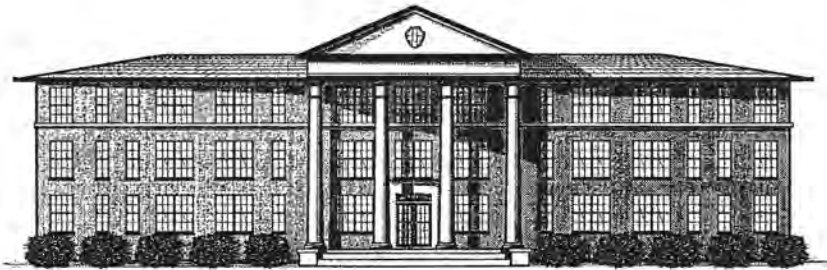




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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Cone-Bottoms Hall • May 13, 2017 • 9:30 a.m.

Ben R. Sells, Presiding

Processional

“Pomp and Circumstance”

Edward Elgar

Wind Ensemble

Craig V. Hamilton, Conductor

Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music and

Director of Bands

THE AUDIENCE IS INVITED TO REMAIN SEATED FOR THE PROCESSIONAL

Invocation

Jodie Gale Webb

Senior Class President

Recognitions

Ben R. Sells

President

Presentation of Emeritus Awards

Ben R. Sells

Scripture Reading

Mikala Marie Butler

Elizabeth Ellen Hilliard

Emma Kathleen Riley

University Hymn

“See God's Light”

Terry W. York & C. David Bolin

Gary Gerber, Director

Dean of the School of Fine Arts

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President's Remarks

Ben R. Sells

Conferring of Degrees

Stan Poole

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Responsive Reading

Danny Hays
Dean of the Pruet School of Christian Studies

Leader: "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever."

All: We give thanks and praise to God for His faithfulness to us, and for the blessings He has given us.

Faculty and Staff: We thank you, Lord, for giving us the privilege and the opportunity to influence the lives of these graduates. We thank you for the blessing they are to us, and for their lifelong impact for the sake of Your Kingdom.

Family and Friends: We thank you, Lord, for placing each of these special graduates in our lives. We are proud of their accomplishments, and we praise you for the joy they bring us.

Graduates: We thank you, Lord, for all of those who love, support, and encourage us. We are grateful for all they have done to help bring us to this significant milestone in our lives.

All: We thank you, Lord, for your goodness to us today and forever. Guide us to be faithful to you in all things.

Leader: "This is the day the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad."

Prayer of Dedication

Jay Heflin
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Alma Mater

"Ouachita"
W.L. Thickstun

Gary Gerber

Ouachita, we sing thy praises, thy beauty, thy pow'r, thy fame;
Each loyal heart upraises a cheer to thy glorious name.

O-U-A-C-H-I-T-A.

Here's good luck to Ouachita, may all her skies be gay,
Raise a cheer for Ouachita, a loud Hip, Hip, Hooray,
O-U-A-C-H-I-T-A.

Ouachita, thy sons and daughters will carry thy flag unfurled;
For none can e'er surpass thee, the queen of the college world.

O-U-A-C-H-I-T-A.

Here's good luck to Ouachita, may all her skies be gay,
Raise a cheer for Ouachita, a loud Hip, Hip, Hooray,
O-U-A-C-H-I-T-A.

Recessional

"Recessional"
James Ployhar

Wind Ensemble

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See God's Light OUACHITA

Terry W. York

C. David Bolin

See God's light of hope in dark - ness, then to wide, un - see - ing eyes,
 Take God's light in - to the dark - ness, take the light you have to share.
 Be the light of Christ in dark - ness, grow the gifts of peace and grace.
 Praise the Light that con - quers dark - ness; Light of Hea - ven, Light of Earth.

show the — light, if but a can - dle; show a sun a -
 Grasp the — need - y hand stretched t'ward — you, touch the Christ who
 Speak - ing — truth and liv - ing hum - bly, have Christ's heart, his
 Praise the — Light whose glow - ing gos - pel beams the truth of

bout to rise. See how God's light shines, Shines from this
 drew you there.
 hands, and face.
 hu - man worth.

light house; House of learn - ing, light — of love.

