

OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL

COMMENCEMENT

BEN SELLS, PRESIDENT

May 11, 2024

OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

May 11, 2024 • 9:30 a.m.

BEN SELLS, PRESIDENT

COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL

Deborah Root
*Chair of the University Committee
Professor and Chair of the Rogers Department of Communications
Director of Assessment and Institutional Research*

HONORARY MARSHALS

Craig Hamilton
Professor Emeritus of Music and Director Emeritus of Bands

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Professor Emeritus of Music and Director Emeritus of Instruction and Learning

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Associate Professor Emerita of Communication Sciences & Disorders

Marvin Pate
Professor Emeritus of Christian Theology

Brenda Trigg
Professor and Director Emerita of Nursing

William C. Viser
Professor Emeritus of Christian Ministries

Kathy Collins
Associate Professor Emerita of Education (posthumous)

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance”
Edward Elgar

Wind Ensemble
(recorded)

THE AUDIENCE IS INVITED TO REMAIN SEATED FOR THE PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION

Vivian Pryor
President of the Senior Class

WELCOME

Ben Sells
President

READING OF VISION AND MISSION

Lori Motl
Director of Admissions Counseling

Rickey Rogers
Vice President for Student Development

SCRIPTURE READING

Emma Smith, Breanna Watson & Addison White
Students in the Pruet School of Christian Studies

HYMN

Ian Aipperspach
Lecturer and Interim Director of Choral Activities

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”
Thomas Chisholm & William Runyan

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

CHORUS

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

REPEAT CHORUS

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

REPEAT CHORUS

CLASS OF 2024 DISTINCTIONS

Deborah Root
*Chair of the University Committee
Professor and Chair of the Rogers Department of Communications
Director of Assessment and Institutional Research*

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Ben Sells

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Justin Hardin

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Biblical Studies

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Ben Sells

RECOGNITION OF MILITARY COMMISSIONS

Ben Sells

RESPONSIVE READING

Jeremy Greer

Dean of the Pruet School of Christian Studies and Associate Professor of Biblical Studies

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever.

ALL: We give thanks and praise to God for His faithfulness to us, and for the blessings He has given us.

FACULTY AND STAFF: We thank you, Lord, for giving us the privilege and the opportunity to influence the lives of these graduates. We thank you for the blessing they are to us, and for their lifelong impact for the sake of Your Kingdom.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: We thank you, Lord, for placing each of these special graduates in our lives. We are proud of their accomplishments, and we praise you for the joy they bring us.

GRADUATES: We thank you, Lord, for all of those who love, support, and encourage us. We are grateful for all they have done to help bring us to this significant milestone in our lives.

ALL: We thank you, Lord, for your goodness to us today and forever. Guide us to be faithful to you in all things.

LEADER: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Scott Street

Chair of the Board of Trustees and CEO of Pediatrics Plus

ALMA MATER

Ian Aipperspach

“Ouachita”

W.L. Thickstun

Ouachita, we sing thy praises, thy beauty, thy pow'r, thy fame;
Each loyal heart upraises a cheer to thy glorious name.

O-U-A-C-H-I-T-A.

Here's good luck to Ouachita, may all her skies be gay,
Raise a cheer for Ouachita, a loud Hip, Hip, Hooray,

O-U-A-C-H-I-T-A.

Ouachita, thy sons and daughters will carry thy flag unfurled;
For none can e'er surpass thee, the queen of the college world.

O-U-A-C-H-I-T-A.

Here's good luck to Ouachita, may all her skies be gay,
Raise a cheer for Ouachita, a loud Hip, Hip, Hooray,

O-U-A-C-H-I-T-A.

RECESSIONAL

Wind Ensemble

(recorded)

“Recessional”

James Ployhar

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COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Commencement is an important ceremony in the lives of Ouachita graduates. Due to the significance of the occasion, we request that appropriate respect for the dignity of the ceremony be maintained by all in attendance.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic regalia worn by faculty and students during Commencement exercises originated in the Middle Ages when a warm gown and hood were essential in unheated buildings. Colors displayed on the academic regalia signify different degrees, academic disciplines, and school colors. The border of the hood indicates the academic discipline in which one's highest degree has been earned; the lining indicates the degree-granting institution by its color. Faculty holding doctoral degrees have velvet stripes down the front of their gown and, in most cases, three velvet stripes on each sleeve. Examples of traditional academic colors follow.

White: arts and letters
Light Brown: business
Light Blue: education
Brown: fine arts

Purple: law
Yellow: library, social science
Green: medicine
Pink: music

Apricot: nursing
Dark Blue: philosophy
Gold: science
Scarlet: theology

PRESIDENTIAL REGALIA

The president of the university wears two special emblems during Commencement ceremonies. The presidential medallion is crafted in gold with images of an open Bible and a flaming torch, symbolic of the purposes of the university. The chain of office features gold banners that bear the names and terms of office of all 16 Ouachita presidents.

CEREMONIAL MACE

A ceremonial mace is used during all Ouachita Commencements. The mace, styled after the weapon of the Middle Ages, is a symbol of the authority vested in the university, its officers, and faculty. The Ouachita mace was crafted from wood saved from Old Main, which served as the university's primary classroom and office building from its construction in 1889 until it was destroyed by fire in 1949. The mace is carried by the commencement marshal who leads the procession of graduates. This year, the mace will be carried by Dr. Deborah Root, professor and chair of the Rogers Department of Communications, director of assessment and institutional research, and chair of the university committee.

