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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University has earned the honor of attaining the top university graduation rate in Arkansas, according to the latest data compiled by the National Center for Education Statistics. The report follows other recent recognitions, including Ouachita being ranked as the No. 1 private university in Arkansas by Niche.com.

Graduation rates are among the top indicators to evaluate a university's quality and educational impact for the benefit of students. Ouachita's graduation rate of 70 percent is the highest among all 22 of Arkansas' institutions of higher education, both private and public, that grant baccalaureate degrees. Ouachita is one of only five universities in the state with a graduation rate above 50 percent.

Along with Ouachita's leading graduation rate, more than nine out of 10 of those graduates either have a job or are accepted to graduate school within six months of graduation from Ouachita.

"The high graduation and placement rates, a 17.9 percent increase in first-time freshmen and a focus on affordability that attracts many first-generation college students are strong indicators that Ouachita is rising, moving from strength to strength," said Ouachita President Ben Sells. "These milestones are a reflection of the dedicated efforts of our faculty, staff and students to pursue academic excellence in a Christ-centered learning community."

The National Center for Education Statistics is the primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education. It is part of the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Educational Sciences which is the nation's leading source for independent education research, evaluation and statistics. Additional data is available from the NCES College Navigator site at nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator.

Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., is in its 132nd year as a leading Christian liberal arts university. For more information, call 1-800-DIAL-OBU or visit www.obu.edu.

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