyday pressures of being an athlete and focus on what truly mattered, whether it was through a short devotional, a quick game of sand volleyball, or a piece of pizza. Kayla Steinmeyer, a junior nursing major from St. Charles, Mo., benefited from this community.

"When I started attending FCA freshman year it became a meaningful outlet where I could go and worship God with other athletes and take a break from the pressing things I had to do," said Steinmeyer. In order for athletes to feel comfortable fellowshipping together on a regular basis, Knight wanted to implement a curriculum that would promote consistent attendance and conversation among students.

"We are going through a series from the book of John that talks about purpose and potential," said Knight. "Our leadership team has done a great job at leading important discussions and we are seeing growth and consistency as the year continues."

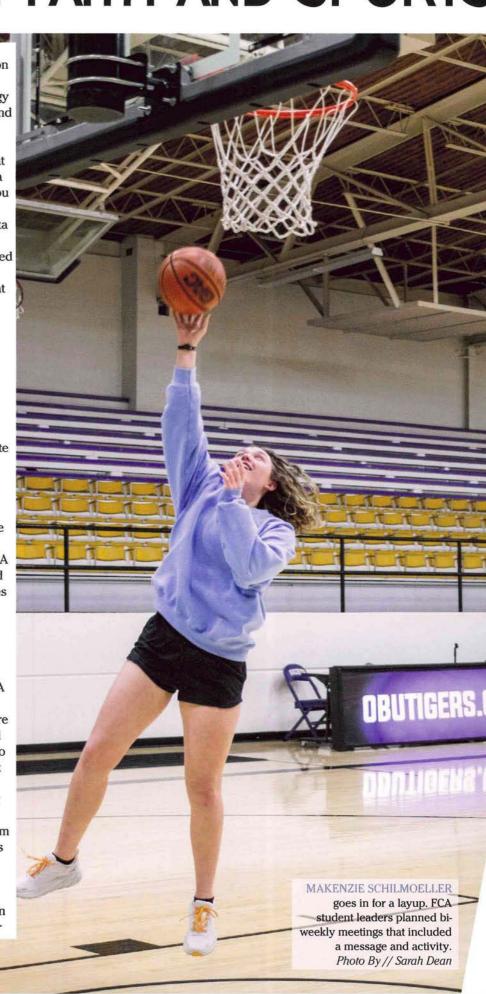
Students of all sports interests were welcome to attend FCA every other Wednesday night and the leadership team would meet on the off weeks to plan discussions, food, and activities to be had the following week. FCA at Ouachita provided several students with the opportunity to use this experience as a mentoring program.

"I have been mentored by Coach Spence and former players like Peyton Stafford," said Livingston. "I have also had the opportunity to mentor those younger than me at FCA camp by being a huddle leader."

Bi-weekly meetings and leadership team participation were not the only chances students had to grow closer to the Lord and each other. Speakers such as Jason Curry would come to campus and deliver a powerful message, some students took the opportunity to work at FCA camps in the summer, and others would attend an annual FCA retreat held in the spring semester.

"We started attending an FCA retreat in 2011 at Family Farm camp in Glen Rose," said Knight. "As a sponsor and previous student it is cool to see the leadership and relationships students form from events like this." FCA gave Ouachita's student athletes a chance to grow, relax, have fun, and most importantly, learn more about each other and the Lord's plan for their life.

By // Madi Darr





JUNIOR KENDEL GIVENS leads a breakout session following a message. Group leaders would ask a set of questions that would challenge their peers to be champions for Christ. Photo By // Sarah Dean



STUDENT-ATHLETES share during a bi-weekly meeting. FCA created a community that allowed students to grow closer to each other as well as the Lord. Photo By // Sarah Dean



Small Group Discussion Photo By // Sarah Dean

FOLLOWING A DEVOTIONAL, students enjoy a game of volleyball. This time allowed student-athletes a break from the stresses of everyday life. Photo By // Joshua Rhine

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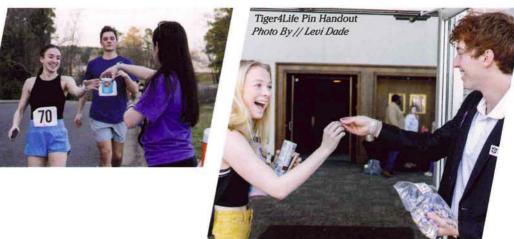
Photo By // Gaylon Williams

- Eli Livingston

PRESIDENT OF OSF, Caroline Derby, runs to encourage participants in the Fund Run. OSF used the money raised from the event to provide students with scholarships. Photo By // Levi Dade



OSF MEMBERS Haley Shourd and Carter Wood take a quick water break during the annual Fund Run. This 5k was another event OSF sponsored to raise scholarship money. Photo By // Sarah Dean



#### THE MOMENT WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN



"I love that we work all year to raise money to help keep students on campus. This club helps students at each stage of their college experience and I am honored to have a part in it no matter how big or small, even directing oozeball in the mud all day!" -Mikayla Long

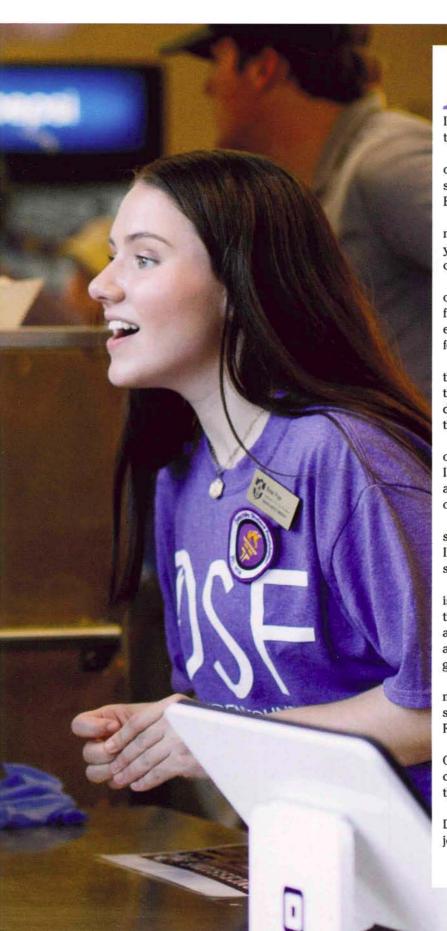


AT A MEETING, an OSF member presses their finger against the OSF rock. The club's members left their mark as part of a tradition. Photo By // Coleman Callan

VIVIAN PRYOR takes an order while working the concession stand. OSF raised money by volunteering during home football games. Photo By // Levi Dade

## RECORD-BREAKING YEAR





fter existing for almost half a decade, the Ouachita Student Foundation, in its entirety, raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for student scholarships. The club's slogan, "Students Helping Students," summed up the club perfectly. It was an organization with the primary goal of serving fellow teammates, classmates and friends.

