

OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL

COMMENCEMENT

BEN SELLS, PRESIDENT

May 10, 2025

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

May 10, 2025 • 9 a.m.

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Professor and Director Emeritus of Library Services

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL

"Pomp and Circumstance"
Edward Elgar

Wind Ensemble
(recorded)

THE AUDIENCE IS INVITED TO REMAIN SEATED FOR THE PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION

Isaac Lawson
President of the Senior Class

WELCOME

Ben Sells
President

READING OF VISION AND MISSION

Lori Motl
Director of Admissions Counseling

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SCRIPTURE READING

**Meghann Bledsoe, Mallorie Carozza, Ben Combs,
Wyatt House, Troi McDonald & Allie Jane Wilson**
Students in the Pruet School of Christian Studies

HYMN

Alex Favazza
Assistant Professor of Music and 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 2025 DISTINCTIONS

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

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Ben Sells

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Jeff Root

Dean of the School of Humanities and Professor of Communications

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

Alex Favazza

"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 Myra Houser, associate professor and chair of the department of history.

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

JESSALYN PAIGE AHRENS

DeWitt, AR
Elementary Education

CYDNI M. ALEXANDER

Forney, TX
History

JOEL TIMOTHY ALLEN

San Antonio, TX
Business Administration/Management

MACKENZIE ALEXIS AMAYA

Dallas, TX
Spanish

KHARY NASTASIA AMERISON

Prescott, AR
Organizational Leadership

LILY KATE ANDERSON

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Accounting and Finance

SAMUEL CUAUHTEMOC ARIZAGA

Russellville, AR
Worship Studies

RYAN T. ARMENTROUT

Carlsbad, CA
Kinesiology/Pre-Professional Studies

LOGAN ANDREW BABEL

Beebe, AR
Worship Studies and Christian Foundations

HANNAH RAE BAILEY

Sunnyvale, TX
Kinesiology/Exercise Science

EMMA AINSLEY BALLANTYNE

Frisco, TX
Kinesiology/Pre-Professional Studies

BRETT WESLEY BARBAREE

Benton, AR
Kinesiology/Pre-Professional Studies

HANNAH BARFIELD

Nashville, AR
Communication Sciences & Disorders

WILLIAM BRUIN BARNES

Hamburg, AR
Finance

MADISON LEIGHTON BASCO

Bryant, AR
Communications & Media/Multimedia Journalism and Writing

TAYLOR MCKENNA BASS

Prosper, TX
Elementary Education

BAILEY BEARDEN

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English

JAELEN ZECHARIAH BECHO

San Antonio, TX
Kinesiology/Pre-Professional Studies

DELANEY KATE BEEHN

Wylie, TX
History and Christian Studies/Biblical Studies & Theology

BROOKS WARREN BELL

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Finance and Business Administration/Management and Entrepreneurship

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Austin, AR
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VICTORIA A. BLUM

McKinney, TX
Studio Art

MADILYN ALISE BONSALE

El Dorado, AR
Finance

MALEA M. BORLAND

Arkadelphia, AR
Philosophy and Community & Family Services/Clinical

MATHEW LYNN BOSTIAN

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Biology

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Graphic Design

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Psychology

BLAKE BUFFALO

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Accounting and Finance

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Media & Film

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Psychology and Sociology

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Communications and Multimedia
Journalism and Writing

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Communication Sciences & Disorders
and Christian Foundations

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Biology

ZAYNE C. ASHLEY
Bismarck, AR
Biology

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Computer Science/Applied and
Applied Mathematics

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Psychology

SHELBY ROSALIND CHEEK
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Psychology

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Little Rock, AR
Biology

CARSON SPEED CRAFT
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Biology

JOHN HUNTER CRUM
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Biomedical Sciences

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Biology

RACHEL DEL ANGEL
Houston, TX
Biology

ANIKA MERCY DRESSER
Lucas, TX
Biology

CATHERINE KENSLEY FLYNN
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Biology

NATHAN MAVERICK FRATER
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LUKE D. GARRISON
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Biology

REECE OLIVIA GRAY
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Nutrition & Dietetics

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Christian Foundations

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Biology

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Chemistry and Biology

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Biology

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Biology

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Biomedical Sciences

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Biology

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Engineering/Mechanical

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Applied Mathematics and Biology

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Hampton, AR
Psychology

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Biology

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Biology

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Biology and Chemistry

WILLIAM THAYER ROSS
Hot Springs, AR
Biology

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Computer Science/Applied

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Nutrition & Dietetics

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Engineering Physics

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Biology

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Biology

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Biology and and Christian Foundations

