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# OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



# NEWS

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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University will hold its 128th spring commencement exercises on Saturday, May 9, at 9:30 a.m. on the front lawn of the university's historic Cone-Bottoms Hall. The ceremony will honor 343 graduates earning degrees including Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education degrees.

Ouachita President Rex M. Horne, Jr., will preside over the annual commencement exercises. Dr. Ray Granade, director of library services and professor of history, and Dr. Nancy Hardman, Edna and Freda Linn Professor of Communication Sciences and Pre-Medical Studies, will serve as commencement marshals. Dr. Raouf Halaby, professor of visual arts and English, who is retiring after 42 years on the Ouachita faculty, will serve as honorary marshal.

The ceremony will include an invocation by Senior Class President Jamie Barker, a biology major from Smackover, Ark. Scripture reading will be led by three students from the Pruet School of Christian Studies: Sophie DeMuth, a Christian studies and speech communication major from Rockwall, Texas; Blake Kutter, a Christian studies major from Farmington, Ark.; and Sara Walker, a Christian studies major from Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Dr. Stan Poole, vice president for academic affairs, will introduce the graduates. Dr. Danny Hays, dean of the Pruet School of Christian Studies, will lead a responsive reading and Jay Heflin, chairman of the Board of Trustees, will deliver the prayer of dedication.

Ouachita Baptist University, a leading liberal arts university, is ranked nationally among "America's Best Colleges" by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Forbes* magazines. Founded in Arkadelphia in 1886, Ouachita seeks to foster a love of God and a love of learning in a Christ-centered learning community.

The commencement exercises will be livestreamed at [new.livestream.com/obu/commencement2015](http://new.livestream.com/obu/commencement2015). A video of the ceremony will be posted on the university website at [www.obu.edu/broadcast](http://www.obu.edu/broadcast) following the service. For more information about commencement, visit [www.obu.edu/registrar/graduation-and-commencement](http://www.obu.edu/registrar/graduation-and-commencement).

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