Freshman Raegan Swindle was part of OSF's new member class of 2023. Fifty-eight new members joined the network of hard-working, servant-hearted students. She was a biomedical science major from Benton who desired to contribute more to the campus that she loved.

"OSF is a student-led organization that raises scholarship money to help students stay on campus for their junior and senior years," Swindle said. "It offered me the opportunity to serve fellow classmates and the chance to get more involved."

OSF accomplished its goal of helping students through the work of four different committees: student recruitment, special events, fundraising and finance, and philanthropy. Each committee was explicitly focused on various methods and means to better benefit fellow students.

Senior biology major from Smackover Alex Savage was one of the co-chairs of the philanthropy committee. He worked alongside the other co-chair, Addy Cassel, to organize Tiger4Life Week, a week dedicated to cultivating a sense of gratitude and appreciation for those who have made Ouachita possible.

"I see so much good in OSF," said Savage. "It gives students the opportunity to continue and finish their education at Ouachita. I related to this cause because I myself would not have been able to continue being here if it weren't for the many scholarship opportunities they offer."

Caroline Derby, a senior communications and media and political science double-major from Arkadelphia, served as OSF president. In her role, Derby was tasked with organizing and leading meetings, scheduling events, and general problem-solving.

"During my year as president, we have raised over \$200,000 which is the largest amount of scholarship money ever," Derby said. "Every time I think about it I tear up a little bit. We put in a lot of work and a lot of hours so that we can give away these scholarships. To see all of that work directly impact the lives of our peers is amazing. I'm grateful for what I've learned in this role and for the legacy of OSF."

Under Derby's leadership, there was a record-breaking 143 OSF members. Each of those members helped put on the annual events such as Tiger Tunes, Tiger Traks, and the new addition of the Fund

With the money raised from each of these events and fundraisers, OSF was able to provide 103 scholarships to a variety of students on campus. Each of those scholarships helped to make it possible for the recipients to experience Ouachita to its fullest extent.

"I hope I have left a lasting impact on the organization," said Derby. "My love for Ouachita and my love for people are why I joined OSF and why I wanted to be president of the organization."

By // Erin Key



## REPRESENTATION FOR ALL

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tudent Senate strove to cultivate student representation on Ouachita's campus while they planned events and carried on campus traditions. Student Senate planned and assisted with Homecoming, Guard the Tiger, Miss OBU, and the Academic Awards Ceremony.

Student Senate was a group of peer-selected students with varying classifications who were excited to serve their university. Kathryn Totty, a senior communications and multimedia journalism major from Camden, served as Student Body president. Totty's roles included overseeing the activities within Student Senate, running Student Senate meetings, and acting as a liaison between the Ouachita administration and students.

"Senate first really started off the year with Homecoming, which was really good. We had a few things that we learned through that, and I think honestly, the main lesson I learned was just being flexible. And then after, Homecoming, as we shifted focus to guard the Tiger," Totty said. "Traditionally, Student Senate has passed out t-shirts to people who have made it through the night as like a reward for guarding the Tiger. It's just supposed to be a good community bonding experience. I think it showed us why community is so important, but then also so is tradition. It's rooted so deeply in everything that we do on this campus and everything that Student Senate does."

Totty shared that the year was centered on growth for Student Senate. After getting back in the swing of things, Student Senate wanted to continue their progress and start expanding on past.

"I think this was a great year in the sense that students finally found themselves after a few years of not having a lot of structure and kind of being inconsistent," said Totty.

With growth on the forethought, Student Senate understood the importance of communication. Time was spent with administration and faculty members during and outside of Senate meetings, to actively cultivate discussions and communication throughout the year.

"We've had some good discussions on things that we're seeing. One thing that I think is really special about Student Senate is yes, there are people that are your executive positions, but whenever it comes down to talking and collaborating, everybody's voice is just as equal," said Totty. In addition to executive positions, each class selected senators to help represent them throughout the year.

Lorraine Soto, a freshman Christian ministries major from Rockport, Texas, and freshman class senator shared, "This year is the year that we've learned, and we've grown, and we found out things about ourselves in ways that I guess, we haven't really thought about."

Representing a community of students is no easy feat, however Totty kept her eyes focused on helping Student Senate improve and learning throughout the year. "I'm always getting a different perspective to take to the meetings. One thing about being president is that you're connected to so many people on campus and you really see the inner workings of the University on this campus, which is really neat." *By // Katy Beth Dunn* 



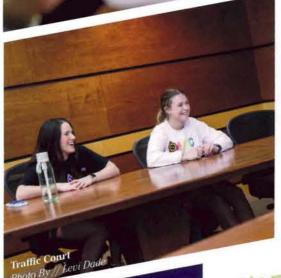


entire Student Sellate during a meeting. The president met often with Senate and its leadership to share updates and goals regarding the university.

Photo By // Levi Dade

FRESHMAN STUDENT SENATE officers check in fellow students during Guard the Tiger. This event occurred the week leading up to

Battle of the Ravine. Photo By // Madeline Circle



KATHRYN TOTTY reads Ouachita's mission statement during Chapel. The



THE MOMENT GOLD WEIGHT IN "I love being a part of Student Senate because of the opportunities to be involved on campus. It's special to be able to relate to the students and faculty." - Jillian Covington

Clubs and Organi



DURING COFFEEHOUSE, Noah
Sanders and Wade Wilson
perform for their fellow students.
Different students performed
each Friday during lunch in the
student center. Photo By// Levi
Dade



### THE MOMENT GOLD



"WOW is my favorite tradition at Ouachita.

I met with the new students to talk about Student Life on our campus. Everyone is excited and nervous at the same time. It's really affirming to me to see so many students excited about this next step."

