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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University has been ranked as the top private university in Arkansas, based on 2016-17 analysis and rankings by Niche.com.

Niche.com is a team of data scientists, engineers and parents who “combine rigorous analysis with authentic reviews to highlight the best places to go to school.” Niche analysts evaluate extensive data sets and personal reviews to produce rankings, report cards and in-depth profiles about academic institutions and neighborhoods.

Earning an A+ for safety as “the 55th safest school in America,” Ouachita also received A rankings for its residence halls and campus as well as A- rankings for academics, value, professors, student life and campus food.

“Biology, communications and theological studies are popular majors at a school where academics and student life (A- for both), as well as dorms and the campus itself (As for both) help earn it an overall score of A-,” MSN.com reported about Ouachita’s Niche rankings.

“We are pleased to be recognized by Niche.com as the No. 1 private university in Arkansas,” said Ouachita President Ben Sells. “The fact that our rankings are high in such crucial areas as academics, value, residence halls, student life and campus safety is especially significant. It speaks well of our faculty, staff and students and our commitment to a love of God and a love of learning.

“As we seek to dream a larger dream for Ouachita,” he added, “we invite prospective students and their families to visit campus and learn more about what makes Ouachita a leading Christian liberal arts university.”

Among individual reviews by Ouachita students on Niche.com were:

- “Beautiful campus with a ton of school spirit! Ouachita will help you grow in your faith and you will leave a better person!”
- “My school is so encouraging. The teachers are like friends and they want to see you succeed in anything you are passionate about. I feel like OBU is my home away from home.”
- “The school actively seeks out opportunity for the students. A large percentage of the students that graduate find fulfilling jobs soon after graduation.”

Ouachita Baptist University also is ranked in the top tier nationally by *Forbes*, *U.S. News & World Report* and *USA Today/CollegeFactual.com*. For more information, visit www.obu.edu or call 1-800-DIAL-OB.