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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University celebrated 364 graduates from the class of 2021 during its 134th Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 8. University officials conferred Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music Education and Associate of Arts degrees, with seven students receiving Ouachita's first ever post-baccalaureate certificates for dietetic internship.

The ceremony was held outdoors at Cliff Harris Stadium on Ouachita's campus, with Dr. Ben Sells, Ouachita president, presiding over the commencement exercises. The ceremony also was livestreamed at www.livestream.com/obu for those unable to attend.

The recognized graduates featured 188 honor graduates, including 47 who graduated *summa cum laude* with a grade point average of 3.95 or higher, and 25 who graduated with a 4.0 GPA; 76 graduated *magna cum laude* (3.75 GPA); and 65 who graduated *cum laude* (3.5 GPA). University officials also recognized a record number of 53 graduates who completed Ouachita's Carl Goodson Honors Program.

As he began his [presidential remarks](#), Dr. Sells thanked the Class of 2021 for leading the Ouachita student body in a "long, challenging, tiring, yet ultimately successful year." In the COVID-19 pandemic,

Ouachita was one of few universities in the nation to complete in-person learning for entirety of the 2020-2021 academic year, he noted.



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Picture 1 Photo by Abby Blankenship

“You led by example to live and learn with new protocols,” Sells said. “You found new ways to have a meaningful campus life. You persevered when it would have been easy to panic. You encouraged peers when spirits lagged. And, you gave us helpful advice.

“I want to declare to your family and to a watching world: see what these graduates have done! You give us hope and confidence for the future, and your successes should give you hope and confidence for your own future.”

Addressing how, historically, global events such as wars, depressions and pandemics accelerate change, Dr. Sells offered the graduates advice as they will face new challenges and opportunities: *Progress is more about direction than speed.*

“Speed matters, but most of the time direction matters more,” Sells said. “At Ouachita, we believe in God’s larger redemptive purposes. We believe that history is moving in a direction; that God invites us personally to join Him in this journey; that through His work, our response and the help of the church, we’re formed into the person God intends for us to become; to serve Him and our neighbor in all of our roles and places; and that, eventually, all that is wrong will be made right. All for eternity.”

“That’s progress with a purpose, progress that requires direction, progress that takes time,” he added.



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“When you feel uncertain or alone, an experience we’ve all had this past year, remember that God is with us, desiring to work for your good and his purposes, day by day. Remember what you did this year, what we did together, a company of the committed, known as Ouachitonians, who didn’t shrink away or just aim to survive, but succeeded in ways we couldn’t have imagined.”

“We’re always proud of our graduates, but the Class of 2021 will be forever known for what you did and how you led,” Sells said.

Senior Class President Chris Cobb led the invocation. Scripture reading was led by the top graduates from the Pruet School of Christian Studies: Kara DeLaune, a community & family services and Spanish double major from Conway, Ark., and Laura Beth Warner, a Christian studies/Christian ministries major from Benton, Ark.

Senior member of the faculty Dr. Ray Granade, professor of history and director of library services emeritus, led the processional as Commencement marshal. Honorary marshals included retiring emeritus faculty and staff members: Ian Cosh, vice president for community and international engagement emeritus; Dr. Danny Hays, professor of biblical studies and dean of the Pruet School of Christian Studies emeritus; Dr. Steve Hennagin, professor emeritus of mathematics; and Dr. Dave Ozmun, professor emeritus of communications.

Additionally, five graduates were recognized as commissioned Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army: Ben Adair, a kinesiology and leisure studies/recreation major from Alexander, Ark.; Chris Cobb, a finance major from Little Rock, Ark.; Luke Hill, a biology major from Sheridan, Ark.; Anthony Kennedy, a Christian studies/Christian ministries major from Mena, Ark.; and Stephany Quintero, an accounting and finance double major from Arkadelphia, Ark. Graduate Joseph Presley, a biology major from Shreveport, La., also expects to be commissioned later this summer.

Ouachita Baptist University, a private liberal arts university in Arkadelphia, Ark., is in its 134th year as a Christ-centered learning community and is ranked the No. 2 “Regional College in the South” by *U.S. News & World Report*. In fall 2020, Ouachita recorded its highest enrollment in 20 years and its highest-ever four year graduation rate with the class of 2020. The class of 2020 also recorded a 97% career outcomes rate despite the pandemic. Learn more about the university’s highly personal approach, reflected in a student/faculty ratio of 13:1, at www.obu.edu.

Ouachita’s May 2021, December 2020 and August 2020 graduates include the following, in order of hometown:

Alexander, Ark. – Bri Benton graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art.

Alexandria, La. – Kristi Roshto graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Allen, Texas – Mandy Halbert graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design and communications & media/multimedia journalism; Camilla Howarth graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing; Sydney Mendel graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and secondary education; Dominique Smith graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology.