- Tim Harrell



### TIGER TUNES DIRECTORS Kyleigh Stevens and Kelsi Coleman speak to the club. Student Life's Tunes theme was Sweet Shoppe. Photo By // Levi Dade

RACING TO THE FINISH, Holly Hatcher climbs the

obstacle course. Student Life provided a variety of ways to get involved throughout the year. Photo By // Levi Dade

## EXCITING EVENTS FOR ALL



or over 13 years, Tim Harrell, director of Student Life, aimed to bring new events to campus while creating an atmosphere of fun. From Silent Disco to a Sweet Shoppe Pop-Up, students were able to explore their interests with events on campus. Harrell's goal was to foster a vibrant community through new and creative events.

"My job is to help students, even if it's just planning events, as they are trying to navigate college life. It's not just filling the calendar, but more of the question of how we can help students grow throughout their time here," said Harrell.

One event that was new and popular this year was Lego Brick Fest. With over 14 pounds of Legos, students competed to build sculptures while watching a Lego-themed movie. Prizes were offered to students who sculpted the most intricate shape. Priscilla Leverett, a sophomore communications and media major from Frisco, Texas, connected with her childhood hobby for a night of fun.

"I haven't been able to build Legos in a while, so I was excited to reconnect with one of my childhood favorites. I love this event which had a relaxed setting mixed with a bit of competition. I hope to see this event become a tradition," said Leverett.

Along with student-led events, the office of Student Life sponsored a group for Tiger Tunes. The men and women of Student Life dazzled the audience with their colorful performance of Student Life "Sweet Shop." The directors were Kyleigh Stevens and Kelsi Coleman. Deacon Drennan, a freshman kinesiology major from Greenwood, participated in his first Tiger Tunes representing Student Life.

"I'm thankful I got the opportunity to be in the show and make so many friends from it. There was no better feeling than running around the stage with my best friends during the show. It was such a good way to get involved with an extracurricular activity and meet other freshmen," said Drennan.

Another long standing tradition that involved the office of Student Life was the performances at Dr. Jack's every Friday. Students coordinated with Harrell and had the opportunity to perform. Allie Graves, a senior community and family services major from Texarkana, Texas, showcased her talents after serving as a Tiger Tunes hostess this year.

"Every year, it's a tradition for the host and hostesses to perform at Coffeehouse. Student Life hosts us, and we loved the opportunity for everyone to get a taste of what we will be like during Tiger Tunes," said Graves.

Through Tiger Tunes, Coffeehouse and other events, the office of Student Life created unique experiences for students to have an outlet for their hobbies and interests alongside their friends.

By // Addie Woods

## CURATING TRUE CONNECTION

ampus Ministry's mission was to foster an impactful relationship between students and Christ. The year was successful for Campus Ministries; they were able to go on international mission trips again, won Tiger Tunes with their "Marathon" show, and offered many ministry opportunities.

Students had the opportunity to attend the fall CM Retreat. The retreat bonded students from all areas of life to incorporate the theme: 'Seen and Known.'

"College is hard in a lot of ways, and I have experienced firsthand how CM life groups provided a safe space in the middle of the chaotic college life. Life groups are one of the best ways to get involved at OBU while also learning what it looks like to pursue Jesus," said Ella Cox, junior on the Life Group leadership team. She joined a life group her freshman year as she yearned for meaningful relationships after stepping onto a new campus. After falling in love with her group, she wanted to give other freshman girls the same opportunity.

Noah Sanders was a double major in political science and Christian studies who always thought he wanted to be a preacher. After attending Refuge, a weekly student-led worship night, for multiple years, he always wanted to have the opportunity to speak into these college students' lives.

"It was over COVID I realized my call to ministry was different. It was no longer a platform for the best public speakers, but an avenue to exercise the gifts God gave me," said Sanders, a senior on Refuge Teaching Team. Because Sanders had the opportunity to be on the Refuge Teaching Team, he became a better speaker, leader, and preacher. Refuge gave him a chance to share what Christ laid on his heart and to intentionally pour into his peers.

Kadyn Johnson, another senior who was on the Refuge Teaching Team helped lead worship with Braden Crawley, Karis Stanley, and Olivia Hubbard who was over audio and visuals. These students met twice every week to prepare songs and pray over the passage that was being taught. Their devotion has not gone unnoticed, and students leading students is what makes Ouachita so special to many.

"We end each night by praying for each other and praying for everyone who will be at Refuge that week," Johnson said, "My favorite part about Refuge worship is getting to praise the Lord alongside my friends and peers. Spending time with the band, setting up and rehearsing, and getting to talk to people after Refuge will be some of my favorite memories from my time at Ouachita."

By // Lilly Biggers







Aidan Dos

Photo By // Broc Ingold



WITH HIS BIBLE OPEN, Sammy Arizaga listens to the Noonday speaker. Noonday gave students the chance to hear the Word in the middle of the school day. Photo By // Broc Ingold

AT THE BEGINNING





WADE WILSON reads from the Word of God at Refuge on the JPAC stage. Wilson was the leader and one of the five speakers on rotation for Refuge. Photo By // Levi Dade

"I was so honored to be able to speak at a few noondays this year. It is a very important ministry on campus that allows us to take a few minutes and focus on God during a busy day."

-Aidan Doss





STUDENTS GATHER to hear alumni speak during Black History Month. MORE hosted several events during the month of February. Photo By// Gaylon Williams



### THE MOMENT GOLD



"Being part of MORE makes me feel at home. It is a small but powerful group, growing every day. This group gives me opportunities to be in my element. I enjoy every moment spent with this community of people."

-Brandon Holloway



SENIOR TYRANNI HUBBARD moves the crowd with her voice at MORE's Got Talent. This was orchestrated in recognition of Black History Month. Photo By// Sarah Dean DIRECTOR OF Multicultural Student Programs, Michael Barnes, introduces talented students. MSP provided support for students of color through the program. Photo By // Sarah Dean

### SHARING HERITAGE AND LEGACY



# RECORDING HISTORY

ith every story written and every photo taken, the student media staff members captured the stories of Ouachita. Whether in The Signal, the photo lab, the Ouachitonian, the on-line Signal, the Ouachita Student Digital Network or the Ouachita News Show, each member shared a special bond in their department. The publications won a record 75 awards at this year's Arkansas College Media Association (ACMA) conference.