RECOGNIZING GRADUATES

As the president of the university confers the appropriate degree, students will move the mortar board tassel to the left side - a symbol of having attained the status of graduated scholar. Family and friends of each graduate are encouraged to stand as the diploma is presented individually by the president.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

Students who are graduating with honors or other distinctions are recognized during the presentation of diplomas as well as by the following regalia:

Gold Ribbon with Medallion: *summa cum laude*
Gold Braid: *magna cum laude*
Purple Braid: *cum laude*

Gold Stole: Carl Goodson Honors Program
Blue & Green Braid: Alpha Chi National Honor Society

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

WILLIAM G. ALLEN
Little Rock, AR
Philosophy

SUSANNAH GRACE ARNN
Celina, TX
Kinesiology/Pre-Professional Studies

MADISON JO ATCHLEY
Texarkana, AR
Psychology and Sociology

ARMANI J. ATILANO
North Little Rock, AR
Finance

BRANDON EMILIO AVILA MALDONADO
Dallas, TX
Business Administration/Marketing

KATARZYNA R. M. BAKER
Van Buren, AR
Kinesiology/Pre-Professional Studies

JENNA ALENE BARNES
Sheridan, AR
Music Industry

SCARLET AVERY BATES
Little Rock, AR
Community & Family
Services/Human Services

BRYNLEE MICHELE BEAMS
Cabot, AR
Theatre Arts

REBECCA MARIE BEARD
Maumelle, AR
Kinesiology and Education/Teaching

ISABELLA BEJARANO BERNAL
Bogotá, Colombia
Elementary Education

AYDEN CHRISTIAN BENNETT
Donaldson, AR
Music Industry

JOSEPH ROBERT BENSON
Mountain Pine, AR
Finance and Business
Administration/Marketing

SPENCER C. BENWAY
Forney, TX
Interdisciplinary Studies

DUSTIN BERMUDEZ
Chandler, AZ
Business Administration/Management
and Entrepreneurship

BROCK DENVER CLAYTON BIVENS
Sherwood, AR
Mathematics

ROBERT LUKE BLACK
Ruston, LA
Accounting and Finance

EMILY ANN BLAIR
North Little Rock, AR
English/Editing

ÀLEX BLANCHAR SALVÀ
Sant Andreu de Llavaneres, Spain
Business Administration/Sport
Management and Marketing

MIKENZIE GRACE BLASE
Texarkana, TX
Theatre Arts and Secondary Education

BENNETT JAMES BROWN
Arkadelphia, AR
Philosophy and Political Science

BROOKS READE BROWN
Little Rock, AR
Accounting

KATELYN MAKENZIE BROWN
Houston, TX
Christian Studies/Biblical
Studies & Theology

JAY LAMAR BRUMSEY
Southaven, MS
Communications & Media/Visual
Media & Film and Sports Media

JAELYN RAYANN BUNCH
Texarkana, AR
Communication Sciences & Disorders

JA'RAYLON CHOPP BURKS
Ruston, LA
Kinesiology/Recreation
& Sports Administration

MAKENZIE HOPE BURKS
Beebe, AR
Theatre Arts

WESLEY CADE BURRIS
Walnut Ridge, AR
Finance and Business Administration/
Sport Management, Entrepreneurship
and Marketing

JOZIE MICHAYLA BURSON
Arkadelphia, AR
Art Education

TAMIA DAIZHANE CALLOWAY
Stamps, AR
Kinesiology/Pre-Professional Studies

KELBY DEANN CANSLER
Donaldson, AR
Psychology and Sociology

JAMES STEWART CARPENTER
Silsbee, TX
Business Administration/Marketing

ADDYSON MONTINE CASSELL
Fayetteville, AR
Middle School Education

DEREK NEAL CHEATHAM
Van Buren, AR
Business Administration/Management

HAYDEN DAVIS CHILDERS
Cord, AR
Kinesiology/Teaching

ADDIE HOPE CHUMLEY
Benton, AR
Graphic Design and Communications &
Media/Strategic Communications

KELLEN BAILEY CHURCH
Jonesboro, AR
Business Administration/Sport
Management and Marketing

BRYNN ELISE CLARK
Arkadelphia, AR
Music Industry

KAELIN GRACE CLAY
Idabel, OK
Communications & Media/Multimedia
Journalism

JUDE H. CLEMENTS
Wylie, TX
Finance

HANNAH MARIE COFFMAN
Rogers, AR
Community & Family Services

NEAL ANTHONY COLE
Pearcy, AR
Graphic Design

ANTHONY WAYNE CONKLIN
Cabot, AR
Organizational Leadership

AVERY NICOLE CORNISH
Texarkana, TX
Community & Family Services

HAILEY FAITH COULSON
Alma, AR
Communication Sciences & Disorders

ELLA GRACE COX
Rogers, AR
Social Justice Studies

AUSTYNN JOLIE CROCKER
Little Rock, AR
Political Science and Communications &
Media/Multimedia Journalism

