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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. -- More than 100 students from Ouachita Baptist University were recently honored at the university's 2014 Academic Awards Banquet. The event recognized various academic and leadership achievements of the students throughout the past year.

The annual banquet is sponsored by Ouachita's Student Senate. Outgoing Student Senate President Lindsey Fowler, a senior political science, history and business administration/finance major from Arkadelphia, Ark., presided over the event and Ouachita President Rex Horne led the swearing in for new Student Senate President Josh Rubin, a junior biology major from Dallas.

Chis Redmon was awarded Ouachita's highest academic honor as the university's Overall Academic Achiever. He also was named top academic achiever in the Pruet School of Christian Studies, Outstanding student in Biblical studies and received the Old Testament Hebrew Award and the Robert Stagg New Testament Greek Award. Redmon is a senior philosophy, Biblical languages and Christian studies/Biblical studies triple major from Little Rock, Ark.

Top academic achievers in each of the other schools include: Michelle Perez, a senior political science and business administration/finance and management major from Maracaibo, Venezuela, Hickingbotham School of Business; Rachel Carr, a senior early childhood education major from Cherokee Village, Ark., Huckabee School of Education; Caitlin Secrest, a senior voice performance major from Arkadelphia, Ark., School of Fine Arts; Ellen Eubanks, a senior English major from Arkadelphia, Ark., School of Humanities;

Tim Horton, a senior professional chemistry and physics major from Arkadelphia, Ark., J.D. Patterson School of Natural Sciences; and Lindsey Fowler, W.H. Sutton School of Social Sciences.

Ouachita's outstanding seniors, selected by faculty and staff, are Tim Horton, Senior Outstanding Man, and Lindsey Fowler, Senior Outstanding Woman.

Dr. Johnny Wink, Betty Burton Peck Professor of English, was named by students as the Lavell Cole Most Inspirational Professor.

Other university awards include the Mrs. J. R. Grant Endowed Awards for freshman and senior female students and the Mrs. Betty Oliver Grant Endowed Awards for sophomore and junior female students. Recipients of these awards include Haley Martin, a freshman mass communications and Christian studies/Christian ministries major from Little Rock, Ark.; Sadie Sasser, a sophomore Christian studies/Biblical studies major from Hamburg, Ark.; Katie Theriot, a junior Spanish and communication sciences and disorders major from Alexandria, La.; and Hannah Bridges, a senior English major from Clarksville, Ark.

The Rotary Club Service-Above-Self Award was presented to David Sypult, a senior accounting and business administration/finance major from Rogers, Ark.

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

#### CARL GOODSON HONORS PROGRAM

- Ben Elrod Scholar: Molly Bowman, a senior mass communications and Christian studies/church theology major from Greenbrier, Ark.
- Carl Goodson Scholars: Kyle Hargis, a senior biology and philosophy major from Camden, Ark.; Dustin Walter, a senior biology and chemistry major; and Madeline Martin, a senior biology major from Garland, Texas.
- Honor Council Scholar: Jessica Hargis, a junior chemistry major from Camden, Ark.
- Garrett Ham Scholar: Anna Sikes, a senior Christian Studies/Biblical studies and Christian ministries major from Greenbrier, Ark.
- Blue Ribbon Finishers: Timothy Bailey, a senior worship arts major from Fort Smith, Ark.; Sarah Bishop, a senior chemistry and biology; Molly Bowman, a senior mass communications and Christian studies/church theology major from Greenbrier, Ark.; Sarah Davis, a senior theatre arts and Christian studies/Christian ministries major; Anna English, a senior English major from Coppell, Texas; Sally Ferguson, a senior English major from Maud, Ark.; Ellen Eubanks, a senior English major from Arkadelphia, Ark.; Drake Hardy, a senior biology major from Royal, Ark.; Katie Hopmann, a senior studio art major from Cypress, Texas; Lacey Johnson, a senior history and theatre arts major from Little Rock, Ark.; Ally Lemos, a senior early childhood education major from Hanford, Calif.; Alexander Nelson, a senior business administration/finance and management major from Frisco, Texas; Jason Stevenson, a senior biology and chemistry major from Guy, Ark.; Anna Wakeling, a senior English major from Bryant, Ark.; Rebekah Ward, a senior biology and chemistry major from Little Rock, Ark.; Clark Whitney, a senior political science and Christian studies/ church theology major; and William Wolf, a senior business administration/finance and marketing major from Waco, Texas.
- Most Valuable Professor: Dr. Lori Hensely, associate professor of biology and holder of the J.D. Patterson Chair of Biology.

