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**OUACHITA**  
BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



**NEWS**

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**Ouachita honors 293 graduates at 130<sup>th</sup> spring commencement**

*By Brooke Zimny*

May 16, 2016

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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University celebrated 293 graduates during its 130<sup>th</sup> spring commencement on Saturday, May 13, with university officials conferring Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Fine Arts and Associate of Arts degrees. Dr. Ben Sells, Ouachita president, presided over the annual commencement exercises.



Ouachita President Ben Sells presided over the ceremony. Photo by John Bunch.

“Class of 2017, congratulations!” Dr. Sells said in his commencement address. “You completed a rigorous liberal arts program. You studied with talented faculty and worked alongside committed staff. You served your classmates, your campus, your community. ... You worked hard. You had fun. You made lifelong friends. You are older and wiser. You finished. You are ready for service and success. We are proud of you!”

This year’s graduating class featured 135 honor graduates, including 25 who graduated *summa cum laude* with a grade point average of 3.95 or higher, 44 who graduated *magna cum laude* (3.75 GPA) and 66 who graduated *cum laude* (3.5 GPA). University officials also recognized 16 graduates who completed Ouachita’s Carl Goodson Honors Program and 30 members of the Alpha Chi national honor society.

“You will take Ouachita with you wherever you go,” Sells told the graduates. “Live out our Christ-centered vision and mission and live in the light of why Christians should be truly happy. As you do, you will find personal contentment, you will serve the common good and you will help advance the Kingdom.

“When we look at you – and remember all that you have done and consider all that you will do – it has been our privilege to live and learn with you,” Sells added. “Today our hearts are full. Our cups runneth over. We love you.”



Ouachita celebrated 293 graduates on May 13. Photo by John Bunch.

Senior Class President Jodie Webb, an elementary education major from Arlington, Tenn., led the commencement invocation. Scripture reading was led by three students from the Pruet School of Christian Studies: Mikala Butler, a Christian studies/Christian missions and sociology double major from Paragould, Ark.; Libby Hilliard, a biblical languages major from Van Buren, Ark.; and Emma Riley, a Christian studies/Christian ministries and biblical studies double major from Fort Smith, Ark.

Dr. Stan Poole, vice president for academic affairs, also recognized Ryan Alexander of Haysville, Kan., as the first graduate of Ouachita’s new fully online degree programs that were launched in 2015. Alexander began his college career at Ouachita in the 1990s and completed his Christian studies degree this year while serving as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in North Platte, Neb., and associational missions leader for the Oregon Trail Baptist Association.



Ryan Alexander was recognized as the first graduate of Ouachita's online degree programs. Photo by Andy Henderson.

"His diploma represents a historic milestone for Ouachita," Poole said. "We take great pride in awarding Ryan's diploma, which represents the completion of the work he started here 20 years ago."

Dr. Ray Granade, director of library services and professor of history, and Dr. Mike Reynolds, professor of kinesiology and leisure studies, served as commencement marshals. Honorary marshals were Dr. Joe Jeffers, professor emeritus of chemistry, and Julia Jones, assistant professor emerita of Spanish. who also were honored during the commencement ceremony along with Executive Secretary to the President Emerita Charolette Allison.

Allison, a former Ouachita student, has served in the president's office since 1986, working in the administrations of Dr. Daniel Grant, Dr. Ben Elrod, Dr. Andy Westmoreland, Dr. Rex Horne, Dr. Charles Wright and Dr. Ben Sells.

Dr. Jeffers has served at Ouachita since 1972. He has served since 2013 as the Charles S. and Elma Grey Goodwin Holt Professor of Chemistry and Pre-Medical Studies in the Patterson School of Natural Sciences. He previously served 10 years as the founding dean of the Patterson School and held the W.D. and Alice Burch Chair of Chemistry from 1995 to 2003. A 1966 Ouachita graduate, he holds his Ph.D. from Purdue University.

Julia Jones, a graduate of Henderson State University, has taught Spanish at Ouachita since 2001. She previously taught English and Spanish at several high schools throughout southwest Arkansas as well as at Rich Mountain Community College and Cossatot Community College.



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.

For a full list of students who were recognized at the May 13 ceremony as well as a video of the event, visit <https://www.obu.edu/news/2017/05/16/spring-commencement-2017/>.