ISAAC THOMPSON CROW
Conway, AR
Finance

KATIE G. DABROWSKI
Maumelle, AR
Graphic Design

SHELLANDE ALINA DAVILUS
San Antonio, TX
Kinesiology/Recreation
& Sports Administration

JERICA NICHOLE DAVIS
Magnolia, AR
Interdisciplinary Studies

JAMILA ELISE PIMENTEL DAY
Covington, LA
Accounting and Finance

SARAH RUTH DEAN
Nashville, TN
Communications & Media/Multimedia
Journalism

CROSSE MITCHELL DEATON
Maumelle, AR
Accounting

KINLEY GRACE DEATON
Maumelle, AR
Communication Sciences & Disorders
and Spanish

BENJAMIN BRADLEY DEPRIEST
Texarkana, TX
Finance

AIDEN LEIGH DILLARD
Bentonville, AR
Finance

FERNANDO DOCTERS BOSETTI
La Rioja, Argentina
Business Administration/Sport
Management and Marketing

EMMA JANE DONLEY
Frisco, TX
Christian Studies/Biblical Studies &
Theology and Communications & Media/
Integrated Communications

ASHLEY ISABELLE DRENNAN
Conway, AR
Elementary Education

KOBE DANNELE DUNLAP
Greenbrier, AR
Kinesiology/Recreation & Sports
Administration

CASSY DIANNE EDWARDS
Benton, AR
Organizational Leadership

ISAAC RAY EDWARDS
Hawkins, TX
Biology and Communications
& Media/Multimedia Journalism

OLIVIA PAIGE EGGLESTON
Cabot, AR
Communication Sciences & Disorders
and Sociology

SYDNEY RAE ELLASON
Sunnyvale, TX
Psychology

MADISON KATE ESCH
Benton, AR
International Missions

LUKE WILSON FALCO
Bismarck, AR
Communications & Media/Strategic
Communications

MIKAILA ANN FATHEREE
Wylie, TX
Elementary Education

KARLI KATHERINE FERGUSON
Conway, AR
Elementary Education

NATALIE FRANCES FLETCHER
Little Rock, AR
Community & Family Services

KALEB ALEXANDER FREEMAN
Sheridan, AR
Christian Studies/Christian Ministries

CARLA GALLART POLO
Valencia, Spain
Accounting

OLIVIA NOBIA GASTON
Greenwood, AR
Business Administration/Marketing

CHRISTOPHER RYAN GAY
North Little Rock, AR
Communications & Media/Sports Media

BAILEY NICOLE GIBSON
Hot Springs, AR
Finance and Business
Administration/Marketing

JACKIE LEE GILMORE JR.
Fulshear, TX
Interdisciplinary Studies

KENDEL STUART GIVENS
Little Rock, AR
Communications & Media/Sports Media

ANASTACIA GLASCO
Marion, TX
Business Administration/Management
and Entrepreneurship

WILLIAM GABRIEL GOODMAN
Arkadelphia, AR
Finance

KEATON ELI GOODRUM
Arkadelphia, AR
Elementary Education

GRACE TAYLOR GOOGE
Irving, TX
Community & Family Services

ALLIE GRACE GRAVES
Texarkana, TX
Community & Family Services

ANNA KATHERINE GREEN
Little Rock, AR
Elementary Education

CHAD H. GSCHEIDLE
Denton, TX
Kinesiology/Pre-Professional Studies

JARVIS EDMUNDSON GULLEY
Sherwood, AR
Business Administration/Management

JOHN TRAVIS GUTTERY
Benton, AR
Christian Studies

HANNAH JOY HAESSIG
Rockwall, TX
History and Writing

CHASE CHRISTOPHER HARTSELL
Hot Springs, AR
Communications & Media/Sports Media
and Multimedia Journalism

HOLLY BROOKE HATCHER
Plano, TX
Christian Studies/Christian Ministries and
Biblical Studies & Theology

JENAE LEE HAZLETT
Coppell, TX
Elementary Education

TALLON SHEPARD HEINE
Tool, TX
History

KATIE BROOKE HENRY
Little Rock, AR
Political Science and History

ZACARY TAYLOR HENSON
Alma, AR
Finance and Business
Administration/Marketing

MAVRIC BRUCE HERRERA
Wylie, TX
Music/Worship Studies

ELIAS IAN HEWITT
Springdale, AR
Business Administration/Marketing

CLARA BETH SUE HILL
Bryant, AR
Communications & Media/Strategic
Communications

KINDER W. HINRICHS
Harrison, AR
Theatre Arts

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Rogers, AR
Finance

OLIVIA GRACE HOBSON
Little Rock, AR
Elementary Education

SARA GRACE HOLMAN
Conway, AR
Psychology

BRODIE THOMAS HORTON
Benton, AR
Political Science

AVERY CAROLINE HOWARD
Frisco, TX
Elementary Education

BROCK JAMES HOWARD
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Accounting

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Little Rock, AR
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Bee Branch, AR
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Administration

ANNA GRACE HUDSON
Charleston, AR
Elementary Education

BRENNON HUMPHRY
Bryant, AR
Music Industry

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Little Rock, AR
Christian Studies

SETH MICHAEL HUNTER
Russellville, AR
Criminal Justice

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Communications

MAYCEN LAINE HYMAN
Fouke, AR
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Business Administration/
Entrepreneurship