"They say a picture is worth a thousand words, and good photos tell good stories. I admire the yearbook staff's ability to write a concise story, and our photos help bring those stories to life where people get to visualize what they read and feel involved in the story," said Levi Dade, a senior Christian studies major from Senatobia, Miss., who served as the editor for the photo lab.

Along with capturing the past year, students were able to gain real world experience to be used after graduation. For Julia Shands, a senior mass communications major from Searcy, being the editor for the Signal allowed her to hone her skills outside of writing.

"As editor, I've really learned how to work with people. When you're in a leadership position, it's not all about you. It's easy to become task oriented and want to get your own projects done yourself, but you are only as good as your team," said Shands, "I took the time to invest and pour into others because someone did that for me, and that's why I'm in this position today."

Video production students extended their audience to people outside of Ouachita. Regardless of what state, individuals from every corner tuned into the show. Wyatt Ashlock, a senior theatre and mass communications double major from Royse City, Texas, who served as the student director for the Ouachita Student Digital Network, realized how vital their broadcast was to so many people.

"We broadcast our games all across the world. I've seen pictures of people on base who are serving in the military and are watching our broadcasts. People all across the world want to watch Ouachita sports, and we are the only way they can," said Ashlock.

No matter what publications students served on, each student set their sights on recording the history of Ouachita. Ellie Bennett, a freshman mass communications and graphic design double major from Little Rock, touched on how impact capturing memories are.

"Yearbooks are one of those things that people keep forever to look back on. A short pencil is better than a long memory. There will always be things we wouldn't remember if we didn't have them written down. When our memories fail us, we still have this book of pictures and stories from the past to remind us of the good times and the friends who filled our cup," said Bennett.

By// Addie Woods





IN THE NEWS room, editor Julia Shands works on the print version of The Signal. The Signal was printed biweekly. Photo By // Sarah Dean





PRISCILLA LEVERETT runs graphics during a baseball game as part of the Ouahita Sports Digital Network. OSDN was a program created in 2019. Photo By // Levi Dade

### THE MOMENT GOLD

SENIOR Caroline Derby is filmed as a news anchor. The news show released new content each week. Photo By// Levi Dade

Sarah Dean
Photo By // Levi Dade

"Photo lab gives me the ability to do something I love. Being one of the editors has allowed me to grow so much as a photographer and as a person. I love the community it has given me."

-Sarah Dean

STUDENT MEDIA
Clubs and Organizations



Parker Monk, Sam Gorman and Emilio Garcia welcome rushees to their party. Zachariah Lane was one of their eight new members. Photo By// Levi Dade



KICKING OFF the second night of rush, Abbigale Sullins speaks to potential new members. There were 198 girls who participated in rush. Photo By// Sarah Dean



### THE MOMENT GOLD

Panhellenic Co-Presidents
Photo By // Emily Horn

"My favorite moment from the week is getting to watch the girls in my rush group run home to the club that they decide to pledge. It is so special getting to see the girls find the club that they feel the most comfortable with and want to get involved with." -Emily Horn



ETA ALPHA OMEGA prepares to meet the rushees. They received 28 new members at the end of rush week. Photo By// Levi Dade

#### ELLA CLAIRE BRINKLEY runs home to the Women

of EEE on bid day. New members were inducted the following week. Photo By // Kasey Dumas

## FINDING /// COMMUNITY



## FOCUSED ON INTENTIONALITY

Intentionality shaped the year for the Women of Chi Delta, from small moments in their close-knit club to selecting the newest group of women to join their family, their focus was on being intentional. They grew relationships with alumni, found strong friendships in one another, and created a space to be the women they wanted to be.

Ali Lipford, a junior business major from Farmington who served as the social media chair, corresponding secretary, and new member education chair, shared a little bit of what new member education looked like.

"We just kind of take care of the new members, getting them acquainted with the already current members, helping them figure out how they're going to navigate this whole being in a club thing, teaching them the traditions of Chi Delta. We also watch over them for the entirety of like the next year until the next pledge class comes in. Kind of being big sisters helping them learn how to do this college thing," said Lipford.

Opal Moore, a freshman secondary math education major, from Midlothian, Texas, was a part of the pledge class of 2023. She said, "Chi Delta is small and family-like, it is the main reason I chose them. From the small intentional moments in our rush parties to how our new member education chairs cared for us during pledge week and beyond, it is just a really special club."

Outside of time with current members, there was a major focus on connecting with alumni. Chi Delta alumni and members held a brunch during which current members could network with Chi Delta alums who are working in their major field of study, or who share the same major.

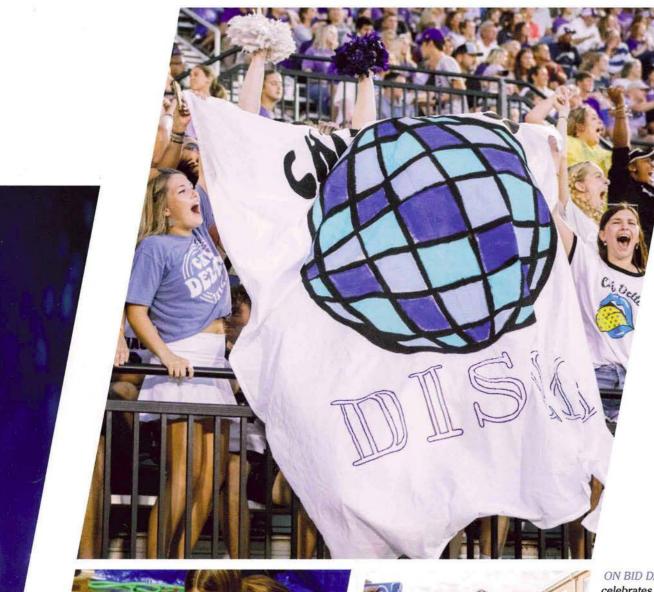
Moore said, "For me it was nice getting to meet more women who were a part of our club. They were so thoughtful in trying to connect us not only with relationships with past members, but future job opportunities, and it was just really special."

Lipford also shared, "We were there for like two hours just talking and getting to know people. I got two offers for internships, asking me to apply for them because they were in the same field of business that I'm in. And so that's probably the most exciting event that we had."

Through career opportunities and conversations with alumni to accepting the new class of members, intentionality was sprinkled throughout the year for the Women of Chi Delta. Intentionality allowed Chi Delta to build and grow relationships that will last a lifetime.