ABBIGAIL GRACE WOOD
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Biology

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Biology

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Friendship, AR
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Hot Springs, AR
Nursing

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Nursing

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Waxahachie, TX
Nursing

SARAH KATHRYN HANKINS
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Nursing

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Sherman, TX
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Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

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Vocal Performance

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Cash, AR
Instrumental Education

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Little Elm, TX
Choral Education

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Instrumental Education

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Instrumental Education

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Benton, AR
Musical Theatre

ABIGAYL MEIJUAN CONARD
Minneola, KS
Graphic Design

AMAYA LATISE HARDIN
Maumelle, AR
Musical Theatre

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Fort Worth, TX
Musical Theatre

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Dover, AR
Musical Theatre

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Carlisle, AR
Musical Theatre

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Red Oak, TX
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GRADUATE DEGREES

MASTER OF ARTS

Applied Behavior Analysis

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Malvern, AR

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Jonesboro, AR

SARAH AMY RETHERFORD
Lafe, AR

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Applied Behavior Analysis

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KARIGAN HOPE HARRINGTON
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KERA PAIGE SCHRAEDER
Farmingington, AR

BROOKLYN MICHELLE TRAMMELL
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Exercise Science

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Memphis, TN

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Little Rock, AR

CANNON RICE FISHER
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MASTER OF EDUCATION

Curriculum & Instruction

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CORI ANTONIA FETTERS
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Whitehouse, TX

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ABOUT OUACHITA

THIS YEAR AT OUACHITA

Ouachita has served for more than 138 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 2024 headcount of 1,858, Ouachita celebrated its highest enrollment in 58 years and today sends out the largest graduating class in university history. This momentum includes growth of established majors in addition to new undergraduate programs like cybersecurity, nursing and engineering. It includes six graduate programs launched in the last six years, with two degrees being conferred for the first time today. Ouachita saw campus additions with the Grayson Worship Studies Suite, the Hickingbotham Family Track & Field and the expansion of the Whisenhunt Nursing Education Center. We end the academic year with a celebration of our most dearly held tradition: honoring the mark our graduates are leaving 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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Troi Lynn McDonald*
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Andrew Brian Cox
Carson Speed Craft

Sophia Nichole Cunningham
Jordan Marie Dallimore
Ella Carol DePriest
Olivia Christine Dixon
Sierra Nicole Douglas
Deacon Cade Drennan
Anika Mercy Dresser
Rachel Leann Dunnam
Katelyn McKenzie Ellis
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Connor Moon Flannigan
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Nathan Maverick Frater
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Qara Ruth Johnson
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Abigail Rae Kemmer
Luke William Lawson
Arcrél E. L. Lee
Christopher Adam Lott
Katelyn Grace Malmer
Jaci Marie McGregor
Rachel M. New
Isaac James Nowell
Joseph William Osborne
Mary Kate O'Sullivan
Scottson Tagger Pacot
Cody Joe Pallen
Andrew Jordan Pierce
Seth Malcolm Poindexter
Brailee Marae Price

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McKinley R. Ricks
Tanner James Roberts
Adeline Robertson
Alyssa Grace Rye
Elyse Cheyenne Smith
Kassidy Elaine Stone
Camryn Manning Stroupe
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Rachel Del Angel
Jane Ellen Dial
Brandon Gregory Dyberg
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Jacob Nicholas Emmons
Phil Exner
Catherine Kensley Flynn
Gabriella Louise Gancarczyk
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Brandon Terrell Holloway
Tristan Todd Humphry
Avery Madeline Jauz
Halle Nicole Jones
Trevor Deon Jones
Riley Marie Kratz
Brody Allen Kriegel

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Isaac Forrest Lawson
Payton Avery Lee
Mark Terrance Leslie Jr.
Priscilla Camille Leverett
Lacey Nicole Lewellen
Cameron Kenneth Lewis
Thomas Lee Lilley
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Kate Meredith McCown
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Cody Joe Pallen

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Ashlyn Raeann Holt
Abigail Rae Jansen
Erin Elizabeth Key
Melissa Jo Kirchner
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Abigail Ruth Moseley
Olivia Corrine Nethercutt
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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

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The Deans Council, led by the vice president for academic affairs, serves as the academic leadership team of the university. It is composed of the deans of Ouachita's eight academic schools.

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School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Jeremy Greer, Ph.D. ▪ Pruet School of Christian Studies
Tim Knight, Ph.D. ▪ Patterson School of Natural Sciences
Bryan McKinney, J.D. ▪ Hickingbotham School of Business
Kevin Motl, Ph.D. ▪ Sutton School of Social Sciences
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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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