

OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



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BEN SELLS, PRESIDENT

May 9, 2026

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance”
Edward Elgar

Wind Ensemble
(recorded)

THE AUDIENCE IS INVITED TO REMAIN SEATED FOR THE PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION

Heather Dunavan
President of the Senior Class

WELCOME

Ben Sells
President

SCRIPTURE READING

Zoë Graham, Angela Terry, Noah Terry & Maribeth Young
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 2026 DISTINCTIONS

Deborah Root
*Professor and Chair of the Rogers Department of Communications
and 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 Pruett 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

Bob Sexton

Member of the Board of Trustees

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.

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

EMILY HELENE ADAMS
Arlington, TX
Psychology

MILLER REED ADAMS
Brownsville, TN
Kinesiology

REMINGTON ARLENE ADAMS
Farmington, AR
Elementary Education

CODY AUSTIN ADERHOLT
Little Rock, AR
Finance and Business Administration

JAMES MICHAEL ANDERSON
McDonald, PA
Political Science and History

JAYCIE ELIZABETH ANDERSON
Redwater, TX
Kinesiology and Education

TYLER J. ANDRUSS
Fort Worth, TX
Finance and Business Administration

EVAN RUSSELL ARMITAGE
Hot Springs, AR
Kinesiology

HILLARY ASHTON ARNOLD
Benton, AR
English and Political Science

SYDNEY NOEL BABB
Little Rock, AR
Criminal Justice

JOEY L. BABEL
Beebe, AR
Kinesiology

BRIAN KRISTIAN BAKER
Little Rock, AR
Philosophy

JORDAN RYAN BARNARD
White House, TN
Business Administration

KODEE MICHELLE BATCHELOR
Poyen, AR
Business Administration and
Computer Science

ALLISON JENNISE BATES
Mena, AR
Biology

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Graphic Design

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GRACIE ALBRIGHT BLOCKER
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Kinesiology

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Texarkana, TX
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RYLEE BETH BRANCH
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Murfreesboro, AR
Elementary Education

CODY BROUSSARD
Jennings, LA
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Jonesboro, AR
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Music

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Booneville, AR
Kinesiology

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Computer Science

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ABOUT OUACHITA

THIS YEAR AT OUACHITA

Ouachita has served for 140 years as a private, Christian liberal arts university. Founded in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, in 1886, Ouachita is affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. With a Fall 2025 headcount of 1,889, Ouachita celebrated its highest enrollment 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 seven years, combining for more than 60 degrees in this year's graduating class. This year, Ouachita also celebrated being named Niche's Best Small College in Arkansas and AY Magazine's Best Private College. We end the academic year with one of our most dearly held traditions: 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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HONOR GRADUATES

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Nathan Christopher Clark*	Clara Allison Griggs*	Emma Grace Morris*	Maria Angela Terry*
Alysha Grace Colburn	Elizabeth Claire Hahn*	Finley Faith Nipper*	Noah James Terry*
Genevieve Monica Cooper	Abby Kathleen Harrington*	Aaron Stuart Osmond	Madeleine Niccole Tipton*
Rebecca Sanu Danuwar	Avery Grace Hart	Anna Claire Powers*	Braden D. Tucker
Ellie Grace Davis*	Marissa Carol Hearnberger	Nathan Glenn Price*	Madilyn Marie Vana*
Ashley Brooke Dillman*	Angela E. Hibbard*	Connor Lee Radabaugh	Frederick John Vetter IV
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Jaycie Elizabeth Anderson	Kyndall Deloris Fomby-Bell	Christian Andrew Kratz	Allyson Grace Rodgers
Sydney Noel Babb	Lyndsey Claire Gardner	Jadie Marshall Langston	Ashlyn Denise Sales
Kodee Michelle Batchelor	Lukas James Burtis Garlow	Lexi Lunsford	Anna-Katherine Marie Sartin
Allison Jennise Bates	Madison Kate Goff	Cara Frances Malin	Grace Ann Sexton
Mary Eloise Bennett	Alfonso Gonzalez Gomez	Natalie Ruth Marine	Sadie Ann Snow
Gracie Albright Blocker	Hannah Rebecca Goodrum	Cade Edward Martin	Addison Rae Southerland
Ella Claire Brinkley	Tate Matthew Goodrum	Ellyette Christine McDonald	Breeanne Gayle Steinfeldt
Alex LeAnn Brown	Trevor Brent Greene	Micah Benjamin Meeks	Brooke Avery Steinman
Fernando Bustillo Brizuela	Maggie Faith Gregory	Mckinley Hope Melcher	Sydney Elizabeth Taylor
Morgan Riley Calaway	Reese M. Hargrove	Caleb Lewis Miller	Nicholas Ashton Thompson
Emery G. Cash	Brit Cole Hawkins	Katelynn Nicole Nachtigal	Lyric A. Tredwell
Prin'ncerlie Karyelle Rhéni Célicourt	Russell Don Hensley	Alexander Joseph Lelemsis Naegle	Kimber Claire Tucker
Peyton Joleen Church	Emma Claire Hill	Cooper Kent O'Briant	Chaya Eden Vogel
Shayla Dawn Conley	Jarrett Guy Hornsby	Paige Elizabeth Owens	Autumn Dawn Walters
Chapman Justin Cooper	Dylan Wesley Horton	Rylee Jo Ann Patterson	Skylar Lane Webb
Ligia de Matos Ribeiro da Silva	Blythe Elaine Hutchison	Jayne Pecena	Katie Wilder
Abigail Elizabeth Dahl	Daxon Daniel Jaggars	Brooklyn Kate Perkins	Caleb Parker Wooten
Ella Marie Davis	Kiley Ann James	Aidan Carlisle Perry	Tavin Alan Wright
Nadia Camille Denman	Chloe Monique Jamora	Deanne Elise Puryear	Blair Leann Yager
Payton Michael Dumas	Caden D. Jenkins	Ian Oliver Redman Aguilar	Natalia Zamora Capriolo
Ava Sloan Dunagan	Olivia Grace Jenkins	Aaron Jacob Reed	
Heather Lien Dunavan	Emry Savannah Johnson	Luke Caden Robbins	