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Leander, TX
Christian Foundations and Business
Administration/Management

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Entrepreneurship and Communications &
Media/Strategic Communications

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Sherwood, AR
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Cabot, AR
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Studio Art and History

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COLESON NEAL PENNOCK
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Theology and Christian Ministries

HEATHER LEIGH PENNOCK
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Pre-Professional Studies

VIVIAN RUTH PRYOR
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Administration/Entrepreneurship

MICHAEL ALDAHIR QUIÑONES
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Communications & Media/Integrated
Communications

ABIGALE ELIZABETH RALSTON
Tulsa, OK
Biology

CALLIE RHEA RENSHAW
North Little Rock, AR
History

REYNALDO ROGELIO REYES
Tampa, FL
Spanish

GARRETT LANE RICHARDS
Kingwood, TX
Christian Studies/Biblical Studies
& Theology

MAEGAN PAGE ROYSTER
Prosper, TX
Art Education

SONJA JAQUIETA SAVAGE
Smackover, AR
Business Administration

ALESSANDRO SCARIOLO ARES
Marbella, Spain
Business Administration/Management

MAKENZIE NICOLE SCHILMOELLER
Bedford, TX
Biology

MEGAN YONG SCHULZ
Houston, TX
Music

NATHAN ANTHONY SCOLARO
Mount Pleasant, TX
Criminal Justice

SAMUEL HOUSTON SCOTT
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Katy, TX
Environmental Studies

ASHLYN RENEE SEIBERT
Wylie, TX
English

ELIZABETH GRACE SHARON
Carencro, LA
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Communications

EMILY MADISON SHIPMAN
Midlothian, TX
Psychology

HARRISON DEAN SHUFFIELD
Arkadelphia, AR
Music Industry

JOSHUA NATHANIEL SLOCUM
Magnolia, TX
Criminal Justice

CAROLINE GRACE SMALLWOOD
Powderly, TX
Elementary Education

EMMA KAY SMITH
North Little Rock, AR
Biblical Languages

HANNAH ELIZABETH SMITH
Cypress, TX
English

NOAH TIMOTHY SMITH
Pearcy, AR
Kinesiology/Pre-Professional Studies

MICHELE M. SNOW
North Richland Hills, TX
Kinesiology/Exercise Science

ZANE TYLER STEPHENS
Mena, AR
Business Administration/Sport
Management

ERICA KATHERINE STILWELL
Little Rock, AR
Biology

MATTHEW H. STRATTON
Searcy, AR
Christian Studies/Christian Ministries
and Biblical Studies & Theology

NATHAN EDWARD STULL
Lockhart, TX
History

LOGAN SCOTT TALLEY
Little Rock, AR
Music Industry

SAMUEL THOMAS TANKERSLEY
Hot Springs, AR
English

TYSON GRAHAM TATUM
North Little Rock, AR
Community & Family Services

COOPER TIMMONS
League City, TX
Business Administration/
Entrepreneurship and Management

KAMY LEE TREAT
Conway, AR
Graphic Design and Christian Foundations

MAXIMUS TAYLOR TRIESCHMANN
Paron, AR
Graphic Design

SHELBY KATHERINE TRIPCONY
Little Rock, AR
Speech Communication
and Theatre Arts Education

SETH ROY VANCE
Cabot, AR
Accounting and Finance

FAITH SIMONE VONDRAN
Jonesboro, AR
Accounting and Finance

CHLOE IDELLE WALLACE
Conway, AR
Music Industry

LINDSEY ANNE WARD
Harrison, AR
Communication Sciences & Disorders

REAGAN CAROLINE WATKINS
Waco, TX
Business Administration/
Entrepreneurship

ALEXANDRA NICOLE WATSON
Longview, TX
Christian Studies/Christian Ministries
and Communications & Media/Integrated
Communications

BREANNA MADISON WATSON
Memphis, TN
Community & Family Services, Spanish
and Communications & Media/Integrated
Communications

JOSHUA RODGERS WATSON
Frisco, TX
Finance

SYDNI AUGUSTA WATTS
Lindale, TX
Elementary Education

ANGELA GRACE WEBB
Pleasant Plains, AR
Communications & Media/Strategic
Communications

EMILEE ELIZABETH WEBB
Poyen, AR
English and Political Science

TORRIE REGAN WEEMS
Lumberton, TX
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MEREDITH RENEE WEST
Sherwood, AR
Kinesiology/Pre-Professional Studies

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Conway, AR
Finance and Business Administration/
Entrepreneurship

ADDISON REBECCA WHITE
Greenbrier, AR
Christian Studies/Christian Missions

OLIVIA IRENE WHITEHEAD
Rockford, IL
Art Education

FAITH ANNA WICKSTROM
Fort Collins, CO
English and Secondary Education

ERIN MARIE WILLIAMS
Humphrey, AR
Kinesiology/Recreation & Sports
Administration and Exercise Science

HANNA REBECCA WILLIAMS
Prairieville, LA
Psychology and Community
& Family Services/Clinical

KEELAN CHAYNE WILLIAMS
Center, TX
Kinesiology/Pre-Professional Studies

NATALIE GRACE WILLIAMS
Springdale, AR
Middle School Education

MARVIN TERRANCE WILLIAMS-DUNN
Auckland, New Zealand
Business Administration/ Management