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Ouachita Baptist University gathers regularly as a community to mark significant moments in campus life, such as Fall Convocation and Spring Commencement. It is appropriate in these instances for the University to raise a unified voice to celebrate its commitments to faith and learning.

In 2008, President Rex M. Horne, Jr. initiated a process that led to the commissioning of a University hymn. After consultation among several members of the faculty and administration, an ad hoc committee comprised of Rob Hewell, Ian Cosh, and Deborah Root was appointed to oversee the project.

See God's Light features one stanza each focusing on the three words that appear in the University seal: vision (stanza one), service (stanza two), and integrity (stanza three). Stanza four is a summary proclamation of praise to God.

The text was written by Terry W. York, a hymnist, poet, author, and professor at Truett Seminary in Waco, Texas. The tune OUACHITA was written specifically for this text by C. David Bolin, a composer and minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Waco.

See God's Light was performed for the first time at the Spring Commencement ceremony on May 9, 2009.

Bachelor of Arts

- Joshua Davis Acock, Winsboro, TX, Christian Studies/Biblical Studies and Philosophy
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- Nathan Scott Anthony, Roanoke, TX, Christian Studies/Biblical Studies
- Megan Elizabeth Archer, Osceola, AR, Elementary Education
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- Sarah N. Balch, Valley Mills, TX, Christian Studies/Christian Ministry
- Benjamin Elijah Ball, Russellville, AR, Finance
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- Jedidiah James Taylor Beach, West Fork, AR, Business Administration/Management
- Christopher Rae Benson, Nashville, AR, Business Administration/Management
- Daouda Berete, Little Rock, AR, Business Administration/Marketing
- Natalie Kate Bingaman, Fayetteville, AR, Psychology
- Claire Ann-Marie Bishop, Paron, AR, Accounting
- Sarah Ann Bolin, El Dorado, AR, Christian Studies/Christian Missions and Biblical Studies and Spanish
- Kaylee Grace Bond, Rogers, AR, Mathematics and Secondary Education
- Kelsey Brooke Bond, Bryant, AR, Mass Communications
- Logan Thomas Bond, Prairie Grove, AR, Computer Science and Biology
- Tye Garrett Boudra-Bland, Hot Springs, AR, History and Psychology
- Blake Hamilton Bowen, Springdale, AR, Psychology
- Jesse Garrett Bowron, Grandview, TX, Theatre Arts
- Jace Caleb Bradshaw, Arkadelphia, AR, Applied Physics
- Daniella Rosina Brantley, Albuquerque, NM, Psychology and Speech Communication
- Jennifer Grace Bray, Little Rock, AR, Graphic Design
- Titus Philemon Brooks, Houston, TX, Accounting
- Haley Elizabeth Brown, Stuttgart, AR, Elementary Education
- Seth Andrew Bubbus, Russellville, AR, Finance
- Christopher Ryan Bumpers, Conway, AR, Accounting and Business Administration/Finance
- William Zachary Bumpers, Conway, AR, Accounting and Business Administration/Finance
- Samantha Nicole Burgess, Fayetteville, AR, Christian Studies/Christian Missions and Sociology
- Mikala Marie Butler, Paragould, AR, Christian Studies/Christian Missions and Sociology
- Kendra Ann Caddell, Hot Springs, AR, Sociology
- Michael Anthony Calhoun, Cabot, AR, Christian Studies/Biblical Studies and Philosophy
- Taylor Brooke Campbell, Houston, TX, Biology
- Téiana M. Carter, Little Rock, AR, Psychology and Sociology
- Christopher En How Chang, Olathe, KS, Accounting and Business Administration/Finance
- Lynsie Taylor Church, Broken Arrow, OK, Elementary Education
- Allison Danielle Clayton, Spring, TX, Middle School Education
- Elise Hunter Cobb, Cordova, TN, History and Mass Communications
- Jordan Daniel Cole, Hot Springs, AR, Business Administration/Management
- Jarrod Price Collins, Heath, TX, Business Administration/Management and Entrepreneurship
- Linda Copeland, Cabot, AR, Christian Studies/Christian Ministry
- Ian Nathaniel Craft, Celina, TX, Mass Communications
- Houston Cole Crow, Ashdown, AR, Biology
- Donald Lance Cullum, Denton, TX, Business Administration/Management
- Katie Lynn Cunningham, Frisco, TX, English and Secondary Education
- James Mackenzie Daugherty, Stuttgart, AR, Biology
- Rebekah Taylor Davis, Benton, AR, Mass Communications
- Ashten Elizabeth Dean, Cabot, AR, Kinesiology/Recreation
- Robert Price DeSoto, Sheridan, AR, Mass Communications and Spanish
- Jonathan Wesley Dixon, Benton, AR, Sociology
- Katlin Alaine Dixon, Conway, AR, Business Administration/Management and Marketing
- Andrew Benjamin Dodge, Conway, AR, Psychology
- Brooklynne Elizabeth East, Royse City, TX, Sociology
- Amber Nicole Easterly, Alexander, AR, Business Administration/Marketing and Mass Communications
- Mackenzie Jane Echols, Arkadelphia, AR, Psychology and Sociology
- Meredith Ashley Ellis, Southlake, TX, Accounting
- Brittany Holmes Engel, Siloam Springs, AR, Elementary Education and Kinesiology/Teaching
- Jacob Carson Engel, Siloam Springs, AR, Christian Studies/Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry
- Logan Ann Even, Valley View, TX, Kinesiology/Leisure Studies Pre-Professional
- Camila Alves Ferreira, São Paulo, Brazil, Kinesiology/Leisure Studies Pre-Professional
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- Mary Katherine Freeman, Conway, AR, Kinesiology/Fitness
- Lindah Malcom Freeze, Little Rock, AR, Psychology and Sociology
- Alyssa Leigh French, Tyler, TX, Elementary Education
- Stephen Doyle Frizzell, McKinney, TX, Psychology

