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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Latina Robinson of North Little Rock, Ark., a Dietetic Internship graduate student at Ouachita Baptist University, has been named the 2021-2022 Outstanding Dietetic Student of the Year in Dietetic Internship by the Arkansas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. She was selected from among students in all of Arkansas' dietetic internship programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).

Robinson credits her director and professors in the dietetic internship program at Ouachita for motivating and inspiring her. "I would not be where I am without their authentic and genuine support," she said.

Her decision to attend Ouachita was enabled in part by a scholarship she received at the beginning of the 2021-22 academic year. Robinson was one of two students nationwide awarded with the \$25,000 Advancing Diversity in Dietetics Scholarship by the Academy of Nutrition.

“Latina is a favorite among the entire intern class,” said Holly Kyzer, assistant professor and director of the Dietetic Internship program at Ouachita. “She is an outspoken advocate for each of her fellow students (and) has a willingness to go the extra mile to help her classmates.”

According to Kyzer, Robinson has also excelled at her supervised practice sites. Kyzer noted that Robinson’s preceptor evaluations are “always highly rated, with numerous comments regarding her hard work ethic and wonderful demeanor.”

Robinson works as a certified pharmacy technician at Kroger Pharmacy and as a diet clerk at Arkansas Children’s Hospital. She plans to continue at Ouachita this fall, pursuing her master’s degree in nutrition and dietetics, and to sit for the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) Exam this summer to become a registered dietitian nutritionist. Ouachita’s dietetic internship program currently has a 100% pass rate for students taking the CDR exam.

Robinson’s goal is to establish a diabetes and wellness facility in central Arkansas that will primarily focus on minority communities. She said she hopes to take all that she has learned in her clinical, community and food service rotations to “inspire others to live healthy lifestyles.”

To learn more about Ouachita’s Dietetic Internship and Master of Science in Nutrition programs, visit obu.edu/dietetics/gradprograms or contact Holly Kyzer at kyzerh@obu.edu or (870) 245-5546.