Students who were recognized at the May 13 ceremony include the following, in order of hometown:

**Albuquerque, N.M.** – Daniella Brantley, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Speech Communication

**Alexander, Ark.** – Amber Easterly, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Marketing and Mass Communications

**Allen, Texas** – Jacob Hensarling, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Middle School Education; Kara Lindquist, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Missions and Christian Ministry

**Argyle, Texas** – Micah Lawler, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Ministry

**Arkadelphia, Ark.** – Jace Bradshaw, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Applied Physics, and Bachelor of Science, Biology and Chemistry; Camden Dwelle, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Biology and Chemistry and Mathematics; Mackenzie Echols, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Sociology; Dana Hamilton, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Joanna Horton, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Music and English; Katharine Kirby, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Marketing; Audrey Nisbet, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Graphic Design; Laura Prince, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Nutrition and Dietetics; Abby Root, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Speech/Theatre Arts and Education; Mary Rothwell, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Missions; Sam Roybal, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science; John Sivils, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, English; Valeria Torres, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Graphic Design and Psychology; Kaitlyn Towers, May 2017,

summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Biology; Nate Wallace, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications; Stephanie Westberg, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education; Caroline Winkler, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Biblical Studies and Mass Communications

**Ashdown, Ark.** – Houston Crow, Dec. 2016, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Biology; Brittany McElroy, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, History and Secondary Education

**Austin, Texas** – Kimberley Attaway, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Music Education, Choral; Marley Zochert, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

**Batesville, Ark.** – Katie Lewis, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Biology; Jayme Shell, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Fitness

**Bella Vista, Ark.** – Beth Crisler, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance

**Benton, Ark.** – Bekah Davis, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications; Jonathan Dixon, Dec. 2016, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology; Nick Hoffpauir, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting; Luke Jamison, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Jacob Jenkins, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Ministry; Hunter Johnson, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Biology; Sydney O'Neal, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Management; Kayla Payne, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Nathan Perry, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting; Marcus Rutherford, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy; Caleb Terry, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Finance; Ashley Wake, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Audrey Walley, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Management and Marketing

**Benton, La.** – Ethan Ward, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Media/Communications and Mass Communications

**Bentonville, Ark.** – Lauren Gilleran, Dec. 2016, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Kelsey Hogue, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences and Disorders and Spanish; Kate Lacina, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting

**Bessemer, Ala.** – Tavarus McIntosh, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Recreation and Sports Ministry

**Biscoe, Ark.** – Tyler White, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Biology

**Bismarck, Ark.** – Hayden Thornton, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics

**Blytheville, Ark.** – Ke'Vontae Pope, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Fitness

**Booneville, Ark.** – Tanner Fritsche, May 2017, Bachelor of Music Education, Choral

**Bossier City, La.** – Lauren Hutcheson, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Musical Theatre

**Broken Arrow, Okla.** – Lysie Church, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education

**Bryant, Ark.** – Collin Battaglia, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Biblical Studies and Christian Theology and Biblical Languages; Kelsey Bond, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications; Breanna Harris, Dec 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Biology; O'Dell Lee, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Finance

**Budva, Montenegro** – Vanja Bogetić, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Spanish, and Bachelor of Fine Arts, Musical Theatre

**Cabot, Ark.** – Christian Anderson, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Michael Calhoun, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Biblical Studies and Philosophy; Linda Copeland, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Ministry; Ashten Dean, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Recreation; Abby Roberts, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education; Sam Shull, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

**Camden, Ark.** – Brett James, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Sarah Jeffrey, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Evan Wheatley, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Music and Mass Communications

**Carrollton, Texas** – Becky Bloodworth, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Music Education, Instrumental; Spencer Soles, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Computer Science

**Celina, Texas** – Ian Craft, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications

**Clifton, Texas** – Zach Gloff, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Sport Management

**Columbia, Mo.** – Ruth Russell, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences and Disorders

**Conway, Ark.** – Lizzy Adams, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Grace Bezet, May 2017, Associate of Arts, General Studies; Cat Bumpers, May 2017, Associate of Arts, Christian Studies; Ryan