Damaris Micaela Garcia, Richland Hills, TX, Christian Studies/
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Barrett Christian Gay, Little Rock, AR, Mass Communications

Andrew Wagih Gendi, Houston, TX, Political Science

Courtney Cliburn Gibson, Dermott, AR, Graphic Design

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Secondary Education

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Missions and Biblical Studies

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 Taylor Alexandria Rand, Dallas, TX, Mass Communications
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 Pre-Professional
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 Abby Lynn Roberts, Cabot, AR, Elementary Education
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 and Education
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 and Disorders
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 Audrey Nicole Walley, Benton, AR, Business Administration/
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 Ethan Glen Ward, Benton, LA, Christian Media/
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 Dylan Blake Watson, Gurdon, AR, Christian Studies/Biblical
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Andrea Denise Ball, Russellville, AR, Psychology
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Conley Michele Harrison, Roland, AR, Biology
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Brett Ruston James, Camden, AR, Biology
Luke Aaron Jamison, Benton, AR, Biology
Hamilton Edward Johnson, Little Rock, AR, Physics and
Computer Science
Kathryn Annelle King, Little Rock, AR, Biology
James Jordan Malatesta, White Hall, AR, Biology
Julie Elizabeth Marcks, Little Rock, AR, Biology
Kayla Morgan Payne, Benton, AR, Biology
Cliff Michael Prather, Little Rock, AR, Biology
Devin Christopher Price, Ruston, LA, Biology
Laura Katherine Prince, Arkadelphia, AR, Nutrition and
Dietetics
Mitchell Allen Richards, Springdale, AR, Biology
Taylor Justine Rutherford, Searcy, AR, Biology
Sydney Vaughan Santifer, Hope, AR, Psychology
Colt Byron Thompson, Magnolia, AR, Biology
Ryan Daniel Trayner, McKinney, TX, Biology
Denim Delainey Weatherford, Hot Springs, AR, Biology
Tyler Parker White, Biscoe, AR, Biology
Whitney Lee Willis, Redwater, TX, Biology

Bachelor of Music

Elizabeth June Crisler, Bella Vista, AR, Vocal Performance
Caroline Elizabeth Dunlap, Little Rock, AR, Piano Performance
Brandon Jon-Michael Lovelady, Hot Springs, AR, Instrumental Performance
Jason Michael Potts, Springdale, AR, Instrumental Performance

Kurt Wesley Savage, Van Buren, AR, Worship Arts
Elizabeth Rose Shelby, McKinney, TX, Vocal Performance
Shelby Suzanne Sutton, Little Elm, TX, Worship Arts
Emily Anne Weeden, Rogers, AR, Worship Arts
Weston Trevor Wills, Norphlet, AR, Worship Arts

