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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.— Ouachita Baptist University has recognized 296 students in its 133rd graduating class, which earned Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music Education and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees.

Ouachita's May 2020, December 2019 and August 2019 graduates, whose May 9 commencement ceremony was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as forthcoming August 2020 graduates, have been invited to return to campus for a commencement ceremony on Oct. 10, 2020. Ouachita honored graduates on the original commencement date by hanging its purple, ceremonial banners on the front of Cone-Bottoms Hall.

This year's graduating class featured 167 honor graduates, including 32 who graduated *summa cum laude* with a grade point average of 3.95 or higher (16 of those graduated with a 4.0 GPA); 74 who

graduated *magna cum laude* (3.75 GPA); and 61 who graduated *cum laude* (3.5 GPA). There were also 32 graduates who completed Ouachita's Carl Goodson Honors Program.

In a video posted on Ouachita's social media platforms on May 9, President Dr. Ben Sells and his wife, Lisa, shared encouragement and personal reflections with the Class of 2020. The Sells moved to Arkadelphia in 2016 and began their tenure at Ouachita the same year this class was beginning their freshman year.

"We have a special relationship with the Class of 2020 because we started together," Ben said. "I was the new president, and Lisa and I were new to Ouachita. We've all done so much together, and I want to thank you for your good will and flexibility during the last few months. We have missed seeing you on campus.

"Four years ago, we talked about this date, May 9," he continued, "and we look forward to commencement in the fall. But we want to take this moment today to share some reflections from the past four years, and some pictures of your time here, to honor you."

"At your New Beginnings ceremony, your names were read out loud, and all of us gathered together and prayed for you as you began your college career, and now here we are at the end of it," Lisa said. "We just want you to know that even as that day we held you in our heart and prayers, we're doing that as well again today."

Ouachita Baptist University, a leading liberal arts university in Arkadelphia, Ark., is entering its 134th year as a Christ-centered learning community. It is ranked the No. 1 "Best Value College" in Arkansas by Niche.com and the No. 2 Regional College in the South by *U.S. News & World Report*. The university has an average student/faculty ratio of 13:1 and has a 99% career outcomes rate for its graduates. Its seven academic schools include business, Christian studies, education, fine arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences.

Ouachita's May 2020, December 2019 and August 2019 graduates include the following, in order of hometown:

Alexander, Ark. – Hannah Hill graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre.

Alexandria, La. – Grayson Craig graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry and sociology; Megan Taylor graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian missions and Christian ministry.

Allen, Texas – Katie Crouse graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/sports media; Jess Thomas graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biblical languages and Christian studies/biblical studies.

Altoona, Iowa – Sarah Carnahan graduated December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history.

Alvin, Texas – Erin Webster graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Anna, Texas – Grace Kemp graduated *summa cum laude* December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics and secondary education.

Arkadelphia, Ark. – Kinnon Dodson graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies; Trace Fryar III graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Addy Goodman graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/communication studies and political science; Parker Henley graduated *cum*

laude December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and biology; Logan Huneycutt graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/sport management; Anthony Jenkins Jr. graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology; Brandon Matros graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Johnathan Miles graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics; Mattie Motl graduated *summa cum laude* December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English; Tyler Sanders graduated August 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry; Susanna Schleiff graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in environmental studies; Denis Sullins graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing; Madeline Wallace graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition and dietetics.

Arlington, Tenn. – Justin Webb graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology/recreation and sports administration.

Arlington, Texas – Bonnie Gentry graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Music degree in musical theatre.

Ashdown, Ark. – Kyle Burrow graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history; Jammie Cush graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and sociology.

Augusta, Ark. – Lee Grisham Jr. graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics.

Austin, Texas – Alyssa Hardan graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

Baton Rouge, La. – Tyler Coleman graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Bearden, Ark. – Naya Young graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology.

Bedford, Texas – Chandler Killian graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/sport management.

Bee Branch, Ark. – Beau Pennington graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences.

Beebe, Ark. – Paige Wright graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and political science

Beijing, China – David Zhang graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition and dietetics.

Benton, Ark. – Lila Buchanan graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology; Joy Estes graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art; Gunner Hopman graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications; Emily Johnson graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre; Tiffany Koba graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Catherine Lyp graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications; Jeremy McGee graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Justin McGee graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and biomedical sciences; Jackson Oulch graduated December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry; Barrett Pfeiffer graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications and visual media & film; Alex Terry graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Ashlynn Walton graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in

mathematics, secondary education and Spanish; Caleb Webb graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science.

Benton, La. – Madison Burch graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry.