Bumpers, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting and Business Administration/Finance; Zach Bumpers, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting and Business Administration/Finance; Katlin Dixon, Dec. 2016, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Management and Marketing; Drew Dodge, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Abby Engelkes, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Biology; MK Freeman, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Fitness; Geoff Gough, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Finance; Will Henley, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Management; Brannon Kotch, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Fitness; Al Lashley, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy and Psychology; Sidney Meriweather, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Marketing; Adrian Pinkston, May 2017, Associate of Arts, Christian Studies; Alexa Reed, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education; Faith Reed, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Ministry; Tim Schwarz, May 2017, Associate of Arts, General Studies; Sarah Stevenson, Dec. 2016, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Biology; Jordan Williams, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education

**Cordova, Tenn.** – Elise Cobb, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, History and Mass Communications

**Dallas, Texas** – Taylor Rand, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications

**Denton, Texas** – Lance Cullum, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Management

**Dermott, Ark.** – Courtney Gibson, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Graphic Design

**DeWitt, Ark.** – Suzanna Rieves, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Media/Communications and Mass Communications

**El Dorado, Ark.** – Sarah Bolin, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Missions and Biblical Studies and Spanish; Samantha Griffin, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Finance and Business Administration/Marketing; Kelsey Harris, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting and Finance; Tyler Lewis, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Theatre Arts; Evan McKinnon, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting and Finance; Shelby Spears, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, English and Spanish

**Fate, Texas** – Collin Glaess, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Finance

**Fayetteville, Ark.** – Natalie Bingaman, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Samantha Burgess, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Missions and Sociology; Sarah Luttrell, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Biology; Talor Tartaglia, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Sociology

**Forney, Texas** – Madison Trussell, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Biology

**Fort Smith, Ark.** – Emma Riley, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Ministry and Biblical Studies; Tessa Woodcock, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Fitness

**Frisco, Texas** – Katie Cunningham, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, English and Secondary Education; Alexis Morgan, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Music Education, Choral; Jacob Sexton, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, English

**Garland, Texas** – Jordan Nixon, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics; Ben Patterson, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Recreation and Sports Ministry

**Graham, Texas** – Macy Nantz, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Fitness

**Grandview, Texas** – Jesse Bowron, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Theatre Arts

**Greenbrier, Ark.** – Kyle Ferguson, May 2017, Associate of Arts, General Studies

**Greenwood, Ark.** – Dalton King, May 2017, Bachelor of Music Education, Instrumental

**Gurdon, Ark.** – Dylan Watson, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Biblical Studies and Philosophy

**Haysville, Kan.** – Ryan Alexander, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies

**Heath, Texas** – Jarrod Collins, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Management and Entrepreneurship

**Heber Springs, Ark.** – Joshua Wilkinson, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Biblical Studies

**Hope, Ark.** – Sydney Santifer, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Psychology

**Hot Springs, Ark.** – Devin Austin, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Speech Communication and Political Science; Tye Boudra-Bland, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, History and Psychology; Kendra Caddell, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology; Jordan Cole, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business

Administration/Management; Ali Kinsey, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Management and Marketing and Mass Communications; Abbey Little, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications and Political Science; Emily Long, Dec. 2016, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Finance; Brandon Lovelady, May 2017, Bachelor of Music , Instrumental Performance; Elizabeth Standage, Aug 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Missions; Caroline Twyford, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences and Disorders and Spanish; Lainey Weatherford, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Angela Wilkinson, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting; Mariah Willis, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Biology and Psychology; Riley Wilson, Aug. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Leisure Studies Pre-Professional

**Houston, Texas** – Titus Brooks, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting; Taylor Campbell, Dec 2016, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Biology; Andrew Gendi, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science; Victoria Williams, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications

**Jacksonville, Ark.** – Jenna Martin, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Music

**Jersey, Ark.** – Hannah Wright, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, English

**Jessieville, Ark.** – Will Combs, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Physics

**Joinerville, Texas** – Justin Kelly, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

**Jonesboro, Ark.** – Drake Puryear, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Biology; Bret Sanders, May 2017, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Musical Theatre; Lauren Teague, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Graphic Design

