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By Felley Lawson

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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University conferred degrees on 360 graduates during its 135th Spring Commencement held Saturday, May 14, on the front lawn of Cone-Bottoms Hall. Graduates received Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science degrees, as well as post-baccalaureate certificates for those completing a Dietetic Internship.

Dr. Ben Sells, Ouachita president, led Commencement exercises and delivered the <u>Commencement address</u>, in keeping with Ouachita tradition. He recalled the preparation involved in ensuring that Ouachita would be one of the few universities to offer students a fully in-person education during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years.

"In this effort to provide the typical in the least typical of times, we called on our seniors—the only class who remembered a year without COVID—to restore and to revive the traditions that make Ouachita,

Ouachita," Sells said. "You, our seniors, rose to the occasion, and I will forever be grateful for you, for the leadership you demonstrated and the example you set."









Photo Set 1 by Sarah Dean

He added, "My prayer for you is taken from Ephesians 3:17-19, which reads, 'And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."







Photo Set 2 by Levi Dade

Of this year's 162 honor graduates, 32 graduated *summa cum laude* with a grade point average of 3.95 or higher; and 17 of those graduated with a 4.0 GPA. There were 63 *magna cum laude* graduates (3.75 GPA); and 67 who graduated *cum laude* (3.5 GPA).

Candidates for graduation were presented by Dr. Stan Poole, Ouachita's vice president for academic affairs, who noted two significant milestones for the university.





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The 19 nursing degree recipients include graduates of Ouachita's distinctive RN-to-BSN dual enrollment completion program in partnership with Baptist Health College Little Rock, as well as those who completed the university's online RN-to-BSN program. These students were honored during a pinning ceremony in McBeth Recital Hall immediately following Commencement exercises. Their accomplishments represent "the culmination of efforts by Ouachita faculty, administrators, trustees and friends who recognized the great potential for adding a mission-focused program in nursing to Ouachita's undergraduate degree offerings," Poole said. "We're pleased to see these efforts come to fruition and grateful to this group of students who persevered to become Ouachita's first-ever nursing graduates."

Every student in the cohort passed the NCLEX, the exam required to become a licensed nurse, on the first attempt. "This 100% pass rate indicates both the level of commitment these students brought to their studies and the high quality of instruction and support provided by our outstanding nursing faculty," Poole said.









Photo Set 4 by Sarah Dean

Poole also noted that graduates who received a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis are Ouachita's first master's degree recipients since 1991. This inaugural cohort of ABA graduates began their program in May 2020 and completed degree requirements in August 2021.

Dr. Jim Files, associate professor of accounting and chair of the University Committee, served as Commencement marshal. Honorary marshals were retiring faculty members Dr. Glenda Secrest, professor emerita of music; Dr. Jon Secrest, professor emeritus of music; Dr. Amy Sonheim, professor emerita of English; and Dr. Doug Sonheim, professor emeritus of English.







Photo Set 5 by Sarah Dean

Senior Class President Bennett Hasley, a biology major from Fort Smith, Ark., delivered the invocation. Scripture was read by Noah McCallum, a Christian studies/Biblical studies & theology major from Jonesboro, Ark.; Lucas McCann, a Christian studies/Biblical studies & theology and Christian ministry double major from Camden, Ark.; Hope White, a community & family services major from Conway, Ark.; and Jael Winterholter, a Christian studies/Biblical studies & theology major from Fort Wayne, Ind. These students graduated with the highest grade point averages in the Pruet School of Christian Studies.

During his address, Sells challenged graduates to consider that "What has gotten you to where you are today has been considerable, but it may not be enough to get you to where you want to go."

"I believe that competence is important, but character is imperative," he said. "That convictions matter, but so does kindness. And that resilience goes a long way, but Christian faith goes further." See Sells' full Commencement address here.

Sells also conferred degrees upon the graduates and recognized three who were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army: Thomas Brenton, a kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation & sports administration major from Bryant, Ark.; Madelyn Filla, a psychology and sociology major from Tyler, Texas; and Paul Harwood, a biology major from Van Buren, Ark.



Photo 2 by Levi Dade

Ouachita Baptist University, a private liberal arts university in Arkadelphia, Ark., is in its 136th year as a Christ-centered learning community and is ranked the No. 2 "Regional College in the South" by *U.S. News & World Report.* Learn more about the university's highly personal approach, reflected in a student/faculty ratio of 13:1, at www.obu.edu.

Ouachita's August 2021, December 2021 and May 2022 graduates, in order of hometown, are:

Alexander, **Ark.** – Mikaela Monahan graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications and multimedia journalism.