LAYNE ELIZABETH WILSON
Little Rock, AR
Christian Studies/Biblical Studies
& Theology

AVERY LAYNE WOMACK
DeWitt, AR
Art Education

JILLIAN LEE WOODRUFF
Hope, AR
Business Administration/ Management
and Entrepreneurship

ADDISON DE WOODS
Searcy, AR
Communications & Media/Strategic
Communications

TIMOTHY ALLYN TRUSTEN WOOTEN
Rogers, AR
Applied Physics

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

ALLISON GRACE BAILEY
Benton, AR
Psychology

CALLAWAY ARNOLD BLAKE BATSON
Arkadelphia, AR
Biology

EMILY ANN CASTILAW
Nacogdoches, TX
Biology

GABRIEL RAY CHANDLER
Conway, AR
Biology

MCKENZIE LINDA CHAVERS
Jonesboro, AR
Biology

ELIJAH I. CHRISTENSON
Forney, TX
Biomedical Sciences

CAROLINE ELIZABETH COLE
Benton, AR
Chemistry and Biology

EMMA KATHLEEN CONNER
Roland, AR
Nutrition & Dietetics

KYLEIGH LAUREN CRONE
Mabelvale, AR
Nutrition & Dietetics

ASAPH CAMILLO ALVES DA SILVA
Nova Friburgo-RJ, Brazil
Engineering Physics

LAWRENCE ARNETTE DAVIS IV
Little Rock, AR
Biology

SYDNEY MICHELLE DELGADO
Rosenberg, TX
Biology

LAUREN GRACE FOWLER
Friendship, AR
Nutrition & Dietetics

EMILY CHRISTIAN GREENWELL
Little Rock, AR
Biology and Psychology

HANNAH NICOLE HUNTER
Malvern, AR
Nutrition & Dietetics

LANDEN CARROLL IRBY
Arkadelphia, AR
Engineering Physics

YU CHAN JEONG
Bondung, Indonesia
Computer Science/Theory

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East End, AR
Biology and Chemistry

KENNEDY KLAIRE JOHNSON
Fayetteville, AR
Biology

MIKAYLA MARINE LONG
Malvern, AR
Biology

MADISON LEEANN LOVELL
Farmington, AR
Nutrition & Dietetics

MICAH ALISE MARTIN
McKinney, TX
Biology

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Biology

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Batesville, AR
Biomedical Sciences

ZOE LYNNE MCGREGOR
Mountain Pine, AR
Psychology

AUBRIEKATE OPHELIA MOSELEY
Benton, AR
Psychology

HOPE ELIZABETH MURPHY
De Kalb, TX
Biomedical Sciences and Chemistry

ANNA CLAIRE NEWMAN
Greenbrier, AR
Psychology and Biology

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Van Buren, AR
Psychology

ALEXIS MARYANN PERRY
Yorba Linda, CA
Biology

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Willingboro, NJ
Nutrition & Dietetics

BROOKLIN ELIZABETH PITARD
El Dorado, AR
Biology

DRACE ALEXANDER PROVOST
Jonesboro, AR
Engineering Physics

NOAH M. PRUITT
Sheridan, AR
Biology

AINSLEY CLAIRE ROTTINGHAUS
Hot Springs, AR
Psychology

ISABELLA R. RUSHING
Mountain Home, AR
Biology and Psychology

ERIN NICOLE RUSSO
Frisco, TX
Biomedical Sciences

JOSEPH TANNER STROUPE
Searcy, AR
Biology and Chemistry

SOPHIA ALISA TALLEY
Bryant, AR
Nutrition & Dietetics

KALEIGH NOEL THOMAS
Benton, AR
Biology

BARRETT WINSLOW TROUP
Conway, AR
Biology

DUNCAN CHASE TROUP
Conway, AR
Biomedical Sciences

COLE DANIEL TURNER
Arkadelphia, AR
Biology

TUNG QUANG VU
Camden, AR
Biology

ADDISON REBECCA WHITE
Greenbrier, AR
Biomedical Sciences

JOSIE LEANN WHITE
Marion, AR
Applied Mathematics and Chemistry

GRACEN ABIGAIL WILLIAMS
McKinney, TX
Biology

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

MELANIE LEE ARMSTRONG
Wynne, AR
Nursing

NOAH EVAN BARKER
Batesville, AR
Nursing

RYAN OWEN BARNETT
Bryant, AR
Nursing

ALYSSA GRACE BEGGS
Benton, AR
Nursing

ADDELYN CLAIR BURNHAM
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Nursing

CHRISTIAN M. CARNEY
Van Buren, AR
Nursing

JANA MARIE COKE
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Nursing

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Nursing

MORGAN CAROLINE DARR
Greenwood, AR
Nursing

CLARK WILLIAM DENNEY
Sheridan, AR
Nursing

CASSANDRA ZNOVIA MICHELE ECKER
Hot Springs, AR
Nursing

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Benton, AR
Nursing

MARTHA KAY FREEMAN
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Nursing

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Delight, AR
Nursing

ISABELLE GRACE HOLEYFIELD
Searcy, AR
Nursing

MICHELLE ANN HRITZ
Benton, AR
Nursing

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Conway, AR
Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

