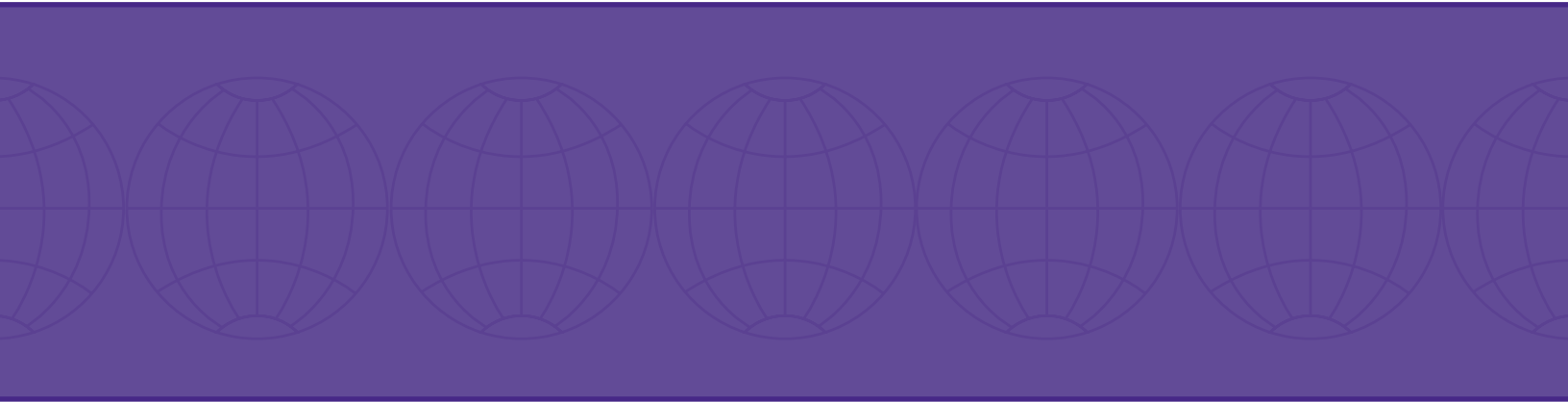


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FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
SUMMER 2017



FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE GRANT CENTER

Dear Friends of the Grant Center,

The first week of April 2017, my wife, Evelyn, and I had the privilege of helping with a training conference for our IMB missionaries gathered in Johannesburg, South Africa, from nine southern African countries. Many of them have Ouachita connections, and some have made plans for events that include Ouachita professors. Ouachita professors and students (current and former) are having a significant impact for global missions. At the same time, current and soon-to-be Ouachita students are being shaped and educated through life and schools in other nations.

I rejoice in the cross-cultural education, experiences, contributions and opportunities that the Grant Center for International Education provides for Ouachita students and professors. I am thankful for the Christian impact Ouachita has on our nation and the nations of the world. The international thread that weaves through the fabric of life on the campus is a treasure to be nurtured and supported.



Bill Bullington
President,
Friends of the Grant Center

PRESIDENT'S GREETING

Dear Friends of the Grant Center,

During my first year as president, I have heard numerous stories about the life-changing experiences of Ouachita students who have traveled and studied overseas. These stories come from two sources.

International students and missionary kids tell me about what they are learning and experiencing after traveling from 30 different countries to enroll at Ouachita.

Students from Arkansas, Texas or Louisiana or one of the other 31 states represented on our campus talk about the impact on their lives from participation in an international study trip, mission trip or one of our semester or year abroad programs.

The Daniel and Betty Jo Grant Center for International Education and the work of the center staff make these experiences possible. Your support through the Friends of the Grant Center is vital to their effectiveness. Thank you for all that you do for Ouachita.



Ben R. Sells
President,
Ouachita Baptist University

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DIRECTOR'S REMARKS



In May each year we stand at an important threshold with our seniors. They are filled with bittersweet emotions as they celebrate the transformation that they have experienced in body, mind and spirit and prepare to step out into a new world of adventure.

In the business world, we often describe the strength of a company in terms of its core competency. We try to find out what those unique strengths are that are hard for competitors to replicate. Such an analysis can be applied to students who have experienced the transformational force that an international learning experience provides.

Life is filled with paradoxes. We love stability and yet we understand that change can be invigorating. We love to spend time with old friends and yet we enjoy the experience of making new friends. We enjoy our home culture and yet we find new cultures to be charming and challenging.