Allen, Texas – Lindsay Jefferson graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in middle school education; Makeilah Turner graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/sport management.

Alma, Ark. – Garrison Jensen graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in middle school education; Madison McGhee graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and communications & media/strategic communications, communications studies and integrated

communications; Chelby Mitchelle graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Will Montgomery graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis.

Amity, Ark. – Hannah Dwiggins graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Apple Springs, Texas – Morgan McCarty graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/entrepreneurship.

Arkadelphia, Ark. – Jack Burnham graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Josh Burnham graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Haylee Cook graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Charity Curlin graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Erica Dixon graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design; Madi Frazier graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences & disorders; John Michael McCollett graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/entrepreneurship; Blanca Rodriguez graduated May 2022 with a post-baccalaureate certificate for dietetic internship; Mikayla Williams graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design; Kiki Youmans graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology.

Arlington, Texas – Brunson McDonald graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/teaching and education.

Austin, Texas – Asha Samson graduated *summa cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/exercise science.

Bauxite, Ark. – Libby Thompson-Mattox graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis.

Beebe, Ark. – Celeste Pinkerton graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in community & family services.

Bella Vista, Ark. – Allison Martin graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology.

Benton, Ark. - Maddie Bailey graduated magna cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science; Jessa Bryant graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Kaitlyn Campbell graduated summa cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science; Madison Crow graduated cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management and marketing; Rylie Davis graduated summa cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences; Sydney Donaldson graduated magna cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences & disorders; Dani Frick graduated cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre arts; Hunter Gautreaux graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management and sport management and kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation & sports administration: Suzette Handwork graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing: Nick Herrington graduated magna cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art and history; Tehya Hinkson graduated magna cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art and education: Griffin Hopkins graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and psychology; Cloe Humphry graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Music degree in worship arts; Dane Jester graduated magna cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Bri Penn graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies; Hannah Pinkerton graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing; Bailey Redden graduated magna cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/visual media & film; Regan Ryan graduated magna cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in

elementary education; Katelyn Still graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in instrumental education.

Bentonville, Ark. – Erica Chapman graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management and marketing; Ben Inmon graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry and biblical studies; Victoria Martin graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology; Brett Mills graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation & sports administration; Lacey Pettigrew graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and theology.

Bismarck, Ark. – Kassidy Falco graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing.

Bluff Dale, Texas - Emily Low graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

Blytheville, Ark. – Abigail Anderson graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting.

Bolivar, Mo. – MacKenzie Hall graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications, multimedia journalism and integrated communications.

Bonnerdale, Ark. – Corbin Bostian graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and computer science.

Bono, Ark. – Mallory Shelton graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis.

Branch, **Ark**. – Layton Shaw graduated *cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in secondary education and physics/mathematics.

Branson, Mo. - Rebecca Janke graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Bregenz, Austria – Toby Fuerschuss graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/sport management.

Brock, **Texas** – Hayden Waller graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation & sports ministry.

Brookland, Ark. – Bethany Colbert graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing.

Bryant, Ark. – Thomas Brenton graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation & sports administration; Katelin Cotton graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in worship ministry and Spanish; Gracen Goudy graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications and integrated communications; Ellie Hooten graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art and education; Jonah Mears graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering physics and applied mathematics; Mason Nelson graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in computer science; Josie Pringle graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Cabot, Ark. – Sydney Bufford graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology; Cora Saddler graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and

Spanish; Matthew Stanley graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/sport management.

Camden, Ark. – Drew Crutchfield graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing; Lucas McCann graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and theology and Christian ministry; Sabrina Russell graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies; Noah Worley graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting.

Caraway, Ark. – Karlee Sanders graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in choral education.

Carrollton, Texas – Holli Barger graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in instrumental education; Ethan Marshall graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and Christian ministry; Maggie Reedy graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

Casablanca, Morocco – Hamza Bellali graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science.

Celina, Texas – Luke Brinkerhoff graduated *cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Thomas Parsons graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design and communications & media/visual media & film; Tucker Raymond graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing.

Chelsea, Ala. – Ben Carpenter graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering physics.

Clarksdale, Miss. – Cissy Weiss graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis.

Conway, Ark. – Harry Jeffrey graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and biology; Holly Jones graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing; Lauren Kinley graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance; Hannah Martin graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and business administration/management; Candace Moix graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting; Abby Morris graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition & dietetics; Allyson Oliver graduated *magna cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and political science; Lori Page graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Jack Pillow graduated *cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; K.D. Smith graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology; Hope White graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in community & family services.

