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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. – Ouachita Baptist University students recently were honored at the university's 2018 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.

Hannah Hines, a musical theatre and mass communications double major from Russellville, Ark., was awarded Ouachita's highest academic honor as the university's Overall Academic Achiever and also was named top academic achiever in the School of Fine Arts. She also was honored with the William D. Downs Outstanding Mass Communications Graduate Award and was recognized as a Carl Goodson Honors Program Blue Ribbon Finisher.

Ouachita's Senior Outstanding Man is Matt Savage, a biomedical sciences major from Arkadelphia, Ark. Ouachita's Senior Outstanding Woman is Hannah Bunch, a history and political science double major from Paragould, Ark. These honors are selected by Ouachita's faculty and staff.

Other top academic achievers in each school include:

- **Hickingbotham School of Business** – Victoria White, a senior accounting major from Powderly, Texas
- **Pruet School of Christian Studies** – Ashley Sharpe, a senior Christian studies/Christian missions and Christian theology double emphasis from Houston, Texas. Sharpe also earned the Outstanding Student in Christian Missions award, the Don Harbuck Award for Excellence in Philosophy and the Preben Vang Award for Christian Theological Studies and was recognized as a Carl Goodson Honors Program Blue Ribbon Finisher.
- **Huckabee School of Education** – Baylee McBride, a senior biology and kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies double major from Hooks, Texas. McBride also earned the Outstanding Kinesiology & Leisure Studies Pre-Professional Studies Award.
- **School of Humanities** – Katie Smith, a senior mass communications and accounting double major from Shreveport, La. Smith also earned the Margaret Wright Outstanding Senior in Accounting Award.
- **Patterson School of Natural Sciences** – Katie Dreher, a senior biology major from Little Rock, Ark. Dreher also earned the Outstanding Senior in Biology Award.
- **Sutton School of Social Sciences** – Ben Cockrell, a senior political science and social justice double major from Camp Hill, Pa. Cockrell also earned the Bob Riley Outstanding Graduate in Political Science Award.

The Mrs. J.R. Grant Endowed Award for freshman and senior female students went to Reagan Pyle and Lindsey (Johnson) Edwards, respectively. Pyle is a freshman communications and media and graphic design double major from Argyle, Texas, and Edwards is a senior Christian studies/Biblical studies major from Sherman, Texas. Edwards also received the Outstanding Student in Biblical Studies award and the Old Testament Hebrew Award.

Mrs. Betty Oliver Grant Endowed Awards for sophomore and junior female students went to Seigen Nichols and Julia Williams, respectively. Nichols is a sophomore Christian studies/Christian ministries and

business administration/entrepreneurship double major from Forest Hill, La., and Williams is a junior mass communications and political science double major from Arkadelphia, Ark. Williams also received the Matt Turner Outstanding Junior Mass Communications Major Award.

Dr. Rachel Pool, assistant professor of education, was named by students as the Lavell Cole Most Inspirational Professor.

The Rotary Club Service-Above-Self Award was presented to Teresa Workman, a sophomore elementary education major from Fort Worth, Texas.

Individuals honored by the Carl Goodson Honors Program and Ouachita's seven academic schools include:

CARL GOODSON HONORS PROGRAM

- Ben Elrod Scholar: Abigail Richett
- Carl Goodson Scholar: Evan Nelson
- Garrett Ham Scholar: Cole Jester, Colton Sims
- Honors Council Scholars: Carrie Hill, Brittany Parker, Austin Sowerbutts

- Blue Ribbon Finishers: Amanda Abbud, Alex Abbott, Mattie Alexander, Victoria Anderson, Allison Austin, Rachel Bacon, Briley Baird, Taylor Bascue, Kristina Beall, Emily Bradley, Addison Bostian, Kori Bullard, Callie Clement, Alyson Cole, Seth Daniell, Elizabeth Fast, Alex Gianelloni, Chris Godwin, Alicia Hamilton, Kelsey Harrison, Hannah Hart, Morgan Howard, Victoria Lackey, Andrew Martin, Kinsey Nelson, Krystal Parker, Shelby Reams, Kaylie Roberts, Ashley Sharpe, Kacy Earnest-Spears, Alexa Spinks, Kaitlyn Thomas, Cody Thompson, Logan Turner, Anna Joie Valdez, Hope Wakeling, Aaron Woodall, Cassie Young
- Most Valuable Professor: Nathan Reyna, Johnny Wink

HICKINGBOTHAM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

- Dr. Lera Kelly Outstanding Senior in Business Administration Award: Brian Krikorian
- Margaret Wright Outstanding Senior in Accounting Award: Sarah Coles
- Eddie Ary Outstanding Senior in Finance Award: Chandler Blake
- Johnny Heflin Excellence in Leadership & Academics Award: Chris Clark
- Outstanding Business Scholar Athlete: John Franklin Matros, Morgan Miller

PRUET SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

- Andrew & Harriet Grant Hall Sophomore Ministerial Award: Elise Nelson
- Outstanding Student in Christian Ministries: Sarah Shepard
- Outstanding Student in Christian Missions: Kristopher Torres
- Preben Vang Award for Christian Theological Studies: Sarah Shepard
- Elementary Hebrew Award: Colton Sims
- Zondervan Elementary Greek Award: Davis Wadley
- Robert Stagg New Testament Greek Award: Kristopher Torres
- Outstanding Student at New Life Church Award: Kathleen Lopez, Madison Heller