Amity, Ark. – Tiffany Jackson graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and secondary education.

Anna, Texas – Katie Kemp graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications.

Argyle, Texas – Tyler Duck graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/sport management; Raegan Greer graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor

of Arts degree in studio art; Ashley Harrison graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/visual media and film and Spanish.

Arkadelphia, Ark. – Jack Bennington graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/communication studies and sports media and Christian studies/Christian ministry; Griffin Brown graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology; Preston Crowder graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/sports media; Gabriel Curlin graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/fitness and philosophy; Joe Elmore graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Jared Garner graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance; Nicholas Gerber graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Allie Harris graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences; Ryan Motl graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/visual media and film; Zach Nance graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance; Stephany Quintero graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance; Emilee Roberson graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Blanca Rodriguez graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition & dietetics; Taylor Savage graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences; Alexis Summerford graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and chemistry; Abby Turner graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications; Bennett Weidemann graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Arlington, Tenn. – John Webb graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history.

Arlington, Texas – Holly Shipp graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies, Christian ministry and Christian missions.

Austin, Texas – Hannah Anderson graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Music degree in musical theatre.

Batesville, Ark. – Luke Livingston graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences.

Bauxite, Ark. – Valery Cotton graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/exercise science.

Beebe, Ark. – Madison Allen graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and Spanish; Erin McNully graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting.

Bellflower, Calif. – Aryana Gardner graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry.

Benton, Ark. – Kelsey Archer graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Rachel David graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and Spanish; Emme Edmondson graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Jordan Ford graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Sarah Freeze graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science and applied mathematics; Will Guerra graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and political science; Steven Hampel graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering physics; Michael Harmon graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science and applied mathematics; Katie Harmon graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics and secondary education; Jennie Johnson graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Gracie Jones graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a

Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Ansley McDonald graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in choral education; Brooke Snyder graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Allison Strickland graduated May 2021 with a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate degree in dietetic internship; Abby Walker graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Laura Beth Warner graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry; Carlee West graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology; Mason Woolbright graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management and entrepreneurship.

Bentonville, Ark. – Mike Andrus graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Ali Chapman graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management and marketing; Lindsey Crowder graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology; Rylie Slone graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and Christian studies/Christian missions.

Birmingham, Ala. – Fallon Carder graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and Christian studies/biblical studies and Christian theology.

Biscoe, Ark. – Brittney Hubbard graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology.

Bismarck, Ark. – Travis Hankins graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in applied physics and a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry; Jana Hardage graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies; Ashlee Stewart graduated May 2021 with a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate degree in dietetic internship.

Blytheville, Ark. – Josh Plunkett graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation and sports administration.

Booneville, Ark. – Sabreena Thompson graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian missions.

Bossier City, La. – Bryson Vance graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Bryant, Ark. – Ben Adair graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation and sports administration; Hannah Adair graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre; Scarlett Castleberry graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and communications & media/integrated communications; Erin Chappell graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; James Lasley graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry and biblical studies; Ryan Lynch graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre; Luke Wagner graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Russell Wallace graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Julianne Weaver graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Burleson, Texas – Ashlynn Turner graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in instrumental education; Jasper Capaciete graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

Cabot, Ark. – Gabby Grau graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and Christian theology; Elizabeth Ring graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre; Autumn Romines graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre; Miya Tatum graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English; Ryane Thurman graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences; Jennifer Wallace graduated *cum laude* May 2021

with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Hannah Wooten graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and English.

Camden, Ark. – Mason Holder graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in middle school education; Madeline Knight graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in community and family services.

Canton, Texas – Carli Copell graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology; Sloane Precure graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Carrollton, Texas – Jacob Brown graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology; Allan Schroeder graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Music degree in worship arts; Olivia White graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management.

Centerville, Mo. – Michaela Allen graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry.

Chandler, Ariz. – Hayley Smith graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing.

Cisco, Texas – Hannah Stuart graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

Clarksville, Ark. – Breanna Parker graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Brooklyn Parker graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/entrepreneurship.

Clinton, Ark. – Taylor Huggins graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders.

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Kaitlyn Jertberg graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian theology; Lucas Scaggs graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance.

Columbia, Mo. – Jacob Ragsdell graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management.

Conroe, Texas – Melodie DuBose graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Music degree in musical theatre.