Bachelor of Music Education

Kimberley Kathryn Attaway, Austin, TX, Choral
Rebecca Lynn Bloodworth, Carrollton, TX, Instrumental
Aaron Royce Breeding, Springdale, AR, Instrumental

Tanner Ray Fritsche, Booneville, AR, Choral
Brian Dalton King, Greenwood, AR, Instrumental
Alexis Ann Morgan, Frisco, TX, Choral

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Hannah Marie Courtney Fender, Maumelle, AR, Musical Theatre
Lauren Paige Hutcheson, Bossier City, LA, Musical Theatre
Aaron Aaden Jones, Little Rock, AR, Musical Theatre

Bret Lauren Sanders, Jonesboro, AR, Musical Theatre
Kayla Renee Walker, North Little Rock, AR, Musical Theatre

Associate of Arts

Hannah Grace Bezet, Conway, AR, General Studies
Catherine Nicole Bumpers, Conway, AR, Christian Studies
Brandon Kyle Ferguson, Greenbrier, AR, General Studies
Halley Christian Hill, North Little Rock, AR, General Studies
Adrian Jaycie Pinkston, Conway, AR, Christian Studies

Timothy James Schwarz, Conway, AR, General Studies
Dakota Dedon Skaggs, Lafayette, LA, General Studies
Kylie Nicole Toebben, St. Louis, MO, General Studies
Kali Ne'Cole Tucker, Maumelle, AR, General Studies

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Bachelor of Arts

Devin P. Ball, Junction City, AR, Kinesiology/Fitness
Vanja Bogetić, Budva, Montenegro, Spanish
Blake Allen Johnson, Lindale, TX, Kinesiology/Fitness
Brooke Ryan Legens, Rowlett, TX, Business Administration/
Marketing

Haley Elizabeth Martin, Little Rock, AR, Mass
Communications
Elizabeth Roane Standage, Hot Springs, AR, Christian Studies/
Christian Missions

Bachelor of Science

Justin Ray Kelly, Joinerville, TX, Computer Science

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Vanja Bogetić, Budva, Montenegro, Musical Theatre

Hunter Mackenzie Brown, Lavaca, AR, Musical Theatre

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Logan Thomas Bond
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Evan Wade Wheatley
Hannah Grace Wright

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Jace Caleb Bradshaw	Abby Lynn Roberts
Samantha Nicole Burgess	Mary Abigail Root
Mikala Marie Butler	Shelby Wayne Spears
Caroline Elizabeth Dunlap	Sarah Allene Stevenson
David Camden Dwelle	Dylan Blake Watson
Barrett Christian Gay	Emily Anne Weeden
Elizabeth Ann Hall	Stephanie Michelle Westberg
Elizabeth Ellen Hilliard	Evan Wade Wheatley
Joanna Lane Horton	Whitney Lee Willis
Hamilton Edward Johnson	Caroline Hope Poole Winkler

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Collin Christian Battaglia
Jace Caleb Bradshaw
Christopher Ryan Bumpers
William Zachary Bumpers
Samantha Nicole Burgess

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Caroline Elizabeth Dunlap
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Ali Elizabeth Kinsey
Emily Diane Knocke
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Emma Kathleen Riley
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Mary Abigail Root
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Logan Thomas Bond
Jesse Garrett Bowron
Michael Anthony Calhoun
Houston Cole Crow
Robert Price DeSoto
Brooklynne Elizabeth East
Brittany Holmes Engel
Abby Taylor Engelkes

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Collin Wayne Glaess
Dana Michelle Hamilton
Nina Topper Hefner
Anna Rachel Holcomb
Brandon Christopher Hom
Lauren Paige Hutcheson
Erin Elizabeth Jackson
Brett Ruston James
Sarah Anne Jeffrey
Katherine Lee Kapler

Joshua Caleb Kirby
Emily Mae Long
James Jordan Malatesta
Julie Elizabeth Marcks
Evan Wyatt McKinnon
Sidney Beth Meriweather
Estefanie Raquel Pérez Ferrer
Alexa Michelle Reed
Jessica Lauren Saunders
Jayme Victoria Shell
John Allyn Sivils