## HICKINGBOTHAM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

- Dr. Lera Kelly Outstanding Senior in Business Administration Award: John Kornet
- Margaret Wright Outstanding Senior in Accounting Award: Stephanie Butcher, Meg Hart, David Sypult
- Johnny Heflin Excellence in Leadership & Academics Award: Brittney Jones
- Outstanding Business Scholar Athlete: Tim Ferris, Sean Noland

## PRUET SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

- Andrew & Harriet Grant Hall Sophomore Ministerial Award: Elizabeth Bacon, Haylee Garland, Amber Parker, Sadie Sasser, David Willhite
- Outstanding Student in Christian Ministries: Bailey McMullen
- Outstanding Student in Christian Missions: Nate Hohulin
- Don Harbuck Award for Excellence in Philosophy: Hunter Threadgill
- Preben Vang Award for Excellence in Christian Theological Studies: Kyle Fischer, Nate Hohulin
- Elementary Hebrew Award: Libby Hilliard
- Zondervan Elementary Greek Award: Collin Battaglia
- Outstanding Student in Latin: Harrison Daniel

## HUCKABEE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

- Alice Searcy Award - Freshman: Stephanie Westberg
- Outstanding Current Education Sophomores: Bridget Hosey, Ashlyn Meece
- Sylvia Gates Webb Award: Lindsey Pipkin
- Maude Wright Memorial Award: Amy Simon
- Phi Delta Kappa Teachers in Training: Ally Lemos, Wayne Smith, Alyssa White
- Charles Chambliss Distinguished Educator Awards: Jessica Bennett
- Bob Gravette Outstanding Kinesiology & Leisure Studies Teaching Award: Trey Lynch, Ryan Tibbets
- Tona Wright Outstanding Kinesiology & Leisure Studies Fitness Award: Sarah Broyles, Johanna Casey
- Outstanding Kinesiology & Leisure Studies Pre-Professional Studies Award: Harmony Bussell
- Outstanding Kinesiology & Leisure Studies Recreation & Sports Ministry Award: Derek Campbell

## SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

- Francie Phelan Outstanding Senior - Graphic Design: Brittany Ewart
- Francie Phelan Outstanding Senior - Studio Art: Katie Hopmann
- Raybon-Berry Outstanding Freshman Art and Design Major: Jennifer Bray
- Russell Shad Memorial Art Award for Outstanding Junior: Craig Martin, Lauren Perry
- Theatre Arts Outstanding Student Award - Freshman: Abby Root
- Theta Alpha Phi Senior Award: Sarah Davis, Jordan Miller
- The Presser Scholar: Anna Moxley
- Rachel Fuller Scholarship: Erin Cheshire
- James Harrison Scholarship: Lauren Johnson
- Friends of Fine Arts Scholars: Art, Katelyn Smith; Instrumental, Lindsey Palmer; Piano, Lauren Johnson; Theatre, Kathleen Suit; Voice, Seth Russell

## SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

- Outstanding Senior English Major: Anna Wakeling
- Outstanding Junior Louise Searcy Bennett Scholarship Award: Marissa Thornberry
- Outstanding Sophomore Herman Sandford Scholarship Award: Abby Thomas
- Rogers Department of Communications Publication Awards: Ouachitonian: Mauri Sparks; Signal/Online, Emily Terry; Photo Lab, Kristen Barnard; Video Production, Heather Francis
- Bill & Vera Downs Outstanding Sophomore Mass Communications Student Awards: Haley Hatcher, Brandon Smith
- Matt Turner Outstanding Junior Mass Communications Major Award: Nick Burt
- William D. Downs Outstanding Mass Communications Graduate Award: Elise Holman
- Outstanding Senior Spanish Major: Maegan Hodge
- Outstanding Junior Spanish Major: Emily Reeves
- Outstanding Sophomore Spanish Major: Anna Kumpuris
- El Tigre Award: Aaron Butler
- Roy Buckelew Outstanding Speech Major Award: Arthur Johnson

## PATTERSON SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES

- Outstanding Freshman Biology Award: Mitch Richards
- Richard H. Brown Biology Award: Trevor Meece
- Outstanding Senior in Biology Award: Kirby Von Edwins
- Outstanding Dietetics & Nutrition Award: Emily Hastings
- Freshman Chemistry Award: Jace Bradshaw
- Ethel & Nell Mondy and E.A. Provine Scholar: Dustin Walter
- Outstanding Graduates in Chemistry: Tim Horton, Crista Riggs
- Harvey Research Award: Tim Horton
- Rowland Memorial Awards in Mathematics, Computer Science & Physics: Amanda Brooks, Kayla Bullard, Taylor Campbell, Caleb Cunningham, Drew Ervin, Josh Esgar, Kayla Golden, Ruth Gomez, Tim Horton, Nathan Malone, Jessie Meyer, Tim Russell, Tryce Schalchlin, Ben Schleiff, Kelsey Stawasz, Elizabeth White and Savannah White

#### SUTTON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Everett Slavens Award to Outstanding Sophomore: Abby Thomas
- Lavell Cole Award to Outstanding Future Teacher: Wayne Smith
- Fran Coulter Award to Outstanding Junior: Hannah Diaz
- R. C. Daily Award to Outstanding Senior: Lacey Johnson
- Phi Alpha Theta Award for Outstanding Research Paper: Ellen Flint
- Bob Riley Outstanding Graduate in Political Science Award: Michelle Perez
- Curtis Echols Lion's Club Scholarship: Kelly Strickland
- Psychology Faculty Award: Sara "Cat" Williams
- Zeitgeist Award: Tracey Mardis, Maddie Myers
- Weldon Vogt Outstanding Psychology Senior Award: Arthur Johnson, Hunter Threadgill, Holly Wray
- Outstanding Graduating Senior Sociology Award: Brandon Sanders