LUKE DAVID MUELLER
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Nursing

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Nursing

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McKinney, TX
Nursing

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Nursing

JENNA ELLEN ROGERS
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Nursing

ALLIE LYNN SAMPLE
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Nursing

HAGAN BRADLEY SANCHEZ
Wichita Falls, TX
Nursing

ASHLEY ELIZABETH SIMMONS
Stuttgart, AR
Nursing

KAYLA LEEANNE STEINMEYER
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Nursing

KARLEE NICOLE SUTTERFIELD
Greenbrier, AR
Nursing

KALEIGH NOEL THOMAS
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Nursing

EDEN ASHLEIGH VADEN
North Little Rock, AR
Nursing

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Nursing

LAUREN RILEY VENDITTO
Wylie, TX
Nursing

MALLEY MICHELLE WALLACE
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Nursing

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Springdale, AR
Nursing

MARY BETH WEDGEWORTH
Benton, AR
Nursing

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Glenwood, AR
Nursing

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

DAVID CORDELL HUFSTEDLER
Thayer, MO
Vocal Performance

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

DESTINY DANIELLE DIAZ
Malvern, AR
Instrumental Education

KATHRYN GRACE MCMANUS
Flowery Branch, GA
Instrumental Education

AVERY AMELIA GRACE STAHL
Russellville, AR
Choral Education

VERONICA RENÈ WEST
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Choral Education

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Beebe, AR
Musical Theatre

EMILY ANN CARAWAY
Roanoke, TX
Graphic Design

SARAH LYNNE FRANKLIN
Grand Cane, LA
Musical Theatre

SIERRA FAITH HOSS
Fouke, AR
Musical Theatre

MADDY MARIE MOORE
Mesquite, TX
Musical Theatre

NOAH LLOYD WARFORD
North Little Rock, AR
Musical Theatre

GRACE ELIZABETH WOODWARD
Plano, TX
Musical Theatre

GRADUATE DEGREES

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Applied Behavior Analysis

MAGGIE TAYLOR BISHOP
Maumelle, AR
Applied Behavior Analysis

ALEXANDRIA BREINN BOYCE
Haughton, LA
Applied Behavior Analysis

DANIELLE ASHLEY DUVAL
Dardanelle, AR
Applied Behavior Analysis

MINDY DALE JACKSON
Quitman, AR
Applied Behavior Analysis

KAYLEE JUDITH KELTON
Delight, AR
Applied Behavior Analysis

JORDAN LAINE MANGUM
Little Rock, AR
Applied Behavior Analysis

HANNAH FAITH MARTIN
Conway, AR
Applied Behavior Analysis

AMBER LYNNE MEDLIN
Malvern, AR
Applied Behavior Analysis

SAMANTHA GRACE MURRELL
Grant Parish, LA
Applied Behavior Analysis

MARIAH ANNE PETERSEN
Cabot, AR
Applied Behavior Analysis

LYDIA PATRICE POOLE
Hot Springs, AR
Applied Behavior Analysis

DEVINNE NICOLE RYAN
Greers Ferry, AR
Applied Behavior Analysis

EMILY B. SMITH
Jonesboro, AR
Applied Behavior Analysis

EDEN EPIPHANY TAYLOR
Arlington, TX
Applied Behavior Analysis

JESSICA LAVERNE WHITBY-LANGE
Paragould, AR
Applied Behavior Analysis

KELSEY LYNAE WILLINGHAM
Mountain Home, AR
Applied Behavior Analysis

Nutrition

NATALIE ELAINE ATKINS
Benton, AR
Nutrition

BRITTNEY ABIGAIL BURFORD
Keatchie, LA
Nutrition

CATHERINE PAIGE CHELETTE
West Monroe, LA
Nutrition

KARRINGTON PILAR GORDON
Camden, AR
Nutrition

RILEY ELIZABETH GRIFFIN
Bernie, MO
Nutrition

ALLYSON KEELY MELTON
Bryant, AR
Nutrition

ROBERT REESE OTERO
Tulsa, OK
Nutrition

JENNIFER LAUREN PERRY
Hot Springs, AR
Nutrition

ASHLEY NICOLE PETERS
Ruston, LA
Nutrition

ANNA ROSE POLO
Whippany, NJ
Nutrition

SHELBY ROBERTS
Bentonville, AR
Nutrition

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Curriculum & Instruction

REBECCA LYNN BLOODWORTH
Carrollton, TX
Curriculum & Instruction

SHERRY CONNER
Rowlett, TX
Curriculum & Instruction

JAMIE NICOLE FOWLER
Mesquite, TX
Curriculum & Instruction

KELSEY GRACE HARRISON
Argyle, TX
Curriculum & Instruction

PEYTON ANN HERN
Harrisonville, MO
Curriculum & Instruction

MARONICA LACHELLE HOWARD
Prescott, AR
Curriculum & Instruction

JEREMIAH CLARK JOHNSON
Maumelle, AR
Curriculum & Instruction

TAYLOR NICOLE KOETH
Greenwood, AR
Curriculum & Instruction

ALYSSA MICHELLE PRICE
Fayetteville, AR
Curriculum & Instruction

LAUREN AMANDA STUBBS
Corpus Christi, TX
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White Hall, AR
Curriculum & Instruction