Sarah Allene Stevenson
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Kathryn Elizabeth Barfield
Rebecca Lynn Bloodworth
Kaylee Grace Bond
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Alex Lauren Bradley
Daniella Rosina Brantley
Jennifer Grace Bray
Taylor Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth June Crisler
Katie Lynn Cunningham
Jonathan Wesley Dixon
Katlin Alaine Dixon
Andrew Benjamin Dodge
Meredith Ashley Ellis

Jacob Carson Engel
Hannah Marie Courtney Fender
Courtney Cliburn Gibson
Lauren S. Gilleran
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OUACHITA AT A GLANCE

Ouachita has served for 131 years as a private Christian liberal arts university. Founded in Arkadelphia, Ark., in 1886, Ouachita is affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Our current enrollment of 1,517 students includes 64% of students from Arkansas, 23% from Texas, 10% from other states and 3% from more than 30 nations.

At Ouachita Baptist University, we aspire to be:

- unashamedly Christian and unapologetically academic;
- relationally invested in the whole person development of our students; and
- intentionally focused on fostering a highly residential campus community that prepares our graduates to impact their world in their generation for the Kingdom of God and the common good.

Academic Difference

Profile: The average ACT score for our 2016 freshman cohort was 24.3 compared to a national ACT average of 20.8 and a state average of 20.2. Ouachita currently has 84 Governor's Distinguished Scholars and 14 National Merit Finalists enrolled.

Graduation: Our most recent graduation rate is 70.44%, the second highest graduation rate among all colleges and universities in Arkansas.

Placement: Among our most recent graduates, 93% were employed or accepted to graduate school within six months of graduation.

Programs: Ouachita focuses on academic excellence in seven schools: Business, Christian Studies, Education, Fine Arts, Humanities, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences.

- Top majors based on enrollment are business, Christian studies, biology, communications, elementary education, music and psychology.
- New fields of study include majors in biophysics, community & family services and public history as well as an emphasis in entrepreneurship.
- Ouachita offers an accelerated three-year Biomedical Scholars Program.

Personal Difference

Faculty: Ouachita has 111 full-time faculty members with 86% holding terminal degrees and a student-to-faculty ratio of 13:1 which allows our students to get to know their professors on a personal level as mentors and role models.

Staff: There are 200 full-time staff members, which is a 2:1 ratio of staff to faculty, well below the national average of 3:1 among private institutions; Ouachita is lean and effective in its operation.

Service: During the past academic year, Ouachita students, faculty and staff logged 49,000 hours in volunteer service projects locally, nationally and globally. For our approximately 1,500 students and 300 faculty and staff, the total equals 27 hours per person.

Spirit: Ouachita has been named the top college in the nation in school spirit, according to *Forbes'* 2016 #MyTopCollege social media competition.

Athletics: While Ouachita has the smallest enrollment among the Great American Conference's 12 member schools, the Tigers are strongly competitive. Ouachita fields 14 intercollegiate teams (7 for women and 7 for men) in NCAA Division II.

National Rankings

- *U.S. News & World Report* top tier of "Best National Liberal Arts Colleges" for six years in a row
- *Forbes'* "America's Top Colleges" for eight years in a row
- *USAToday/CollegeFactual.com* ranked top 5% nationally as "Best for the Money"
- *Niche.com* as the top private university in Arkansas for 2016-17

OUACHITA COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Commencement is an important ceremony in the lives of Ouachita graduates and faculty because it symbolizes the completion of a primary mission of the University, the awarding of academic degrees. Because of the significance of the occasion, it is requested that appropriate respect for the dignity of the ceremony be maintained by all in attendance.

Academic Regalia

The academic regalia worn by faculty and students during Commencement exercises originated in the Middle Ages when a warm gown and hood were essential in unheated buildings. The colors displayed on the academic costume signify different degrees, academic disciplines, and school colors. The border of the hood indicates the academic discipline in which one's highest degree has been earned; the lining indicates the degree-granting institution by its color. Faculty holding doctoral degrees have velvet stripes down the front of the gown, and in most cases, three velvet stripes on each sleeve. Examples of traditional academic colors follow.