Conway, Ark. – Taryn Bewley graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and psychology; Caleb Crow graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Kara DeLaune graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and community and family services; Anna Drennan graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology; Grant Hogan graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/entrepreneurship; Jacob Rogers graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in computer science; Abby Shourd graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in choral education; Trey Starkey graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management; Elizabeth Steely graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/multimedia journalism, sports media, strategic communications and communication studies; Madeline Steely graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition & dietetics; Vanessa Sewell graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Corsicana, Texas – Adrianna Arreola graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management.

Cove, Ark. – Harly Dearing graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting, finance and business administration/management.

Dallas, Texas – Kaleb McAdams graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and secondary education; Jonathan Rubin graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in middle school education.

Dardanelle, Ark. – Andrew Papasan graduated May 2021 with a Associate of Arts degree in Christian studies.

De Queen, Ark. – Grace Gallagher graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

De Valls Bluff, Ark. – Leah Miller graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology.

Delight, Ark. – Alex Harris graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance.

D'Hanis, Texas – Hallie Lynch graduated *summa cum laude* December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in community and family services.

Eads, Tenn. – Bec Braly graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian missions and Christian theology.

Edmond, Okla. – Madi Rawls graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music and psychology.

England, Ark. – Brayden Brazeal graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

Fayetteville, Ark. – Elizabeth Costner graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/exercise science; Bates Yoakum graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/sports media.

Flower Mound, Texas – Charlece Lake graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Stephanie Weatherford graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in social justice studies.

Fordyce, Ark. – McKenzie Smith graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Foreman, Ark. – Erica Klitz graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition & dietetics.

Forney, Texas – Cole Alexander graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and business administration/management; Michael Burer graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in instrumental education; Ben Lewis graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and theology; Ben Swanger graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/sports media.

Fort Smith, Ark. – Lucas Riley graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and computer science.

Fort Worth, Texas – Richie Blosch graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in instrumental education; Tori Herbert graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management and marketing; Victoria Kunselman graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies; Meagan North graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications.

Frisco, Texas – Jarod Free graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/entrepreneurship; Lydia Gaffner graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management and marketing; Vaughn Stresow graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Devin Wyatt graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management.

Gainesville, Texas – Addison Mercer graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/exercise science.

Garland, Texas – Bailey Buettner graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and Christian studies/Christian missions; Carmen Scott graduated *cum laude* December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biblical languages and Christian studies/biblical studies; Peyton Stone graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management; Chloe Workman graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Glenwood, Ark. – Jared Wright graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance.

Greenbrier, Ark. – Hannah Davis graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Savannah Henthorne graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/entrepreneurship.

Greenville, Miss. – Eric Brown graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation and sports administration

Greenville, Texas – Brooklyn Jennings graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre arts education; Bailey Swanson graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and Christian ministry.

Greenwood, Ark. – Hannah Johnston graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry and Christian missions.

Gulfport, Miss. – Alex Van Nice graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in community and family services.

Gunter, Texas – Nicolas Gonzalez graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

Gurdon, Ark. – Jazmine Johnson graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Houstin Kirkpatrick graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications; Bri Smith graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Harare, Zimbabwe – Hannah Cohen graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design.

Harrison, Ark. – Natalie Ward graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance.

Haskell, Ark. – Jon Johnson graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation and sports administration.

Heath, Texas – Ryan Wilson graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/exercise science.

Hensley, Ark. – Lauren Williams graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design.

Hooks, Texas – Brandon Taylor graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies.

Hope, Ark. – Mackenzie Lafferty graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders.

Hot Springs National Park, Ark. – Cloe Johnson graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and Christian studies/Christian ministry.

Hot Springs, Ark. – Kayla Brown graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies and Spanish; Sabrina Chambers graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition & dietetics; Brooke Horton graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/management; Katelyn Lance graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications; Megan Mosley graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Mady Cate Rottinghaus graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Stuart Sowerbutts graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry; Mallory Whitson graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Houston, Texas – John Berry graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies; Nathan Wuellner graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing.

Hoxie, Ark. – Shelby Vassar graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian missions and Christian ministry.

Hurst, Texas – Mackenzie Stewart graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design.

Imperial, Mo. – Hannah Spears graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry.

Independence, Miss. – Cole Kelly graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/exercise science

Irving, Texas – Brittany Burr graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Mara Gillispie graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications.

Jacksonville, Ark. – Barrett Malone graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/management.

Jacksonville, Fla. – Jenna Whitlow graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art and history.

Jessieville, Ark. – Steven Benson graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/management.

Johannesburg, South Africa – Zeb Barrett graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/visual media and film.

Jonesboro, Ark. – Bethany Crawley graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in instrumental education; Grace Roark graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in middle school education; Aubrey Rogers graduated *magna cum laude* December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish.