Coppell, Texas – Mason Jarrett graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

Crossett, Ark. – Gregory Junior graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

Crystal Beach, Texas – Callie Jourdan graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Cypress, Texas – Amy Jackson graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/visual media & film; Madison Montgomery graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

Dallas, Texas – Alex Bryan graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Chris Bryan graduated *cum laude*May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Katie Gray graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in middle school education; Allison Harrison graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing and entrepreneurship.

Danville, Ark. – Michaela Papasan graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis.

Denison, Texas – Haylee Cannon graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and secondary education.

Des Arc, Ark. – Gracen Hambrick graduated *cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Diaz, Ark. – Latina Robinson graduated May 2022 with a post-baccalaureate certificate for dietetic internship.

Durham, N.C. – Grace Avery graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design and communications & media/visual media and multimedia journalism.

Edmond, Okla. – Sydney Parker graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance.

El Dorado, Ark. – Dawson Goodwin graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and philosophy; Jake Hunter graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies; Madison Jackson graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Buck McKnight graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and theology and Christian ministry; Monica Smith graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Kate Vernon graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Eureka Springs, Ark. – Ashlynn Lockhart graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre.

Fairfield, Mont. – Jared Smith graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/missions.

Fayetteville, Ark. – Paige Fett graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry, biblical studies and Christian missions; Jessie Golden graduated May 2022 with a post-baccalaureate certificate for dietetic internship; Nathan Jones graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies; Angelica Montes graduated May 2022 with a post-baccalaureate certificate for dietetic internship; Alyssa Price graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in physics/mathematics and secondary education; Connie Schade graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Eli Schroeder graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in computer science; Lindsey Stroope graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing.

Fordyce, Ark. – Jack Brent graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering physics.

Fort Smith, Ark. – Bennett Hasley graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Lakota Kasworm graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Mitchell Waite graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications

& media/visual media & film, integrated communications and strategic communications; Marly Welborn graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Fort Wayne, Ind. – Jael Winterholter graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and theology.

Fort Worth, Texas – Libby Tomlin graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies; Emily Tarr graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Glenwood, Ark. – Tristyn Campbell graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance; Haddon Smead graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and secondary education.

Greenbrier, Ark. – Carrie Jo Harville graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences & disorders.

Greenfield, Tenn. – Molly Mai Borneman graduated *cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry and Christian missions.

Greenville, Texas – Nic Hazlett graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering physics.

Greenwood, Ark. – Lexie Castillow graduated *magna cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and kinesiology & leisure studies/teaching.

Gulfport, Miss. – Elaina McKenzie graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English; Logan Moore graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Music degree in worship arts/keyboard.

Hallsville, Texas – Emily Barton graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and social justice studies.

Hampton, Ark. – Lauren Reams graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences & disorders.

Harrison, Ark. – Chris McCuistion graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/sports media and multimedia journalism.

Hartshorne, Okla. – Blake Tubbs graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

Haslet, Texas – Ryan Thompson graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biblical languages.

Heber Springs, Ark. – Pierce Mitchum graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/sport management.

Hillsboro, Texas – Lilia Stresow graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management, marketing and sport management.

Hope, Ark. – Parker Madlock graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design and political science.

Hot Springs Village, Ark. – Elysian Majeske graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology.

Hot Springs, Ark. – Charley Capps graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Bailey Case graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry; Lauren McCann graduated *magna cum laude*May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and psychology; Garner Schroeder graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish; Erica Wilmath graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications.

Houston, Texas – Jacob Cates graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies and Spanish; Nicholas Erickson graduated *cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Music degree in worship arts.

Howe, Texas – Madison Mosier graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry and missions.

Huntsville, Ark. – Ashlee Marlow graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education.

Inez, Texas – Jillian Jones graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art.

Jonesboro, Ark. – Ethan Elkins graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry; Molly Maddox graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences & disorders; Victoria Mayfield graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Noah McCallum graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and theology; Michelle Phillips graduated *cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and secondary education; Ben Scarbrough graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and theology; Rachael Wilson graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Junction City, Ark. – Terrell Gibson graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation & sports administration.

Kitwe, Zambia – Able Kusaloka graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management and entrepreneurship.