Some of the core competencies that the Grant Center offers are that we are staffed by people who have spent considerable time living abroad. We have lived and experienced the very things our students experience whether on a study abroad trip or coming to Ouachita as international students. We know our students by name. We pray for them and guide them as fellow travelers as they navigate new worlds at home or abroad.



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Director of the Grant Center

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2017 INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

The annual International Photography Contest, sponsored by the Friends of the Grant Center, gives Ouachita students the opportunity to showcase both their photography and travels.



- 1. 1st Place: Amanda Abud, Peru
- 2. 2nd Place: Hanna Schulz, Turkey
- 3. 3rd Place: Austin Sowerbutts, Nepal



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND MKs INVOLVED IN EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE AT OUACHITA

Ouachita is currently home to roughly 40 international students and 20 children of cross-cultural missionaries. The Grant Center is proud of the strong diversity present among this group, with 30 different countries being represented. We are also proud that this group of students is heavily invested across campus.

This spring, five of our international student athletes were honored for their exceptional grades and athleticism by being named to the elite All-Ouachita athletic or academic teams.

During the annual Academic Awards Banquet, six international students and missionary kids were honored.

On Scholar's Day at Ouachita, eight of our students were involved in 10 different presentations.

Our international students are members of five of the 14 NCAA Division 2 athletics teams at Ouachita.

Some are serving on the Tiger Serve Day leadership team and others as resident assistants and assistant resident directors. Others are performing in Ouachita's talented choirs and bands.

Their art is on display in the galleries, and they're making Ouachita proud by competing well in ENACTUS and helping to manage the Ary Investment Fund with the Hickingbotham School of Business. They are serving with the Ouachita Student Foundation to raise money for student scholarships.

Some volunteer for Backyard Bible Club and YoungLife, participate in trips led by Campus Ministries and invest in local churches.

This fall, eight international students made the President's List (GPA of 4.0) and 11 made the Dean's List (GPA of 3.6 or higher). This spring, nine international students made the President's List and six made the Dean's List. This means at least half of our international students have held a GPA of 3.6 or higher for the past academic year!

By their presence on our campus, our international students and TCKs (third culture kids) are bringing the world to Ouachita, and through their friendships, they are providing the chance for our American students to experience different worldviews.

Our international students and TCKs are an invaluable resource to Ouachita, and we are proud that such an outstanding group of students call Ouachita "home."



Aitor Breton Lopez, a rising senior from Spain, received the Male Scholar Athlete of the Year award. Aitor has worked hard both in the classroom and on the court.



Estefanie Perez, a 2017 graduate from Venezuela, was named top Academic Achiever for the Hickingbotham School of Business.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

The International Food Festival was held Feb. 21 in Walker Conference Center. This year, the Grant Center and International Club partnered with Campus Ministries and Residence Life to focus on the global refugee crisis. Donations for "welcome kits" were gathered in the residence halls and at IFF and then distributed through Campus Ministries' Spring Break trips focused on working with refugees in Memphis and California. During the entertainment, attendees were able to hear from a Syrian-born pastor serving in Atlanta about the impact that believers can have in welcoming refugees. It was a special time to work together across campus and raise awareness of opportunities to serve globally that can occur very close to home.



STUDY ABROAD REPORT

This year has been a great year for study abroad! We are proud to have Ouachita students studying and serving in a variety of contexts around the world.

FALL 2016	
Hands On	5
Hebrew U. of Jerusalem, Israel	1
LCC Int. U., Lithuania	1
Liverpool Hope U., England	3
Salzburg College, Austria	3

SPRING 2017	
Hands On	6
Liverpool Hope U., England	5
Murdoch U., Australia	1
Salzburg College, Austria	2
Seinan Gakuin U., Japan	1

SUMMER 2017	
Catholic U. of the West, France	1
U. of Costa Rica	16
U. of Florence, Italy	2
London, England	1
Salzburg College, Austria	1
European Study Tour	22

CONSIDER JOINING THE FRIENDS OF THE GRANT CENTER

The Friends of the Grant Center is a group of people that are personally invested in international education at Ouachita. They see the value of study abroad programs and of continuing to bring outstanding international students and MK's to Ouachita's campus. They serve as advocates for international education and are invited to participate in an annual meeting each February where they hear reports from students directly impacted and enriched by the programs of the Grant Center.

If your life has been enriched through spending time abroad and through developing meaningful cross-cultural relationships, we encourage you to join this important group!

FRIENDS OF THE GRANT CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
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The FGCIE supports the advancement of international education at Ouachita. Members receive a newsletter, invitations to events, opportunities for involvement and a complimentary ticket to the annual International Food Festival.

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