Junction City, Ark. – KeAndre Evans graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/fitness.

Katy, Texas – Sarah Rush graduated *summa cum laude* December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications and Spanish.

Keithville, La. – Caity Hatchett graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and communications & media/sports media.

Lake City, Ark. – Gabe Poe graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences.

Lamar, Ark. – Hollyanne Ritchie graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology.

Lavaca, Ark. – Zack Tomlinson graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biblical languages and Christian studies/Christian theology, biblical studies and philosophy.

Lewisville, Texas – Elijah Begin graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and biology; Ben Miller graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

Liberty City, Texas – Andrew Coop graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Music degree in worship arts.

Liepaja, Latvia – Maija Gertsone graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition & dietetics.

Lindale, Texas – Adrienne Kennedy graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders.

Little Rock, Ark. – Addison Bates graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies; Maddie Bayer graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design; Jordie Bone graduated *magna cum laude* December 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Dawson Bray graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry; Collier Byrd graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies; Macey Cantrell graduated May 2021 with a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate degree in dietetic internship; Chris Cobb graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Jessica Daniell graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in community and family services and communications & media/strategic communications and communication studies; Gabby Davis graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design and communications & media/strategic communication; Gunner Dobbins graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English; Drew DuBose graduated August 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management; Bethany Duncan graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music; Katherine Fehlman graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Taylor Fielder graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian missions, Christian ministry, and biblical studies & theology; Noah Fowler graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/sport management; Christian Hickingbotham graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management and entrepreneurship; Felicity Johnson graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biblical languages; Aaron Jordan graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/visual media and film; Julianna Mack graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies; Grace Oliver graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Hannah Perkins graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design; Callie Rogers graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications; Georgia Rogers graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry; Abigail Sanders graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry; Luke Schmidt graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation and sports administration; Mason Vaughn graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in

business administration/marketing; Payne Warren graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/management; Liam Wooten graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration; Spencer Worth graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

Littleton, Colo. – Ashlyn Heckman graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management.

Livingston, Texas – Sollie Jones graduated August 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/visual media and film.

Lockport, Ill. – Jorie Beaumont graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition & dietetics.

Mabelvale, Ark. – Moriah Manchack graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders and Spanish; Keller Smith graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and biology; Allie Tarnowsky graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders.

Magnolia, Ark. – Gracen Seabaugh graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Madison Williamson graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders.

Malvern, Ark. – Anna Robinson graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian missions and Christian ministry; Payne Spence graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies; Timothy Spiva graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences.

Marianna, Ark. – Faith Moore graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

Marion, Ark. – Katlin Hardin graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Trexler Proffitt graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Ashton Spence graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/visual media and film; Caleb West graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences.

Maumelle, Ark. – Spencer Clark graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications; Grace Faulk graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music; Kara Rogers graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

McKinney, Texas – Garrett Lee graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation.

Melissa, Texas – Molly Kennedy graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre.

Mena, Ark. – Karley Cline graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing and entrepreneurship; Anthony Kennedy graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry; Jacklynn Minton graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management and sport management.

Merrillville, Ind. – Samantha Dixon graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design.

Mesquite, Texas – Abi Anderson graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre arts education.

Midlothian, Texas – Claire Phillips graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing and communications & media/strategic communications.

Monticello, Ark. – Katelyn Bayless graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in choral education.

Monument, Colo. – Aileena Schlauch graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in community and family services.

Morelia, Mexico – Carlos Valencia graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/management.

Murfreesboro, Ark. – Dalton Cherry graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Jordan Myers graduated *magna cum laude* December 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Nacogdoches, Texas – Mallory Morris graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design and communications & media/integrated communication.

Nashville, Ark. – Peyton Dodd graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology; Hunter White graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies; Zack Perez graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/entrepreneurship and management; Grace Talley graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design and communications & media/strategic communication.

Nashville, Tenn. – Zach Curry graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation and sports administration.

New Braunfels, Texas – Lauren Schoenherr graduated May 2021 with a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate degree in dietetic internship.

Newark, New Jersey – Kyle Wright graduated August 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/sport management.

Newport, Ark. – Julio Pruitt graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies.

North Little Rock, Ark. – Cameron Conner graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry; Madison Cresswell graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/multimedia journalism and political science; Mackenzie Holtzclaw graduated August 2020 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theater; Ryan Maloch graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management; Blaine Miller graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry and biblical studies.

Oxford, Miss. – Alyssa Reece graduated *magna cum laude* December 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition & dietetics.

Panama City Beach, Fla. – Tyler Fay graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications and multimedia journalism.