By// Katy Beth Dunn

their choreographed dance for Tunes. Their theme was a tribute to their founding year: 1970. Photo By // Levi Dade



AT A HOME FOOTBALL game, Chi Delta members celebrate their Tunes theme. Club themes were revealed through a video message at halftime. Photo By // Sarah Dean





ON BID DAY, the new PC celebrates with the club. Chi Delta welcomed a pledge class of 14. Photo By // Sarah Dean





NADIA DENMAN throws up the Chi Delta sign on bid day. She was one of the new members of their club. Photo By // Sarah Dean

"Playing intramurals with Chi Delta has allowed me to have a place where I can fully enjoy time with my friends. I have played sports my entire life so getting to continue to play with my people has been something I look forward to each semester." Intramural Basketball hoto By // Emma Mayes

- Kennedy Stringfellow





#### TIGER TUNES DIRECTORS

Meredith Medford, Julia Letcher and Eryn Riley celebrate placing at Tunes. The show "Rocks" placed fifth overall. Photo By // Levi Dade





### THE MOMENT GOLD

Big/Little Revent

"I remember feeling so excited trying to figure out who my big was. As we were in Berry, I was feeling all jittery and excited. I turned around and saw my best friend Abby Mosely and it was such a sweet moment to see that she was my big."

-Natalie Thomas



TRI CHI MEMBERS Olivia Dixon and Jillian Covington celebrate Galentine's day with their club. The event was a revitalized tradition. Photo By// Mullen Duty

WAITING FOR the new PC, members Avery Howard and Audrey Fortner anticipate Bid Day. The theme was "Lucky Me I'm a TC."

Photo By // Meghann Bledsoe

# TRULY ICONC TRADITIONS



rom placing in Tiger Tunes to planning rock solid events, it was an exciting time for the women of Tri Chi. Through a Toga themed mixer and supporting a fellow sister being crowned Homecoming queen, these women learned the true meaning of sisterhood and the many values that come with it. They kicked off fall semester with an annual 80s TWIRP dance after waltzing their way into fifth place at Tiger Tunes.

"My job as head director was to make final decisions and help my other two directors with the process," said Julia Letcher, a senior theatre major from Plano, Texas. "Being a theatre major also helped because I had a good grasp on how to run a rehearsal and get the spectacle part of our show how we wanted." Tri Chi's iconic Tiger Tunes theme this year was rocks. They brought home the musicality award two nights in a row, skipped across the dance floor to attain an overall choreography award, and created memories that will last a lifetime.

Senior engineering and physics major from Jonesboro, Ashlyn Ham, led this united group as president to model their motto, "Togetherness in Christ." Over the course of three and a half years, Ham served the club in a variety of capacities, and felt running for president was the best way to give back to the club that had served her so well.

"As president, I ran our club meetings, and was in charge of facilitating the fun," Ham said. "When I was a freshman going through rush, I felt the most at peace at Tri Chi parties, and of course all the fun events social clubs get to put on was really appealing to me, too."

One trendy traditional Tri Chi event was the Crush Dance held annually in the Tiger Den. It was a one-sided blind date function as members had the opportunity to invite one to two dates through a secret invite in the mail to attend a dance party. The boy then had the chance to grab his dancing shoes and meet his secret admirer for a Crush soda in addition to a green and pink dance party.

"I liked how diverse the genuine group of girls that made up Tri Chi was as we're all different but clicked together really well," freshman community and family services double major from Crossett, Mary Kathryn Staley, said. "I just felt so welcomed during rush and that I could truly be myself around this outgoing group."

Whether it was getting together to plan strategically how to properly put silver sparkles in their space buns in preparation for Space Jam, or just meeting a sister at Samantha's Bakery for a weekly coffee date, Tri Chi had been absolutely rocking their traditions since 1989.

By // Rose Robinson

# OPPORTUNITES TO LEAD

ounded in 2015, Chi Mu was the youngest and smallest social club on campus. This came with difficulties, but they also found this to be their strength in the club. One strength was their smaller size allowed for better connections amongst the sisterhood. Senior Michal Felan from Little Rock mentioned this as a reason for her love for the club.

"It's small enough that I know each girl super personally, and I have inside jokes with each girl. I have stories with each individual girl, but it's not too small," Felan said. Felan originally did not want to rush. But she eventually warmed up to the idea and immediately felt a connection to

Chi Mu. Since then, she's held several leadership positions.

"When I pledged, I thought I wasn't going to do leadership, but I ended up holding several positions. I've actually called a position every semester that I've been in Chi Mu. I was president for the fall semester. The big thing that Chi Mu has shown me was this other side of me that I really didn't know existed." Felan was not the only person to grow through Chi Mu. Natalie Helms, senior from Bentonville and president of Chi Mu, noticed how members were able to get involved with leadership very early on.

"I was able to get involved in leadership really early, because our constitution is built around ways you can get involved as a sophomore, which was when I got involved in leadership," Helms said. Along with leadership came strong connections among members. The relationships between each member was especially distinguishable on campus from other clubs. Junior Makenna Holder from Camden noted her personal experience with this.

"We tend to have some of the closer relationships that I've seen in social clubs, and also just the amount of love that we have for each other and our campus and for people in other clubs is high," Holder said. That love was fostered from the amount of acceptance within the club. No matter what type of personality a member had, they were loved and accepted for who they were.

"I love that Chi Mu is a place where I can be myself. I don't have to hide any part of myself from the girls, and they love me and accept me for who I am," Felan said. Rush week had a big impact on the girls before they joined the sisterhood. Helms remarked on her personal experience with Rush.

"I was really overwhelmed at parties because Rush is a lot. I feel like going to Chi Mu's parties was always more centered and I felt more at peace. At the end of Rush week, they really saw me for who I was. They weren't seeing just one aspect of me, they were seeing me for who I was and wanted me for that," Helms said.

Chi Mu was the youngest club on campus, but the members had just as much love, appreciation, and tenacity as the other clubs.

By // Hayden Wylie





KENSLEY FLYNN
dances the night
away at Chi Mu
Masquerade. They
invited the student
body to join them
during TWIRP week.
Photo By// Sarah
Dean





FAMILY DAY FUN takes place as Katie Bayer poses with her parents. Families got the opportunity to come and fellowship with one another as well as see Ouachita's beautiful campus. Photo By // Sarah Dean



Sarah Dear

MAKING HER PLATE, Hannah Rossell attends the Alumni Tea. This annual event was before the Homecoming game. Photo By// Sarah Dean

"I love being a Chi Mu because of the close friendships I have made. They have been so inclusive and loving since day one. I get to give back to our community through support, flexibility, and service."