White:	arts and letters	Light Brown:	business
Scarlet:	theology	Light Blue:	education
Dark Blue:	philosophy	Purple:	law
Pink:	music	Green:	medicine
Yellow:	science		

Presidential Regalia

The President of the University wears two special emblems during Commencement ceremonies and other special events. The Presidential Medallion, donated by the faculty in 1970 for the inauguration of Ouachita's 12th President, Dr. Daniel R. Grant, is crafted in gold with images of an open Bible and a flaming torch, symbolic of the purposes of the University. The Chain of Office was donated by the Administrative Council for the inauguration of Dr. Andrew Westmoreland in 1998. The chain features gold banners that bear the names and terms of office of all 16 Ouachita presidents.

Ceremonial Mace

A ceremonial mace is used during all Ouachita Commencements. The mace, styled after the weapon of the Middle Ages, is a symbol of the authority vested in the University, its officers, and faculty. The Ouachita mace was prepared from wood saved from Old Main, which served as the University's primary classroom and office building from its construction in 1889 until it was destroyed by fire in 1949. The mace is carried by the Commencement Marshal who leads the procession of graduates. This year, the mace will be carried by Dr. Michael E. Reynolds, Professor of Kinesiology and Leisure Studies.

Inaugural Baccalaureate Address

The baccalaureate address at the first graduation exercises for Ouachita Baptist College on June 13, 1888, was delivered by the founding president, Dr. John W. Conger. In recognition of the university's ongoing commitment to its mission, a copy of Dr. Conger's address is included in the Commencement processional. It is carried by a senior member of the Ouachita faculty, who serves as a Commencement Marshal. This year, that faculty member is Dr. Samuel Ray Granade, Director of Library Services and Professor of History.

Recognizing Graduates

As the President of the University confers the appropriate degrees, the mortar board tassel is moved to the left side, a symbol of having attained the status of graduated scholar. Family and friends of each graduate are encouraged to stand as the diploma is presented individually by the President.

Honor Graduates

Honor graduates are recognized during the presentation of diplomas according to the following categories.

cum laude (with honors): 3.500 grade point average

magna cum laude (with high honors): 3.750 grade point average

summa cum laude (with highest honors): 3.950 grade point average

Summa cum laude graduates wear distinctive gold medallions indicating the attainment of highest academic honors. *Magna cum laude* graduates wear gold braids. *Cum laude* graduates wear purple braids.

The gold stole worn by some graduates signifies successful completion of the Carl Goodson Honors Program.

Blue and green braids are worn by members of Alpha Chi, a national honor society that recognizes academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students.

University Seal

Ouachita proudly displays a university seal to illustrate its role in higher education and its commitment to the work of the Kingdom of God. The circular shape of the seal is traditional but also serves as a reminder of athletics traditions, *The Ouachita Circle* alumni magazine, and the family spirit of the Ouachita community. The outer circle highlights Ouachita's founding and service for the past 131 years. The inner circle states the fundamental values of the university: vision, integrity, and service. The shield contains elements that, like a family coat-of-arms, define the Ouachita experience: the bar across the center (or fess) symbolizes an emphasis on service; the torch stands for the pursuit of truth in learning; and the cross represents the Christian foundation that sustains the institution.

OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

VISION, MISSION & VALUES

Vision

Ouachita Baptist University seeks to foster a love of God and a love of learning by creating for students and other constituents dynamic growth opportunities both on campus and throughout the world. With foresight and faithfulness, Ouachita makes a difference.

Mission

Ouachita Baptist University is a Christ-centered learning community. Embracing the liberal arts tradition, the university prepares individuals for ongoing intellectual and spiritual growth, lives of meaningful work, and reasoned engagement with the world.

Values

Ouachita strives to be an academic community of vision, integrity, and service grounded in the following values:

Faith. We believe that life is lived most abundantly in response to the love of God through Jesus Christ.

Scholarship. We advance excellence in teaching, learning, research, and creative expression.

Growth. We foster broad-based education, encouraging growth in intellectual, spiritual, physical, and social domains.

Character. We affirm that respect and honesty undergird responsible citizenship and stewardship.

Community. We promote a vibrant community strengthened by diversity, sustained by common aims and supportive relationships, and committed to leadership and service on campus and beyond.