Pangburn, Ark. – Jasmine Baughman graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Pine Bluff, Ark. – Jonathan Harris graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Hannah Smith graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry, biblical studies, and Christian theology; Madelynn Wauters graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry.

Pinson, Ala. – Austin Weldon graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting.

Plano, Texas – Shannon Hogan graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing; Bryan Honeck graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science and applied mathematics; Paige Price graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre; Luke Roberson graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/sports media and integrated communications.

Pleasant View, Tenn. – Jacob Shelton graduated *summa cum laude* Aug 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and business administration/marketing.

Prairie Grove, Ark. – Danielle Hall graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre.

Prescott, Ark. – Beth Formby-Bruce graduated May 2021 with a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate degree in dietetic internship; Cade Haynie graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences; JaCoya Hodges graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics; Katie Tyree graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Princeton, Texas – Race Karlin graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology.

Prosper, Texas – Josiah Waddell graduated August 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Cade McBride graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance.

Raleigh, N.C. – Deborah Weindt graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

Rancho Cordova, Calif. – Lauren Dunaway graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science and applied mathematics.

Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. – Shelby Kraft graduated May 2021 with a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate degree in dietetic internship.

Ribeirão Preto, Brazil – João Rodrigues graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance.

Rockwall, Texas – Tray Armstrong graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and psychology; Tyler Riebock graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology.

Rogers, Ark. – Kourtney Endicott graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Sarah Rountree graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Olivia Yarbrough graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Roland, Ark. – Landon King graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/communication studies.

Royse City, Texas – Jeremy Beavers graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing and management.

Russellville, Ark. – Brady Barton graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and graphic design; Sophie Davis graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management; Phillip Lebsack graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biblical languages.

Sacramento, Calif. – Alex Rowe graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communication.

Saint Jo, Texas – Carlee Vogel graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Savannah, Ga. – Tyrese Allen graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology.

Scurry, Texas – Cameron Collins graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in middle school education.

Searcy, Ark. – Kayla Churchwell graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and biology; Meredith Parker graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders and sociology.

ShanDong Province, China – Estelle Zhang graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/management.

Sheridan, Ark. – Elisabeth Brown graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders; Luke Hill graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Madeline Martin graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre; David Rainwater graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and chemistry.

Sherwood, Ark. – Jacob Roberts graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and secondary education.

Shreveport, La. – Jordan Fielder graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies; Shimorye Hampton graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/teaching and education; Joseph Presley graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology.

Sidney, Ark. – Elizabeth Smith graduated August 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies.

Silsbee, Texas – Mason Youngblood graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/teaching and education.

Singapore – Melissa Mazen graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Smackover, Ark. – Courtney Davis graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English; Charissa Newton graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/multimedia journalism; Tessa Watson graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology and a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and biology.

Spring, Texas – Gus Boyd graduated December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation and sports administration; Josh Salmon graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry and graphic design.

Springdale, Ark. – Paige Williams graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance.

Springfield, Mo. – Kelsey Bailey graduated May 2021 with a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate degree in dietetic internship.

Stuttgart, Ark. – Michael Bell graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management.

Sugar Land, Texas – Sidney Salyers graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences and disorders.

Texarkana, Ark. – Kat Allen graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology; Eden Crow graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/teaching and education; Sandy Swanson graduated *cum laude* December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology; Hannah Terry graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian missions.

Texarkana, Texas – Matt Day graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/sport management; Lily Maxwell graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance; Conner McKellar graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance; Noah Thompson graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Tulsa, Okla. – Robert Otero graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition & dietetics.

Valencia, Spain – Javier Sanchis Fito graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/marketing.

Van Buren, Ark. – Madison Shankle graduated *magna cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and biology.

Waldo, Ark. – Samantha Pipkin graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/multimedia journalism.

Waxahachie, Texas – Zane Smith graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences.

West Memphis, Ark. – Jakyya Clay graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/fitness.

West Monroe, La. – Bethany Stewart graduated *cum laude* December 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in middle school education.

Wheatland, Wyo. – Cody Cagle graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry and biblical studies.

White Hall, Ark. – Christina Beger graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in middle school education; Kaleigh Casada graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Hunter Smith graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences.

Wichita, Kan. – Carlin Campbell graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre.

Wisner, La. – C.J. Heckard graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/sport management.

Wylie, Texas – Emily Koonce graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and secondary education; Shae Parker graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and secondary education; Braylon Pilant graduated *cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies; Lexi Reimer graduated *summa cum laude* May 2021 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in choral education.

Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine – Anastasiia Ulianova graduated May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

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