-Sara Jayne Burroughs





#### SERVING CONCESSIONS.

members meet the attendees with smiling faces. Each year, Gamma threw an Angels in the Outfield TWIRP party. Photo By// Ashlyn Holt





### THE MOMENT GOLD

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"Bid day always brings me so much joy! It's such a sweet moment getting to embrace the girls who will be by your side for the next few years. It's the start of the journey with new sisters and it's moments like these that I never want to forget."

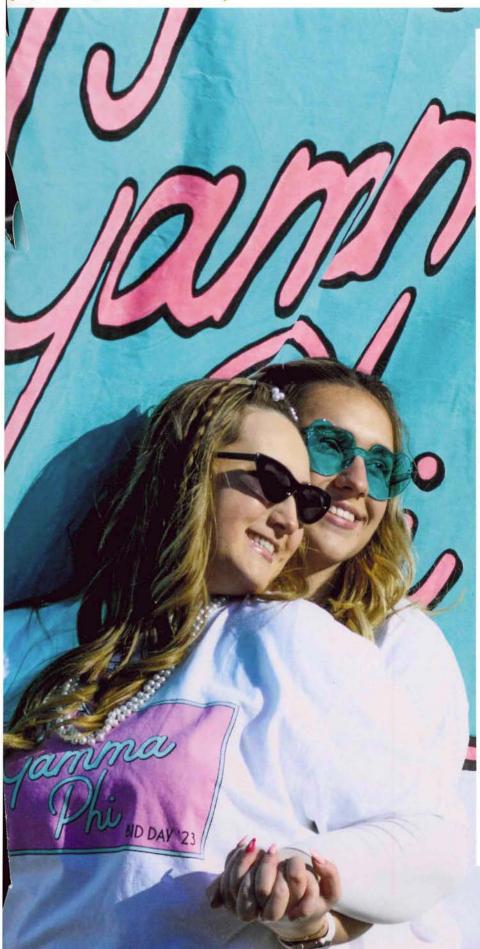
- Madison Lovell

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TO RAISE MONEY for Gamma, Hailey Coulson gets dunked. Students had to pay in order to dunk a Gamma. Photo By // Ashlyn Holt MEMBERS KIE CRONE and Lauren Fowler excitingly wait for their new PC. Their bid day theme was Running to the Hills. Photo By // Natalie Moore

### GROWTH THROUGH SISTERHOOD



espite undergoing a recent season of reshaping, the women of Gamma Phi continued their long-standing traditions and created unforgettable experiences.

Each year, they have continued to increase their numbers. President of Gamma, Juliana Shaw, a senior communication science and disorders major from Rogers, expressed some things she has gotten out of her time in the club. "Throughout my time in Gamma I have had the honor of serving these girls in different ways from social chair to president, "Shaw said.

She also discussed her experience with rush and how grateful she was for how things shaped up for the club.

"When I originally rushed, my class was the first to 'be rushed,' so the rush parties I attended were the first since Gammas return and now our club has been through four more official rush years," said Shaw.

Adaptation and growth quickly became something they lived by during the year. While most memories are made in the big moments, members of Gamma Phi highlighted the small instances that stuck with them. Junior pre-professional kinesiology major, Taylor Moran from Little Rock spoke about how valuable it was to have sisters to do life together with.

"Some of my favorite memories happened in the small moments when we were all able to be together for group dinners, lake days, chatting before meetings, painting banners, and Bible studies," Moran said. Deep relationships were formed during the time spent with one another.

Another key aspect of this year was Tiger Tunes. Long nights and close-knit bonds were a staple this past year. Laci Larsen, a sophomore community and family services major from Benton, served as chaplain for the club and shared what stood out to her.

"I think one of my favorite memories has to be Tiger Tunes 2022. I was so excited to be in Tunes with Gamma," Larsen said, "Some of my closest friends were made during the practices and the shows.

"Whether it was the big or the little moments, the women in Gamma made the most of every opportunity. They continued their legacy and grew in more than just numbers. Gamma found ways to connect with the Lord and appreciate what they have. Each member was willing to go out of their way to help their sisters.

"These girls are so kind and genuine. Gamma Phi accepts each girl just the way they are, and I think that is what makes our club stand out," Larsen said. One of the many goals accomplished this year was to be unique and stand out among other clubs.

They offered a space for girls to come and be themselves. This created pure relationships and a way for each member of the club to make connections. Members never hesitated to help their sisters and pick one another up when needed.

By // Luke Falco

# GROUNDED IN LEGACY

The Women of EEE's foundation was one of legacy and sisterhood. After being created in 1925, this women's social club focused on creating a sisterhood that was authentic, classy, and Christ-centered.

"EEE is a community and is a place where you can laugh and shed a tear if you need to," spring 2023 president Julia Shands said. "The girls will be the people who will push you to be better but also stand by your side when you've made a mistake." Shands was a senior communications and media major from Searcy. She ran for president not only because of her love for the club, but because of how the women in it supported, challenged, and grew her in her faith. The opportunity to foster the community that EEE had to offer by being president was one that she could not let slip away.

"We are built on a tradition and legacy of 97 years and that just means a lot," said Shands. "There has been an invisible red string that connects all of us and even after we leave Ouachita, those connections will continue to grow."

Sarah Kathryn Hankins rushed in the spring of 2023 as a sophomore. Hankins was a nursing student from Little Rock. During her first semester on campus, she felt seen, known, and loved by the women in EEE.

"As a transfer student, it can be difficult to find your people in a new environment," said Hankins. "The Women of EEE welcomed me with open arms since day one."

The Women of EEE were an established group of girls who were incredibly involved on campus. From participating in Tiger Tunes to putting on various fundraising events for the Pregnancy Resource Center to attending weekly meetings, Hankins noticed that all of it was done to glorify the Lord.

"My favorite part about being in EEE is that it has brought me lifelong friends who will walk alongside me through the highs and lows for years to come," Hankins said. "Getting to wear these letters and carry on this legacy is something I will never take for granted." EEE's sisterhood chair, Anna Katherine Green, was a junior elementary education major from Little Rock. She wanted to be in that position because she loved and valued encouragement as well as wanted her sisters to feel loved and encouraged through the position.

