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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.— Holly Shipp, a senior Christian studies/Biblical studies, Christian missions and Christian ministries triple major from Arlington, Texas, was crowned Ouachita Baptist University's 2020 Homecoming Queen on Thursday morning in Evans Student Center surrounded by her peers. Shipp represented the Pruet Sisterhood. She is a member of Tri Chi women's social club and involved in Campus Ministries.

"I cannot even fully describe just how much it means to be the Homecoming Queen this year at Ouachita," Shipp said. "Ouachita is such a special place to me, and it is an honor to be recognized in this way."



Picture 1 Holly Shipp, Homecoming Queen,
Photo by Dr. Wesley Kluck

Shipp was crowned by Miss Ouachita Baptist University 2020, Caroline Derby, a sophomore communications & media and political science double major from Arkadelphia, Ark.

“I am grateful for Ouachita – the safe space it has been to learn and grow, the rich community I have been able to acquire during my time here and all the fun memories I have been able to make – so, being honored in this way, by a place that means so much to me, is truly so special,” Shipp added.

First runner-up was Lindsey Crowder, a senior psychology and sociology double major from Bentonville, Ark. Crowder represented the Eta Alpha Omega men’s social club. Crowder is a sweetheart for the club and also is a member of Tri Chi women’s social club, which she has served as assistant Tiger Tunes director.

Second runner-up was Jorie Beaumont, a senior nutrition & dietetics major from Lockport, Ill. Beaumont represented Gamma Phi women’s social club. She is a member of Ouachita’s cross country and track teams and is an Eta Alpha Omega men’s social club sweetheart.

Third runner-up was Natalie Ward, a senior accounting and finance double major from Harrison, Ark. Ward represented the senior class. She is a member of EEE women’s social club and involved in Enactus and the Hickingbotham School of Business Student Advisory Board.

Fourth runner-up was Bethany Crawley, a senior instrumental music education major from Jonesboro, Ark. Crawley represented Chi Mu women’s social club. She is involved in the Ouachita marching band and Kappa Delta Pi honor society for education.



Picture 2 From left, Bethany Crawley (4th Runner-Up), Holly Shipp (Homecoming Queen), Jorie Beaumont (2nd Runner-Up) and Lindsey Crowder (1st Runner-Up). Natalie Ward (3rd Runner-Up) not pictured.

Other top 20 Homecoming Court nominees included:

Brady Barton, a senior political science and graphic design double major from Russellville, Ark., represented the Ouachita Student Foundation, which she serves as special events chair. Barton is a member of EEE women's social club and the Ouachita Tiger cheer team.

Addison Bates, a senior kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies major from Little Rock, Ark., represented Beta Beta men's social club. Bates is a member of EEE women's social club and the Carl Goodson Honors Program and is involved in the Fit5 Group Living Exercise Program.

Khennedy Brunson, a junior communication sciences and disorders major from Arkadelphia, Ark., represented Multicultural Organization for Reach Equality (MORE), which she serves as events committee chair. Brunson is a member of EEE women's social club.

Ali Chapman, a senior business administration/management and marketing double major from Rogers, Ark., represented EEE women's social club, which she serves as fall vice president. Chapman is a member of the Tiger Serve Day Leadership Team and the Hickingbotham School of Business Student Advisory Board.

Sarah Collins, a sophomore communications & media major from Lucas, Texas, represented Tri Chi women's social club. Collins is involved in Gridiron Girls and the Ouachita Student Foundation.

Gracen Goudy, a junior communications & media/communication studies major from Bryant, Ark., represented the junior class. Goudy is a member of EEE women's social club, the Ouachita Student Foundation and *Ouachitonian* yearbook staff, which she serves as assistant editor.

Molly Maddox, a junior communication sciences and disorders major from Jonesboro, Ark., represented College Republicans. Maddox is a member of EEE women's social club, the Ouachita Student Foundation and Alpha Chi national honor society.

Ansley McDonald, a senior choral music education major from Benton, Ark., represented Ouachita Singers, which she serves as president. McDonald is an Eta Alpha Omega men's social club sweetheart and a Tiger Tunes director for Campus Ministries.

Breanna Parker, a senior elementary education major from Clarksville, Ark., represented the Carl Goodson Honors Program. Parker is a member of EEE women's social club, Kappa Delta Pi honor society for education and is an Eta Alpha Omega men's social club sweetheart.

Jazmyn Parker, a junior elementary education major from White Hall, Ark., represented Kappa Delta Pi honor society for education, which she serves as president. Parker is a member of EEE women's social club and serves as a student assistant in the Office of the President.

Paige Price, a senior musical theatre major from Plano, Texas, represented the Eta Alpha Omega men's social club. Price is a sweetheart for the club, is a member of Tri Chi women's social club and is involved in Ouachita's chapter of Alpha Psi Omega national theatre honor society, which she serves as vice president.

Mady Cate Rottinghaus, a senior biology and Spanish double major from Hot Springs, Ark., represented EEE women's social club, which she serves as fall president. Rottinghaus is a Student Senate senior representative and a member of the Ouachita Student Foundation, which she serves as student recruitment co-chair.

Julianna Weaver, a senior biology major from Benton, Ark., represented Beta Beta men's social club. Weaver is a member of EEE women's social club, the Carl Goodson Honors Program and the Ouachita Tiger cheer team.

Mary Charles West, a sophomore business administration/management and political science double major from North Little Rock, Ark., represented the sophomore class. West is a member of EEE women's social club and the Ouachita Student Foundation and is a Student Senate sophomore representative.

Jenna Whitlow, a senior studio art and history double major from Fort Smith, Ark., represented the Art Club. Whitlow is a member of EEE women's social club and Young Democrats.

(Lead photo) Holly Shipp, a senior from Arlington, Texas, poses with Caroline Derby, Miss Ouachita Baptist University, after being crowned Ouachita's 2020 Homecoming Queen on Thursday, Nov. 5. Photo by Abby Blankenship.