**Junction City, Ark.** – Devin Ball, Aug. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Fitness; Will Houston, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Fitness

**Katy, Texas** – Kayla Golden, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Biology

**Keller, Texas** – Dillon Thomas, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Missions and Philosophy

**Kentwood, Mich.** – Dallas Sleeman, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Theatre Arts

**La Quinta, Calif.** – Andrew Gatlin, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, History and Political Science

**Lafayette, La.** – Dakota Skaggs, May 2017, Associate of Arts, General Studies

**Lavaca, Ark.** – Hunter Brown, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Musical Theatre

**Lewisville, Ark.** – Venesha Sasser, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Marketing

**Lewisville, Texas** – Ryan Hammer, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Finance and Business

Administration/Sport Management; Brandon Hom, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Fitness

**Lindale, Texas** – Blake Johnson, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Fitness

**Little Elm, Texas** – Shelby Sutton, May 2017, Bachelor of Music , Worship Arts

**Little Rock, Ark.** – Mari Bednar, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Nutrition and Dietetics; David Berete, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Marketing; Jennifer Bray, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Graphic Design; Téiana Carter, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Sociology; Caroline Dunlap, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Music , Piano Performance; Lindahl Freeze, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Sociology; Barrett Gay, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications; Lizzie Hall, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education and Spanish; Erin Jackson, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications; Hamilton Johnson, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Physics and Computer Science; Aaden Jones, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Musical Theatre; Megan Kelley, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education; Katie King, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Julie Marcks, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Haley Martin, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications; Mack McGehee III, Dec. 2016, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry; Taylor McKinney, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Music; Marissa Pilcher, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications and Spanish; Cliff Prather, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Cooper Wade, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Physics; McKenzie Wells, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education; Zack Willis, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Music

**Magnolia, Ark.** – Tanner Thomas, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Management

**Magnolia, Ark.** – Colt Thompson, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Colby Williamson, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Ministry



**Malvern, Ark.** – Grace Purifoy, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Christina Stephens-Kover, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Ministry; Austin Warford, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Fitness

**Maracaibo, Venezuela** – Estefanie Pérez Ferrer, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Finance and Management and Mass Communications

**Maumelle, Ark.** – Hannah Fender, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Musical Theatre; Reagan Rucker, Dec. 2016, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education; Jessica Saunders, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, History and English; Kali Tucker, May 2017, Associate of Arts, General Studies

**McKinney, Texas** – Stephen Frizzell, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Alyssa Johnston, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Finance and Marketing; Gideon Onguti, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Finance and Business Administration/Marketing; Lizzie Shelby, May 2017, Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance; Ryan Trayner, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Biology

**Memphis, Tenn.** – Jodie Webb, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education

**Midlothian, Texas** – Amanda Brooks, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Biology

**Milan, Mich.** – Nate Shrader, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

**Monticello, Ark.** – Kelsie Adcock, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences and Disorders

**Mound Valley, Kan.** – Hannah Pearce, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Middle School Education

**Mountain Home, Ark.** – Katie Kapler, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education; Megan Lorenz, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Recreation

**Nacogdoches, Texas** – Nathan Street, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Music and Business Administration/Finance

**Nashville, Ark.** – Chris Benson, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Management

**Neosho, Mo.** – Payne Hatter, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Management

**Norphlet, Ark.** – Weston Wills, May 2017, Bachelor of Music, Worship Arts

**North Little Rock, Ark.** – Halley Hill, May 2017, Associate of Arts, General Studies; Peyton Hutchins, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Danielle Jayroe, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education; Kayla Walker, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Musical Theatre; Justin Weigle, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting and Business Administration/Finance; Cimber Winfrey, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications

**North Richland Hills, Texas** – Colton Huie, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Marketing

**Olathe, Kan.** – Chris Chang, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting and Business Administration/Finance

**Osceola, Ark.** – Megan Archer, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education

**Paragould, Ark.** – Mikala Butler, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Missions and Sociology

**Paris, Texas** – Josh Kirby, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Recreation and Sports Ministry

**Paron, Ark.** – Claire Bishop, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting

**Plano, Texas** – Sarah Hill, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Missions and Biblical Studies; Carven Holcombe, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science; Nikki Ng, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Church Media/Production Arts