"To me, EEE stands for loving, classy women who are focused on the Lord and what He wants to do in and through them," said Green. "The love for Christ and the love that overflows from that to others and impacts others is what makes EEE, EEE." Even after almost 100 years of sisterhood, EEE always looked for ways to be better, just as their motto said. They instilled new leadership ideas, such as the newly established sisterhood chair, and goals for themselves to lead and to be a part of Ouachita's campus more.

"EEE is so much more than a club because of the meaning, love, and connections behind it," Green said. "It's all about sisterhood and loving others, including all girls around us."

By // Erin Key





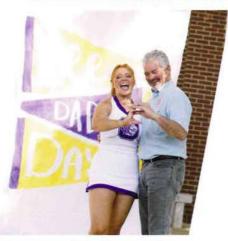
THE WOMEN OF EEE cheer loudly as the 2023 Tiger Tunes theme is revealed. Their theme was "EEE Reporting Live." Photo By // Sarah Dean

IN HONOR OF
Philanthropy Week,
EEE and Tri Chi host
a flower pop up shop.
All profits made from
this event went to their
philanthropies.
Photo By // Ashlyn Holt





### THE MOMENT GOLD



SOPHOMORE OLIVIA WHITLATCH teaches her dad to "throw the E." Dad's Day was celebrated in the fall. Photo By // Levi Dade

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"Being a part of this club has always been a dream of mine. On bid day I was overwhelmed with the amount of kindness, love, and support that the Women of E had shown me."

-Abbigail Wood



NOAH SANDERS teaches fellow members dance moves for Tiger Tunes. The ETA show placed fourth overall. Photo By// Levi Dade



STUDENTS WILLIAM
Swecker and Trey Hicks
play cornhole in the
middle of campus. ETA
invited their fellow
students to come
participate in their
tournament.
Photo By// Joshua Rhine





#### THE MOMENT WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN

"ETA is a club that enables brothers in Christ to have a desire to endure the faith. This club revolves around guys who want to share life together by rejoicing with those who are rejoicing and by weeping with those who are weeping."

-Tanner Roberts



THE NEW MEMBERS each showcased themselves at the date auction. William White was a member of ETA's new pledge class. Photo By// Sarah Dean MASON CAMPBELL gets his head shaved by brother Kaleb Freeman. The ETA Barbershop was a fundraiser for their club Photo By // Broc Ingold

## A FIRM FOUNDATION



To Honor the Alpha and the Omega: the phrase that the men of Eta Alpha Omega were built upon. Established in 1997, the men of ETA have always focused on having a brotherhood based on their shared faith. Their shared faith provided the club with a strong foundation to create a long-lasting legacy.

Xander Naegle, freshman marketing major from Fort Smith, had no intention of joining a social club when he first stepped foot on campus. However, over the course of his first fall semester, he spent more and more time around the social clubs and learned that they were different from what he had originally expected. More specifically, the men of ETA were more than he had expected.

"One of the things that I like the most about ETA is that they welcome all different types of people," Naegle said. "There's no specific mold or type of person that you see in the club." The welcoming environment that the men of ETA had created caught Naegle's attention and created a desire in him to be part of what they had to offer.

"We have each other's backs and pray for each other frequently," said Naegle, "There is no pressure to be someone that you're not, and everybody in the club loves you for you."

A few events Sammy Arizaga participated in were Muggin, Date Auction, Barbershop, and Tiger Tunes. Arizaga, a sophomore worship studies and Christian foundations double major from Russellville, pledged in the Spring of 2022.

"We like to do things that include everyone around campus, not just ETAs," said Arizaga. "Our club has been getting bigger, and we've been having to get more organized. We're trying to have more events that allow us to connect with campus and our brothers." Arizaga loved the spiritual aspect of his club.

"We have a lot of Christian beliefs that are important to us," said Arizaga. "We have a devotional time after meetings which is my favorite part. Being a part of this club has helped me push myself and want to grow in my relationship with Christ."

Vice President Luke Black was a junior accounting and finance double major from Ruston, La. Black knew he wanted to have a leadership position in the club not long after he pledged because he cared about the club from the minute he joined and wanted to do what he could to help it succeed. The men of ETA stood firm on their Christ-centered foundation throughout the years in order to build a brotherhood sculpted toward the betterment of themselves.

"Through the steps being taken now to emphasize accountability and our common goal of honoring God through all that we do," Black said. By//Erin Key

# GETTING INVOLVED

appa Chi was an active club on campus in many ways. In addition to their involvement in campus activities such as intramurals, they sponsored their own events including Kappa Serenades, Kappa Chi Pie-a-Guy, Kappa Car Bash. One event, Late Night with Kappa Chi, was revived with guest appearances from Adam Wheat and Spiderman. Late Night with Kappa Chi had been an annual event for the club, but hadn't been put on since before the pandemic.

Zach McClain, a junior biomedical sciences major, was an active member of Kappa Chi and served as treasurer of the club. McClain made some of his closest friends through Kappa. He described the closeness of the club and how whenever he was with them, it was always a fun time and a great environment in which everyone was comfortable goofing around and being themselves. McClain described how he has seen the club grow and change for the better since becoming a member.

"The year after me we got a bunch of really good guys who have been really intentional about pushing the club forward and being really active on campus. I think we're one of the most active clubs on campus. We put on a lot of events and it's a fun environment to be around. I really like all the guys," said McClain. "A lot of them are intentional about their faith. Christian ideals is one of the core things about our club, and it's really swung back toward that since we've gotten more people in the club, especially with these last couple of PCs. So, it was already a fun environment, but it's become even more in line with the Christian ideals that we value, and it's been something I'm proud to be."

Luke Wood, a pre-med biology major, joined the men of Kappa Chi in his sophomore year. After spending his freshman year getting to know the clubs on campus, Wood decided that Kappa was the club for him. He was thankful for having the brotherhood and community to rely on.

"All the dudes are pretty unique. None of them follow standard trends, and all of them kind of follow their own path. It's really cool to be a part of that. But also it's what I would call a working man's club. Everyone's super busy, and they know how to work with people and how to be compassionate," said Wood.