NATHAN DREW TURNER
Conway, AR
Curriculum & Instruction

ABOUT OUACHITA

THIS YEAR AT OUACHITA

Ouachita has served for more than 137 years as a private, Christian liberal arts university. Founded in Arkadelphia, Ark., in 1886, Ouachita is affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. With a Fall 2023 headcount of 1,815, Ouachita celebrated its highest enrollment in 57 years as university enrollment during the past two decades overall has been declining nationwide. Ouachita is experiencing momentum that's reflected in new undergraduate programs such as criminal justice and engineering; six online graduate programs, including a new M.A. in counseling and Arkansas' first M.A. and M.S. degree pathways in applied behavior analysis; and a 99% job or graduate school placement rate within six months of graduation. This year brought special anniversaries to campus, marked by campus-wide celebrations honoring the 100th birthday of Cone-Bottoms Hall and the 50th birthday of the Ouachita Student Foundation. Today we end the year with a celebration of our most dearly-held tradition: honoring the impact our graduates have had on the Ouachita community and sending them out from here prepared for ongoing intellectual and spiritual growth, lives of meaningful work, and reasoned engagement with the world.

UNIVERSITY SEAL

Ouachita proudly displays a university seal, which was updated in 2023, to illustrate its role in higher education and its commitment to the work of the Kingdom of God. The circular shape of the seal is traditional but also serves as a reminder of athletics traditions, the *Ouachita Circle* alumni magazine, and the family spirit of the Ouachita community. The inner circle highlights Ouachita's founding in 1886 as well as the fundamental values of the university: vision, integrity, and service. The shield contains elements that, like a family coat of arms, define the Ouachita experience: the torch represents the pursuit of knowledge and truth, and the cross represents the Christian foundation that sustains the institution.



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The Board of Trustees, led by the chair, is the governing body of Ouachita Baptist University. The board is responsible for selecting and supervising the president; stewarding the university's vision, mission, and values; approving the strategic plan; and establishing policies related to programs and services. The board is composed of individuals, most of whom are alumni, who support the university's mission, have distinguished themselves in their respective fields, and have demonstrated wise leadership. The Arkansas Baptist State Convention approves trustees.

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HONOR GRADUATES

SUMMA CUM LAUDE WITH HIGHEST HONORS • 3.950-4.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE (IDENTIFIED BY GOLD RIBBON WITH MEDALLION)

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Emma Kathleen Conner
Ella Grace Cox*
Sarah Ruth Dean
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Chase Christopher Hartsell*
Olivia Grace Hobson
Sara Grace Holman
Anna Grace Hudson*
Reagan Alyssa James*
Yu Chan Jeong*
Kaylee Dawn Johnson*
Kennedy Klaira Johnson*
Jeffrey Daniel McCoy*
Abbie Grace Moix*
Marlaina Suzane Moix*

Maddy Marie Moore
Sydney Marie Motl*
Hope Elizabeth Murphy*
Bay Jewell Novak
Alexis Maryann Perry
Maegan Page Royster
Erin Nicole Russo
Emma Kay Smith*
Hannah Elizabeth Smith*
Noah Timothy Smith*
Shelby Katherine Tripcony*
Duncan Chase Troup*

Cole Daniel Turner*
Faith Simone VonDran*
Chloe Idelle Wallace
Breanna Madison Watson*
Joshua Rodgers Watson
Emilee Elizabeth Webb*
Addison Rebecca White*

*4.0 GPA

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Scarlet Avery Bates
Rebecca Marie Beard
Robert Luke Black
Àlex Blanchar Salvà
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Elijah I. Christenson
Hannah Marie Coffman
Kinley Grace Deaton
Sydney Michelle Delgado
Benjamin Bradley DePriest
Fernando Docters Bosetti
Ashley Isabelle Drennan

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John Travis Guttery
Holly Brooke Hatcher
Katie Brooke Henry
Sierra Faith Hoss
Avery Caroline Howard
David Cordell Hufstedler
Bailey Nicole Hunter
Baylee Jordan Hutchison
Maycen Laine Hyman
Hayden Luke Jackson
Madison LeeAnn Lovell

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Megan Kaylynn Monk
Mia Elizabeth Paladini
Coleson Neal Pennock
Julie Anne Phillips
Abigail Kathleen Powers
Ashton McKinley Price
Drace Alexander Provost
Vivian Ruth Pryor
Callie Rhea Renshaw
Garrett Lane Richards
Ainsley Claire Rottinghaus
Emily Madison Shipman
Caroline Grace Smallwood

Avery Amelia Grace Stahl
Barrett Winslow Troup
Seth Roy Vance
Lindsey Anne Ward
Noah Lloyd Warford
Sydni Augusta Watts
Torrie Regan Weems
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Brock Denver Clayton Bivens
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Jaelyn Rayann Bunch
Emily Ann Caraway
Addyson Montine Cassell
McKenzie Linda Chavers
Kellen Bailey Church
Austynn Jolie Crocker
Isaac Thompson Crow

Katie G. Dabrowski
Lawrence Arnette Davis IV
Crosse Mitchell Deaton
Clark William Denney
Aiden Leigh Dillard
Olivia Paige Eggleston
Sydney Rae Ellason
Luke Wilson Falco
Carla Gallart Polo
Kendel Stuart Givens
Jenae Lee Hazlett
Tallon Shepard Heine
Zacary Taylor Henson