La Mirada, Calif. – Allison Robertson graduated May 2022 with a post-baccalaureate certificate for dietetic internship.

Lampasas, **Texas** – Kyndal Moyer graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance.

Leonard, Texas – Jessi Bennett graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

Lewisville, Texas – Frenchie Normand graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

Lindale, Texas – Ashton Roots graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in community & family services.

Little Elm, Texas – Michiko Lee graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis.

Little Rock, **Ark.** – Abby Blankenship graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications and communications studies; Ben Blocker

graduated magna cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering physics; Cross Brandon IV graduated cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry: Mary Grace Cahalan graduated cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences & disorders; Cori Clower graduated cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences: Josie Collins graduated summa cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology; Elizabeth Dawson graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre; Matthew Evans graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design; Rileigh Fielder graduated magna cum laude December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/entrepreneurship; Mallory Gatson graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/integrated communications; Austin Guymon graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history; Caleb Henry graduated magna cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management; Julianna Jones graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition & dietetics: Emma Kelley graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation & sports administration; Bethany Long graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Andrew McDonald graduated magna cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/sport management; Sean McKinney graduated cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition & dietetics; Whitleigh Montgomery graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing; Zoar Moreno graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing; John Peyton graduated summa cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences; Maggie Pinkston graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Landon Salman graduated August 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry; Kally Smith graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Avery Spradlin graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing; Brianna Swinton graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing; Kierra Taylor graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation & sports administration; Bailey Terrell graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Taryn Toles graduated summa cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in instrumental education; Tom Tran graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance; Carter Wade graduated magna cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance and business administration/entrepreneurship and marketing; Athen Wilkerson graduated magna cum laude May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/entrepreneurship and marketing; Victoria Williams graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Franco Zuniga graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Livingston, **Texas** – Charlie Fowler graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

Longview, **Texas** – Mallory Wallace graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications and Christian studies/biblical studies; Hannah Webber graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in public history.

Lucas, Texas – Sarah Collins graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/integrated communications.

Magazine, **Ark.** – Kaylee Pickartz graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis.

Magnet Cove, Ark. - Ruthie Petersen graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Magnolia, Ark. – Thomas Harrington graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Makassar, Indonesia – Gwyneth Hadasa graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition & dietetics.

Mansfield, Ark. – Mia Harper graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis.

Maumelle, Ark. – Katie Sanders graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Peyton Smith graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and theology.

Mayflower, Ark. – Jordan Henry graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies.

McKinney, Texas – Darby Byrd graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian missions; Emma Schaeffer graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing; Anna Weyenberg graduated *summa cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music and communications & media/multimedia journalism.

Memphis, Tenn. – Kristen Dabov graduated May 2022 with a post-baccalaureate certificate for dietetic internship.

Meridian, Miss. – Erica Gaddie graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition & dietetics and biology.

Mexico City, Mexico – Jacob Moreno Robles graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing.

Minsk, Belarus – David Vashkevich graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/visual media & film.

Moore, Okla. – Jack Patterson graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering physics.

Mount Ida, Ark. – Caleb Woodfield graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/teaching and education.

Munford, Tenn. – Cole Edrington graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and sociology.

Murfreesboro, Ark. – Lainy Alexander graduated *cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies; Ethan Kuntz graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry.

Murphy, Texas – Taylor Hamilton graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences & disorders.

Myrtle Beach, S.C. – Katelyn Sherrill graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis.

Nacogdoches, Texas – Jacob Street graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/management.

Nashville, Ark. – Alexa Copeland graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in instrumental education; Gage Kropf graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/exercise science; Madi Miller graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/teaching and education; Sadie Prejean graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis.

Nashville, Tenn. – Lydia Dean graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications and integrated communications.

New Caney, Texas – Hannah Gothard graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre.

North Little Rock, Ark. – Andrew Boatman graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering physics; Cailey Maples graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing; Ben Morris graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering physics; James Renshaw graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management; Michal Vaden graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing; Kayla Whittington graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and biology.

Olive Branch, Miss. – Louis Steen III graduated *magna cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Orange, Texas – Chrisleigh Longlois graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry.

Orlando, **Fla.** – Greg Bryant graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/entrepreneurship and management.

Ozark, Ark. – Hunter Jackson graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and secondary education.

Paragould, Ark. – Isabella Wood graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

Paris, Ark. – Alyssa Huber graduated May 2022 with a post-baccalaureate certificate for dietetic internship.

