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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. – More than 100 students from Ouachita Baptist University were recently honored at the university's 2016 Academic Awards Banquet. The event recognized various academic and leadership achievements of the students throughout the past academic year.

The annual banquet is sponsored by Ouachita's Student Senate. Student Senate President Josh Rubin, a senior biology major from Dallas, Texas, presided over the event.

Griffin Peeples, a senior accounting and business administration/finance double major from North Little Rock, Ark., was awarded Ouachita's highest academic honor as the university's Overall Academic Achiever. He also was named top academic achiever in the Hickingbotham School of Business.

Top academic achievers in each of the other schools include: Elizabeth Peevy, a senior Christian studies/Christian missions major from Bryant, Ark., Pruet School of Christian Studies; Ashlyn Meece, a senior elementary education major from Mountain Home, Ark., Huckabee School of Education; Katelyn Smith, a senior art and education double major from Roe, Ark., School of Fine Arts; Anna Kumpuris, a senior mass communications, Spanish and Christian studies/Christian missions triple major from Little Rock, Ark., School of Humanities; Trevor Meece, a senior chemistry and biology double major from Mountain Home, Ark., Patterson School of Natural Sciences; and Sara "Cat" Williams, a senior psychology and biology double major from Roland, Ark., Sutton School of Social Sciences.

Ouachita's Senior Outstanding Woman and Man, selected by faculty and staff, are Sara "Cat" Williams and Ben Lange-Smith, a senior psychology major from Harare, Zimbabwe.

Dr. Hal Bass, who was recently named professor emeritus of political science, was named by students as the Lavell Cole Most Inspirational Professor.

Other university awards include the Mrs. J.R. Grant Endowed Awards for freshman and senior female students and the Mrs. Betty Oliver Grant Endowed Awards for sophomore and junior female students.

Recipients of these awards, respectively, include Kinzie Schmidt, a freshman graphic design major from Little Rock, Ark.; Rachel Wicker, a senior Christian studies/Christian missions and mass communications double major from Benton, Ark.; Hannah Bunch, a sophomore history major from Paragould, Ark.; and Stephanie Westberg, a junior elementary education major from Arkadelphia, Ark. The Rotary Club Service-Above-Self Award also was presented to Stephanie Westberg.