Bentonville, Ark. – Madison Brittain graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Madison Hale graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing; Emily Siemens graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre.

Bismarck, Ark. – Markie Campbell graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition and dietetics.

Blytheville, Ark. – Matt Burnham graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Bowie, Md. – Jhonika Wright graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre.

Branson, Mo. – Raleigh Peterson graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre.

Brussels, Belgium – Sarah Mobley graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Bryant, Ark. – Mason Barry graduated December 2019 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design; Tanner Caton graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian missions; Katie Kitchell graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history; Allie Studdard graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences; Libby Thompson graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology; Sharayah Wallace graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre.

Cabot, Ark. – Aaron Cooley graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies; Emily McGee graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and history; Kyla Soden graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Camden, Ark. – Brooke Bearden graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Kathryn Knight graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Stephanie McCann graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology; Reid Rogers graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Thomas Worley graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance.

Centerton, Ark. – Rylee Roberts graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/integrated communications.

Charleston, Ark. – Michael Ward graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance.

Clarksville, Ark. – Savannah Hart graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology and leisure studies/pre-professional studies; Emma Pitts graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in choral education.

Cleburne, Texas – Meagan Woodard graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/multimedia journalism and theatre arts.

Clifton, Texas – Sara Neumann graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Bailey Marterella graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in choral education.

Conway, Ark. – Laura Bloomfield graduated December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology and leisure studies/fitness; Marcy Clayton graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music; Katie Delaune graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management; Isabel Dodds graduated *magna cum laude* December 2019 with a Bachelor of Music degree in performance; Spencer Greer graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Ren Holder graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and business administration/management; Tanner Thone graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies.

Cordova, Tenn. – Bethany Lagen graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design.

Cowansville, Pa. – Kimmy Reid graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition and dietetics.

Crossett, Ark. – Morgan Rainey graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in choral education.

Crystal City, Mo. – Tyler Stratton graduated December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management and marketing.

Dallas, Texas – Michael Burge graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications; Jacolby McCray graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Kimberly Owens graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology; Josh Salim graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/sports media.

Damascus, Ark. – Savannah Stacks graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

De Queen, Ark. – Hannah Gallagher graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

DeWitt, Ark. – Bryant Adams graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies.

DeKalb, Texas – Hunter Groom graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and kinesiology and leisure studies/teaching.

Donaldson, Ark. – Wesley Hamilton graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management.

El Dorado, Ark. – Tyler Duncan graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design; Mitchell Emrich graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/sports media; Olivia Wylie graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition and dietetics.

Farmersville, Texas – Danielle Sourber graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/multimedia journalism.

Fayetteville, Ark. – Allie Pitts graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology and leisure studies/fitness; Daniel Thomas graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Mariel Van Horn graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences & disorders and sociology.

Flower Mound, Texas – Cassie Cantu graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology; Molly Mattingly graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in social justice studies and psychology; Kirsten Shaw graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing.

Fordyce, Ark. – Lauren Archer graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Mallory Nutt graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting.

Forest Hill, La. – Seigen Nichols graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry and business administration/entrepreneurship.

Forney, Texas – Abby Ball graduated August 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry; Andrew West graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design.

Fort Worth, Texas – Medora Chidlow graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology and leisure studies/pre-professional studies; Tabatha Huckabee graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition and dietetics; Miranda Vanderploeg graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Teresa Workman graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Frisco, Texas – Jakob Cuellar graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Noa Cuellar graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Hector Duron Jr. graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing; Allen Marterella graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Cooper Sutton graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Gaithersburg, Md. – Jaime Bunting graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and social justice studies.

Garland, Texas – Betsy Patterson graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics and secondary education; Holden Royals graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry.

Georgetown, Texas – Dillon Luterek graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Abby Morse graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English; Kylie Sharp graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/sports media.

Gilmer, Texas – Maisie Ray graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in community and family services.

Glenwood, Ark. – Cammie York graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Greenbrier, Ark. – Shelby Bradley graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Kenzie Pickard graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology; Ethan Smith graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management; Spencer Sutterfield graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management.

Greenwood, Ark. – Alex Marrin graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre.

Hallsville, Texas – Dalton Heinsohn graduated December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music.

Hamburg, Ark. – Selby Tucker graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and political science.

Harare, Zimbabwe – Chanelle Pieterse graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Abby Putterill graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and mass communications; Eden Putterill graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and mass communications.

Harrah, Okla. – Garrett Pearson graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology and leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

Hawkins, Texas – Allyson Edwards graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and Christian studies/Christian missions.