The club impacted its members in a variety of ways. For history and theatre double major Landon Denman, it gave him the opportunity to open up and become close friends with others. Since pledging, Denman was elected president of Kappa, and also became more involved in activities and aspects of the club.

"I was definitely more introverted," said Denman, "whenever I got to OBU it was new territory for me, and I thought to myself 'you know what, I want to open up'. Kappa truly gave me the opportunity to do that. I never in 1000 years would have thought that I'd be the president of the club one day, but here I am and I'm happy to be here. I'm so proud of how far the club has grown and allowed me to truly become more one with the campus in a sense." Sarah Dean





T-SHIRT CHAIR
Connor Brown
participates in
Kappa's Hawaiian
Luau event. This
event consisted of
games, refreshments
and music in the
Village Circle.
Photo By // Ashlyn Holt





KAPPA MEMBERS celebrate together as they reveal their Tiger Tunes theme to the student body. They have won Tiger Tunes 13 times. Photo By// Sarah Dean



WITH THEIR hands raised, Ayden Bennett and Carter Bunn enjoy Toga Night. This was a mixer with Tri Chi held in the Tiger Den. Photo By// Sarah Dean

"We have lots of events throughout the year and we put our all into them to make them enjoyable and entertaing. Serenades, parties, and mixers - we have so much fun doing it all together."

-Caleb Gumm





MEMBERS JAYLON Otero and Jacob Yates prepare for a rush party. There were 90 men who participated in rush. Photo By// Levi Dade



### THE MOMENT GOLD WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN



"Being a Rho Sigma sweetheart gives me brothers who always have my back. Being surrounded by this great club has made my college experience so much better. I know it will always be a fun time with the Rho Sigmas."

-Allee Lipford



NOAH GRIMES plays video games as he sits inside the tent. The members camped out to guard the Tiger from the Henderson reddies. Photo By// Levi Dade KEEPING SPIRITS HIGH, Brady Marple cheers on the Tigers. Rho Sigma always had an exciting section at the football games. Photo By // Sarah Dean

## RESHAPING THE CULTURE



## CLOSE-KNIT BROTHERHOOD

or new member Ty Mills, a freshman Christian Studies major, the first semester was crucial in deciding which social club he wanted to rush. The Men of Beta Beta stood out in several different ways; they had an entertaining Tiger Tunes show, they dominated in intramurals, and they were always spending time together.

"It did not take long to notice that BETA was a group of guys who lived life together and had a fun time while doing so. From sitting together in the cafeteria and at Refuge to walking to class together, these guys had a tight knit brotherhood that was unlike any other," said Mills.

Sophomore Andrew Ellis reassured the family-like aspect that The Men of Beta Beta share. Second semester they participated in a philanthropic opportunity with Hiding Place Hollow in Rogers, Arkansas. Located on 40 acres of beautiful land, the Betas helped clear land so that Hiding Place Hollow could build more homes for missionaries who come back to the United States on furlough. With an aim to help these families experience the presence of God, they got to serve alongside each other, but ultimately serving the Kingdom of God.

"On our trip to Northwest Arkansas, we got to take part in a mission that is bigger than ourselves," said Ellis. "The men of Beta constantly push me to become a better man not only academically and socially, but most importantly spiritually." "I chose Beta for many different reasons but the main one was the strong emphasis they put on knowing the Lord and growing your relationship with Him," said Mills.

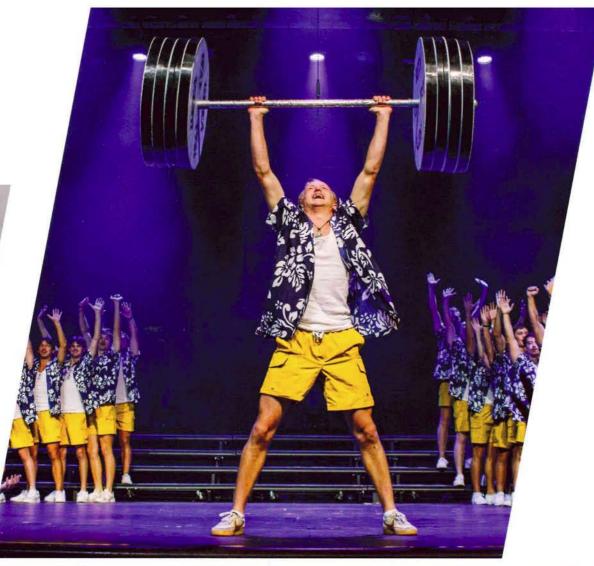
The Men of Beta Beta were involved in many leadership roles across campus, including Campus Ministries, the Elrod Center, Tiger Serve Day, and the Ouachita Student Foundation.

"Getting to raise money for student scholarships while having fun with my brothers entertaining a crowd was my favorite memory from sophomore year," said Ellis of their Tiger Tunes show. The Beta Beach Boys show was directed by Henry Hunley, Baker Kendrick and Isaac Crow. Hunley loved the challenge of teaching 50 guys who did not necessarily know how to dance, sing or perform, a show. Getting to spend time with the other two Tiger Tunes directors and creating a common bond over their show created memories the club will always cherish. The Men of Beta Beta's hard work paid off and they won "Overall Entertainment" for the 2022 Tiger Tunes Show.

"Our secret to success for entertainment was letting the guys have fun and not forgetting the competition is mostly about enjoying the moment," said Hunley. Tiger Tunes is a busy season for everyone, but remembering why you are performing was important to their victory and the crowd fed off of that energy. The Beach Boys Tiger Tunes show portrayed The Men of Beta Beta very well as a close knit group of guys who love each other and love to have fun.

By // Lilly Biggers





AT THE BATTLE of the Ravine flag football championship, Beta Black receives their trophy after the game. The Beta team won the year before as well. Photo By // Madeline Circle

GARY STORMENT takes the spotlight on the stage for Tunes. Beta Beta Beach Boys placed third overall. Photo By // Levi Dade



Brooks Bell

Photo By // Levi I



### THE MOMENT GOLD

PLAYING INTRAMURAL flag football, Senior Wes Guerra catches the ball. Beta Black won the Ouachita tournament. Photo By//Levi Dade

"Beta drops are a sacred tradition full of emotions. It's fun to welcome a girl to the brotherhood. My dad Beta dropped my mom, and hopefully I will get to do the same to a lucky female one day."

- Brooks Bell