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Jordan Ryan Barnard	Riley Paige Braziel	Anna Elizabeth Cabaness	Mikayla Camille Cook
Larry Bryce Benson	Carson G. Burks	Gracie Lynn Campbell	Eryn Micah Dawson

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Dylan Nicholas-Allen Dew
Blake William Dickinson
Max Charles Dickson Jr.
David Chase Dixon
Owen M. Dodd
Ashleigh Kate Estes
Braxton Lee Fischer
Abigail Faith Flora
João Filipe Caetano Ribeiro e
Vitorino Gonçalves
Haley Elizabeth Granger
Katelyn Elizabeth Hancock
Abbey Hope Harrison

Ashlynn Ann Hecht
Brayden Scott Hendricks
Tyler Wright Hipps
David William Howerton
Addison Lee Hudler
Garrison Creed Jackson
Haley Nicole Jackson
Barrett E. James
Brayden Lane James
Isabella Marie Knight
Cade Thomas Knoernschild
Emma Faith Kyzer
Julia Susan Lance
Addison Renée McCaulley

Jonathan Paul McEndree
Reid G. Messick
Kathryn Elizabeth Moody
Madeline Grace Mott
Alexis Murillo
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Erika Abigail Ortiz
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Heidi Grace Robinson
Connor Joseph Schorp
Lorraine A. Soto
Mary Kathryn Staley

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Laura Elizabeth Stewart
Makaylen Renee Swint
Jameson Claire Tankersley
Kenzie Leigh Tatum
Harmony Michelle Toth
Ian James Vance
Savannah Dawn Whitaker
Anna Jolee White
Alexis Laine Williams
Jayden J. Williams
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Riley Paige Braziel
Adam Anderson Burke
Carson G. Burks
Morgan Riley Calaway
Prin'ncerlie Karyelle Rhéni Célicourt
Nathan Christopher Clark
Chapman Justin Cooper
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Nadia Camille Denman
Blake William Dickinson
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Payton Michael Dumas
Heather Lien Dunavan
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Joshua Allen Engle
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Zoë Elizabeth Graham

Maggie Faith Gregory
Clara Allison Griggs
Elizabeth Claire Hahn
Russell Don Hensley
Angela E. Hibbard
Elise Savannah Knight
Jadie Marshall Langston
Nathan Glenn Price
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Ethan Harry Smith

Tatum Anna Smith
Breeanne Gayle Steinfeldt
Raegan Elizabeth Swindle
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Clay Joseph West
William Richard White
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Olivia Morgan Beene
Jordan Elizabeth Blaydes
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Nathan Christopher Clark
Hannah Elizabeth Crosswhite
Abigail Elizabeth Dahl
Ellie Grace Davis
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Micheal Jameson Flatt
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Chloe Abigail Miller
Wendy Lynn Osburn
Julie Anne Phillips
Anna Claire Powers
Nathan Glenn Price

Jacie Jo Sellars
Ethan Harry Smith
Kaylee Lynn Smith
Laura Spangler
Ramon Strassmann
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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

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UNIVERSITY FACULTY

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