**Poplar Bluff, Mo.** – Nina Hefner, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, History and English

**Prairie Grove, Ark.** – Logan Bond, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Computer Science and Biology

**Prosper, Texas** – Haley Wilkerson, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Ministry and Mass Communications

**Redwater, Texas** – Whitney Willis, Dec. 2016, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Biology

**Richland Hills, Texas** – Damaris Garcia, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Missions

**Roanoke, Texas** – Nathan Anthony, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Biblical Studies

**Rogers, Ark.** – Emily Alderson, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Mathematics and Computer Science; Kaylee Bond, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics and Secondary Education; Jayme Lovelace, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, History; Emily Weeden, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Music, Worship Arts

**Roland, Ark.** – Conley Harrison, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Biology  
**Rowlett, Texas** – Brooke Legens, Aug. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Marketing; Anna LeTourneau, Dec. 2016, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Kacie Richards, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education  
**Royal, Ark.** – Taylor Graves, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology  
**Royse City, Texas** – Brook East, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology  
**Russellville, Ark.** – Andrea Ball, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Psychology; Ben Ball, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Finance; Seth Bubbus, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Finance; Will Hanna, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Biology  
**Ruston, La.** – Devin Price, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Biology  
**Santiago, Chile** – Angella Valencia, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Sociology and Spanish  
**Sao Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil** – Andre Stefano, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Management and Marketing  
**São Paulo, Brazil** – Camila Ferreira, Dec. 2016, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Leisure Studies Pre-Professional  
**Sapulpa, Okla.** – Becca Mattes, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Missions  
**Searcy, Ark.** – Taylor Rutherford, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Abigail Wise, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education  
**Sheridan, Ark.** – Robert DeSoto, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications and Spanish  
**Sherwood, Ark.** – Madison Foster-Watkins, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Missions; Brady Hibbs, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, History and Secondary Education  
**Siloam Springs, Ark.** – Brittany Engel, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education and Kinesiology/Teaching; Jacob Engel, Dec. 2016, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry  
**Smackover, Ark.** – Mariah Gough, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Biology and Kinesiology/Leisure Studies Pre-Professional  
**Southlake, Texas** – Meredith Ellis, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting  
**Spring, Texas** – Allison Clayton, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Middle School Education  
**Springdale, Ark.** – Blake Bowen, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Aaron Breeding, May 2017, Bachelor of Music Education, Instrumental; Staci Gore, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Finance and Business Administration/Management; Arden Hall, May 2017, Bachelor of Science, Applied Mathematics and Physics; Anna Holcomb, Dec. 2016, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Jason Potts, May 2017, Bachelor of Music, Instrumental Performance; Mitchell Richards, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Biology  
**St. Louis, Mo.** – Annie Lamers, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Kylie Toebben, May 2017, Associate of Arts, General Studies  
**Stuttgart, Ark.** – Haley Brown, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education; Mackenzie Daugherty, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Biology; Bobby Keller, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Recreation and Psychology  
**Sulphur Springs, Texas** – Hanna Schulz, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Missions and Biblical Studies and Spanish  
**Tangier, Morocco** – Dalal Salah, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting and Business Administration/Finance  
**Texarkana, Texas** – Kathryn Barfield, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Lauren Bradley, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Science, Nutrition and Dietetics; Alexandra Lawson, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting  
**Tupelo, Miss.** – Bryson Rial, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Leisure Studies Pre-Professional  
**Tyler, Texas** – Alyssa French, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education  
**Valley Mills, Texas** – Sarah Balch, May 2017, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Christian Studies/Christian Ministry  
**Valley View, Texas** – Logan Even, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology/Leisure Studies Pre-Professional

**Van Buren, Ark.** – Sarah Hays, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications; Libby Hilliard, May 2017, summa cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Biblical Languages; Wes Savage, May 2017, Bachelor of Music , Worship Arts

**Vilonia, Ark.** – Sammie Pascoe, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Biology and Spanish; Shane Starkey, Dec. 2016, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Sport Management and Marketing

**Waco, Texas** – Katy Alexander, May 2017, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology

**West Fork, Ark.** – Jed Beach, May 2017, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Management

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