Hensley, Ark. – Taylor Garner graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Hope, Ark. – Stephen Yates graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/philosophy.

Horatio, Ark. – Jordan Izzo graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management and marketing; Cheyann Royals graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Hot Springs, Ark. – Anna Crane graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre arts; Tiffany Dee graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Charley Galloway graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Abby Leal graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design; Ryan Phillips graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry; Mallorie Svercauski graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design; Mercedes Svercauski graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech communication; Faith Twyford graduated *magna cum laude* December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design.

Irving, Texas – Abraham Lazo graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology and leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

Johannesburg, South Africa – Dylan Bester graduated *magna cum laude* December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/entrepreneurship.

Joinerville, Texas – Donovan Kelly graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

Jonesboro, Ark. – Camryn Brown graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies; Phoebe Huff graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications; Ruthie Lenards graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Hannah Primm graduated *cum laude* December 2019 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition and dietetics.

Kagoshima, Japan – Hannah Oliver graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/integrated communications.

Keene, Texas – Loyrie Gray graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition and dietetics.

Kent, Ill. – Haleigh Gardner graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders.

Krugerville, Texas – Ben Moss graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian theology and biblical studies.

Lafayette, La. – Susannah Frith graduated *summa cum laude* December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Lavon, Texas – Lesley Howard graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art and psychology.

Little Rock, Ark. – Caleb Byrd graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/integrated communications, Spanish and political science; Stone Boshears graduated *magna cum laude* December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech communication; Sean Carney graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music and Spanish; Lauren Carpenter graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies; Ethan Dial graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/multimedia journalism; Spencer Ewing graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology and communications & media/strategic communications and integrated communications; Nery Flores graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management; Allie Freeman IV graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology and leisure studies/fitness; Harrison Ganaway graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science; Christian Gillum graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/entrepreneurship; William Goodson graduated December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications; Isaiah Harper graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/entrepreneurship; Trey Harris graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; David Hudson graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre arts and education; Alex Ingram graduated December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management; Hunter Jones graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Zack Kelley graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history; Katie Kumpuris graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music and Spanish; Alex McDonald graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Rob Pilcher graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music and Spanish; Glory Pinkerton graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology; Claire Seale graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English; De'Ja Smiley graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology; Gracie Stover graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/multimedia journalism.

Longview, Texas – Rachel Mills graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications.

Lonoke, Ark. – Victoria Barnhill graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology; Nathan Stewmon graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and Christian missions.

Lorena, Texas – Kayla Haberman graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and psychology.

Lowell, Ark. – Emery Hartley graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Sarah Vickers graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Malvern, Ark. – Leann Carroll graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management; Abby Holland graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in choral education.

Mansfield, Texas – Natalie Jackson graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and secondary education.

Marion, Ark. – Makayla Askins graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in worship ministry; Morgan Masengale graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Lexis Miller graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Maumelle, Ark. – Faith Melton graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology and leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

McRae, Ark. – Hannah Bridge graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and secondary education.

Memphis, Tenn. – Laura Spradlin graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music.

Mena, Ark. – Taylor Harper graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Mendoza, Argentina – Nair Adi graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/marketing.

Monroe, La. – Elise Nelson graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian missions and social justice studies.

Montevideo, Uruguay – Dan Haas graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology and leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

Moscow, Russia – Alex Podguzov graduated December 2019 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry.

Moscow, Tenn. – Mitchell Lee graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications.

Mountain Home, Ark. – Dakota Flores graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications.

Murfreesboro, Ark. – Lexie Baxter graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders.

Murphy, Texas – Garrett Hamilton graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/marketing.

Nacogdoches, Texas – Megan Harris graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Sheldon McCown graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Jackson Nichols graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology and leisure studies/recreation and sports administration.

Nashville, Ark. – Sadie Prejean graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology and a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology.

New Boston, Texas – Sara Rothwell graduated *cum laude* December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design.

Newport, Ark. – Khairan Stafford graduated December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art.

North Little Rock, Ark. – Austin Blair graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science; Kristen Boatman graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance; Olivia Brown graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Austin Clements graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in social justice studies and history; Mitch Colburn graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications and media/strategic communications and sports media; Zach Grimes graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies; Dana Holley graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Jake Morris graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering physics; Tyrell Robinson graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology and leisure studies/fitness; Caroline Sweet graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in secondary education and English.

North Richland Hills, Texas – Samantha Ortiz graduated *cum laude* December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Paragould, Ark. – CJ Slatton graduated December 2019 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in instrumental education.