Landen Wray Hill
Isabelle Grace Holeyfield
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Maggi Noelle Huddleston
Brennon Humphry
Seth Michael Hunter
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Mikayla Marine Long
Lynli Caroline Lowry

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Zachary Marshall McClain
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Meredith Claire Medford
Dawson Keith Miller
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Hannah Kaitlyn More
AubrieKate Ophelia Moseley
Makena Faith Munger
Charles Daniel Parkinson
Heather Leigh Pennock

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Brooklin Elizabeth Pitard
Anna Marie Plastiras
Abigale Elizabeth Ralston
Isabella R. Rushing
Allie Lynn Sample
Hagan Bradley Sanchez

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Nathan Anthony Scolaro
Elizabeth Xing Fang Seek
Elizabeth Grace Sharon
Kayla LeeAnne Steinmeyer
Zane Tyler Stephens
Erica Katherine Stilwell

Joseph Tanner Stroupe
Karlee Nicole Sutterfield
Sophia Alisa Talley
Kaleigh Noel Thomas
Alexandra Nicole Watson
Meredith Renee West
Faith Anna Wickstrom

Gracen Abigail Williams
Hanna Rebecca Williams
Jillian Lee Woodruff
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ALPHA CHI NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY *RECOGNIZES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND EXEMPLARY CHARACTER*
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Anna Grace Hudson
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Vivian Ruth Pryor
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Emma Kay Smith
Noah Timothy Smith

Joseph Tanner Stroupe
Lauren Amanda Stubbs
Duncan Chase Troup
Breanna Madison Watson
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Seth Michael Hunter
Brody Lawson Jacks

Charles Daniel Parkinson
Reynaldo Rogelio Reyes

Harrison Dean Shuffield
Nathan Edward Stull

Tyson Graham Tatum

ADMINISTRATION & FACULTY

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

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Tim Knight, Ph.D. ▪ Patterson School of Natural Sciences
Bryan McKinney, J.D. ▪ Hickingbotham School of Business
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Jeff Root, Ed.D. ▪ Huckabee School of Education and School of Humanities
Caroline Taylor, D.M.A. ▪ School of Performing Arts

UNIVERSITY FACULTY

Full-time, ranked faculty have primary responsibilities for teaching, developing curricula, and maintaining academic standards across the university. Visiting faculty and lecturers provide additional staffing to meet the instructional needs of departments and schools. Members of the faculty are listed below by their primary academic role.

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Justin K. Hardin, Ph.D. ▪ Professor of Biblical Studies
Adam Jones, Ph.D. ▪ Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies
Doug Nykolaishen, Ph.D. ▪ Professor of Biblical Studies
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Barbara Pemberton, Ph.D. ▪ Professor of Christian Missions
and Director of the Carl Goodson Honors Program
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Terry DeWitt, Ph.D. ▪ Professor of Kinesiology and
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Gail Hughes, Ph.D. ▪ Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in Education
Rachel Pool, Ed.D. ▪ Associate Professor of Education
Dawson Pritchard, M.S. ▪ Instructor of Kinesiology
Carrie Sharp, Ph.D. ▪ Assistant Professor of Education
Julie Stough, M.S.E. ▪ Lecturer in Education
Hallie Wallace, M.S. ▪ Instructor of Kinesiology

School of Humanities

Chris Babb, M.S. ▪ Instructor of Communications
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Jerusa Carvajal, Ph.D. ▪ Assistant Professor of Spanish
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Jay Curlin, Ph.D. ▪ Professor of English
Jason Doroga, Ph.D. ▪ Assistant Professor of Spanish
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Carey Roberson, M.F.A. ▪ Associate Professor of Art & Design
Deborah Root, Ed.D. ▪ Professor of Communications
Jeff Root, Ed.D. ▪ Professor of Communications
Sarah Smith, M.F.A. ▪ Assistant Professor of English
Anna Tejada-Lambeth, M.S. ▪ Lecturer in Spanish
Ben Utter, Ph.D. ▪ Assistant Professor of English
Ferris Williams, M.F.A. ▪ Associate Professor of Art & Design
Johnny Wink, Ph.D. ▪ Professor of English

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Steven Gonzalez, Ph.D. ▪ Assistant Professor of Applied Behavior Analysis

Sharon Hamilton, Ph.D. ▪ Associate Professor of Chemistry

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Sara Hubbard, Ph.D. ▪ Associate Professor of Chemistry

Ashley Knight, M.S.N. ▪ Assistant Professor of Nursing

Tim Knight, Ph.D. ▪ Professor of Biology

Joshua Kwekel, Ph.D. ▪ Assistant Professor of Biology

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MISSION

Ouachita Baptist University is a Christ-centered learning community. Embracing the liberal arts tradition, the university prepares individuals for ongoing intellectual and spiritual growth, lives of meaningful work, and reasoned engagement with the world.

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Ouachita strives to be an academic community of vision, integrity, and service grounded in the following values:

Faith. We believe that life is lived most abundantly in response to the love of God through Jesus Christ.

Scholarship. We advance excellence in teaching, learning, research, and creative expression.

Growth. We foster broad-based education, encouraging growth in intellectual, spiritual, physical, and social domains.

Character. We affirm that respect and honesty undergird responsible citizenship and stewardship.

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