HUCKABEE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

- Alice Searcy Award: Jonathan Rubin
- Outstanding Current Education Sophomores: Gracen Seabaugh (Elementary), Bethany Stewart (Middle), Caroline Sweet (Secondary), David Hudson (K-12)
- Sylvia Gates Webb Award: Natalie Jackson
- Maude Wright Memorial Award: Abby Richett
- Phi Delta Kappa Teachers in Training: Hailee Lanier (Elementary), Addison Crow (Secondary), Rachel Clifton (K-12)
- Charles Chambliss Distinguished Educator Award: Luke Dawson

- Bob Gravett Outstanding Kinesiology & Leisure Studies Teaching Award: Andrew Steely
- Tona Wright Outstanding Kinesiology & Leisure Studies Fitness Award: Luke Holt
- Outstanding Kinesiology & Leisure Studies Recreation Award: Morgan Baugh
- Outstanding Kinesiology & Leisure Studies Pre-Professional Studies Award: Kinsey Nelson
- Outstanding Kinesiology & Leisure Studies Recreation & Sports Ministry Award: Garrett Logan

SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

- Francie Phelan Outstanding Senior – Graphic Design: Chad Satchell
- Raybon-Berry Outstanding Freshman Visual Arts Major: Grace Tally
- Russell Shad Memorial Art Award for Outstanding Junior: Carrie Hill
- Theatre Arts Outstanding Student Award – Freshman: Abi Anderson
- Theatre Arts Outstanding Student Award – Junior: Lauren Terry
- Alpha Psi Omega Senior Award: Nadalie Gill, Michael Pere
- Sigma Alpha Iota College Honor Award: Emily Cooper, Hayley Morrison
- Sigma Alpha Iota Scholarship Award: Allison Austin, Emily Cooper
- The Presser Scholar: Hannah Saunders
- Rachel Fuller Scholarship: Marcy Nelson
- James Harrison Scholarship: JD Sanders
- Friends of Fine Art Scholar – Art: Abby Leal
- Friends of Fine Art Scholar – Instrumental: Cayli Campbell
- Friends of Fine Art Scholar – Piano: Sean Carney
- Friends of Fine Art Scholar – Theatre: David Hudson
- Friends of Fine Art Scholar – Voice: Bonnie Gentry

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

- Outstanding Senior English Major: Braeden Gregg
- Outstanding Junior Louise Searcy Bennett Scholarship Award: Aaron East
- Outstanding Sophomore Herman Sandford Scholarship Award: Abigail Morse
- The Sharpest Speer Award: Braeden Gregg
- Outstanding Junior Spanish Major: Hannah Rogers
- Outstanding Sophomore Spanish Major: Brooke Sanderford
- Outstanding Student in Latin: Morgan Howard
- El Tigre Award: Taylor Lockart
- Outstanding Student in German: Kinnon Dodson
- Outstanding Student in Russian: Susanna Frith
- Bill & Vera Downs Outstanding Sophomore Mass Communications Student Award: Ethan Dial
- Roy Buckelew Outstanding Speech Major Award: Taryn Bailey
- Publications Awards: Taryn Bailey (*Ouachitonian*), Katie Kemp (*Signal*), Ethan Dial (Online Signal), Andy Henderson (Photo Lab), Kevin Barnard (Video Production)

J. D. PATTERSON SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES

- Outstanding Freshman Biology Award: Jordan Gills
- Richard H. Brown Biology Award: Dillon Wester
- Outstanding Dietetics & Nutrition Award: Gail Lange-Smith
- Freshman Chemistry Award: Travis Hankins
- Ethel & Nell Mondy and E.A. Provine Scholar: Sally Owens
- Outstanding Graduate in Chemistry: Nicholas Kowalkowski
- Harvey Research Award: Nicholas Kowalkowski
- Rowland Memorial Award, Outstanding Senior – Math Education: Luke Dawson
- Rowland Memorial Award, Outstanding Senior – Computer Science: Aitor Breton
- Rowland Memorial Award, Outstanding Senior – Physics: Seth Fox
- Rowland Memorial Award, Academic Excellence – Mathematics: Andrew Crook

- Rowland Memorial Award, Academic Excellence – Math Education: Grace Kemp
- Rowland Memorial Award, Academic Excellence – Physics: Justin Gooseberry
- Mathematics Ambassador Award: Mattie Couch
- Hannah Joy Sullivan Award: Susanna Schleiff

W. H. SUTTON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Everett Slavens Award to Outstanding Sophomore: Austin Clements
- Lavell Cole Award to Outstanding Future Teacher: Hayley Whitworth
- Fran Coulter Award to Outstanding Junior: Annie Phillips
- R. C. Daily Award to Outstanding Senior: Cassie Young
- Phi Alpha Theta Award for Outstanding Research Paper: Wes Oliver
- Curtis Echols Lion's Club Scholarship: Sierra Westburg
- Psychology Faculty Award: Sadie Prejean
- Zeitgeist Award: Lesley Howard
- Weldon Vogt Outstanding Psychology Senior Award: Lindsey Swafford
- Outstanding Junior Sociology Award: Beth Naylor
- Outstanding Graduating Senior Sociology Award: Emily Cooper