Plano, Texas – Ryan Caldwell graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management; Katie Camp graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance.

Prescott, Ark. – Anna McKinnon graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders.

Prosper, Texas – Nathan Arredondo graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance.

Resistencia, Argentina – Juan Moncada graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/marketing.

Richardson, Texas – Brody Brown graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/visual media and film.

Rockwall, Texas – Geoff Hartley graduated December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/visual media & integrated communications; Macy Wilson graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology and leisure studies/fitness.

Rogers, Ark. – Spencer Briley graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Maggie Donnell graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in social justice studies and psychology; McKenzie Duncan graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian missions and English; Aaron George graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance; Josh Lantzsch graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/entrepreneurship; Cedar Valdez graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre.

Royal, Ark. – Jacob Lynch graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and Christian ministry.

Royse City, Texas – Daryn McMinn graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Ruston, La. – Thomas Huenefeld graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

San Antonio, Texas – Michael Neathery graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Searcy, Ark. – Hayden Bowman graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences; Savannah Edwards graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences; Keleigh Shands graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, political science and sociology; Ashly Stracener graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and communications & media/strategic communications.

Seguin, Texas – Ben Snoga graduated *cum laude* December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and business administration/finance.

Sheridan, Ark. – Brockton Brown graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Rachel Smith graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in community and family services.

Sherman, Texas – Hannah Walker graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish.

Sherwood, Ark. – Samantha Boyd graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications; Maddie Young graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics.

Solo, Mo. – Whitney Jetton graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design.

Spring Grove, Ill. – Margaret Johnston graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications.

Springdale, Ark. – Micah Jones graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy; Brooke Woessner graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications and Christian studies/Christian ministry.

Springfield, Mo. – Grace Gorman graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Emily Pankiewicz graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders.

Stephens, Ark. – Brandon Miller graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition and dietetics; Colton Miller graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry; Jakarta Powell graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing and management.

Stephenville, Texas – Brooke Bester graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders and Spanish.

Stillwater, Okla. – Trevor Craig graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing.

Stuttgart, Ark. – Chris Wright graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry.

Terrell, Texas – Felicia Valdez graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish.

Texarkana, Ark. – John Lumpkin graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music; Madison Goodman graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/management; Blake Waters graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/sport management and marketing.

Texarkana, Texas – Cayli Campbell graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Music degree in instrumental performance; Tucker Douglass graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and history.

Tillar, Ark. – David Sikes III graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Traskwood, Ark. – Trent White graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management and marketing.

Tulsa, Okla. – Rebekah Biles graduated *magna cum laude* December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English; Christie Snow graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders.

Tyler, Texas – Heather McLarry graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition and dietetics.

Valley Mills, Texas – Bret Pierce graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Jeffrey Wood graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry.

Walnut Ridge, Ark. – Dylan Blackwood graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre.

Warren, Ark. – LaFoy Smith graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology and leisure studies/fitness.

West Memphis, Ark. – Rylee Elmore graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management.

West Monroe, La. – Peyton Frick graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology and leisure studies/recreation and sports administration.

White Oak, Texas – Dax Davis graduated *cum laude* December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management; Paige Bagley graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in choral education; Brittney Schroeder graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology.

Whitehouse, Texas – Jacob Cottrell graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies.

Wylie, Texas – Clay Mobley graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry; Joahanna Olivas graduated *magna cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Rachel Patterson graduated *summa cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in

elementary education; Catie Shirley graduated *cum laude* May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

ADDITIONAL GRADUATES RECOGNIZED IN DECEMBER

These additional May and August 2020 graduates were recognized at the in-person ceremony held on Dec. 5, 2020, at Cliff Harris Stadium. [Read more about the ceremony here.](#)

Arkadelphia, Ark. – Mason Archer graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology

Bentonville, Ark. – Hannah Horner graduated August 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/management

Cabot, Ark. – Duel Cunningham II graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics

El Dorado, Ark. – Justin Trostle graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry

Kirovograd, Ukraine – Emily Trigg graduated August 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance

Little Rock, Ark. – Cori Gooseberry graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering physics

Manila, Ark. – Kelsea Moore graduated August 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies

Maumelle, Ark. – Kelcie Roberson graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology

Nashville, Tenn. – Mandy Berry graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art

Sherrill, Ark. – Tyrik Harris graduated May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies

Sherwood, Ark. – Mary Tingle graduated August 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management

Tyler, Texas – Savannah Hogg graduated August 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications.