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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Spring 2020 enrollment for Ouachita Baptist University's residential campus reached an eight-year high of 1,140 this spring. It is a 4.3% increase from spring 2019 and is the university's highest spring enrollment since 2012.

This follows the third consecutive year of fall enrollment growth for the residential campus. Ouachita's fall enrollment, posted in August 2019, was 1,506, a 1% increase from 1,492 in fall 2018.

"We're pleased to see continued enrollment growth at Ouachita," said Dr. Ben Sells, Ouachita president. "Strong enrollment lends credibility to Ouachita's recognition by Niche.com as '#1 Best Value' among universities in Arkansas and is an affirmation of the dedication of our faculty and staff to the student experience."

The university attributes the enrollment gains to increasing numbers of new students, including transfer students and strong student retention.

Ouachita Baptist University, a private liberal arts university in Arkadelphia, Ark., is in its 133rd year as a Christ-centered learning community. Its seven academic schools include business, Christian studies, education, fine arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. For more information, visit www.obu.edu or call 800-DIAL-OBU.

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