Paron, **Ark.** – Hannah Herrington graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Pasadena, Texas – Will Broussard graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies.

Pea Ridge, Ark. – Zoë Jennings graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences & disorders.

Pine Bluff, Ark. – Kaitlyn Bolton graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing, management and sport management; Johnathon Callum graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies; Aaron Koen graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies.

Plano, Texas – Logan Daust graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/sport management; Hayden Reedy graduated *magna cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/communications studies; Sarah Tuller graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies; Ryan York graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/sports media and multimedia journalism.

Poplar Bluff, Mo. – Olivia Crites graduated *cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Porter, Texas – Nolan Gerfers graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation & sports administration.

Porto, Portugal – Chico Oliveira graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/sport management.

Pottsville, Ark. – Emma Gregory graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art.

Prairie Grove, Ark. – Megan Chambers graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis.

Prescott, Ark. – Kiyair Webb graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing.

Quitman, Ark. – Rue Ragsdale graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing.

Redwater, Texas – Erica Klitz graduated May 2022 with a post-baccalaureate certificate for dietetic internship.

Richardson, Texas – Jahvel Lair graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in middle school education; Katie Loving graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences & disorders; Kylie Radabaugh graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in community & family services; Liv Sweeden graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and secondary education; Erin Williams graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music and psychology.

Rio Vista, Texas – Reanna Johnson graduated *cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in social justice studies and psychology.

Rison, **Ark.** – Jaelle Morrison graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences & disorders.

Roanoke, Texas – Scott Gay graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies and theology; Bri Taylor graduated *magna cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and history.

Rockwall, Texas – Emily Garrett graduated May 2022 with a post-baccalaureate certificate for dietetic internship; Mary Madison Tolbert graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in social justice studies and Christian studies/Christian missions and Christian ministry.

Rogers, Ark. – Mandie Gray graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Colin McWhorter graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management.

Roland, Ark. – Robyn Blaylock graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis.

Rosenberg, Texas – Ashley Beck graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian missions.

Rowlett, Texas – Kendyl Dockter graduated August 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation & sports administration; Garret Hermes graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of

Arts degree in communications & media/integrated communications; Lucie Shepherd graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications.

Sachse, Texas – Hunter McCord graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/sport management and marketing; Parker Zucha graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/management.

San Antonio, **Texas** – Rachel Sansano graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications and multimedia journalism.

Searcy, Ark. – Kristen Holeyfield graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology; Anna Roussel graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and communications & media/strategic communications and integrated communications.

Seoul, South Korea - Brend Park graduated August 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting.

Shannon Hills, Ark. – Molly Hunter graduated May 2022 with a post-baccalaureate certificate for dietetic internship.

Sherman, Texas – Carter Duren graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/management.

Sherwood, Ark. – Chassidy Barnes graduated *cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Ashleigh Batte graduated May 2022 with a post-baccalaureate certificate for dietetic internship.

Shreveport, La. – Grace Loftin graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/pre-professional studies; Tally Turnbow graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics and secondary education.

Siloam Springs, Ark. – Sam Youmans graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry.

Smackover, **Ark.** – Beau Burson graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/recreation & sports administration.

Sparkman, Ark. – Sidney Pigott graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Spring, Texas – Lindsey Hyde graduated *summa cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/strategic communications and business administration/management.

Springdale, Ark. – Graycie Bohannan graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics and secondary education; Joseph Carson graduated August 2021 with a Bachelor of Music degree in worship arts; Katelyn Harris graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry and biblical studies; Reagan Neal graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry.

Springfield, Mo. – Gage Hill graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting.

Springhill, **La.** – Rico Gonzalez graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics.

St. Louis, Mo. – Lexi Huse graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art and education.

Sulphur Springs, Texas – Makenna Kager graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras – Sebastian Bustillo graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics, applied mathematics and computer science.

Texarkana, Ark. – Amanda Almand graduated May 2022 with a post-baccalaureate certificate for dietetic internship; Melissa Brown graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in choral education; Makenna Handy graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre; Madeline Harris graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Reid Jenkins graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing; Victoria Leverett graduated *cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and communications & media/strategic communications; Emily McMaster graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences & disorders; Bailee Stevens graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis; Melody Stotts graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in middle school education.

Texarkana, Texas – Cortney Crawford graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design; Connor Howell graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/entrepreneurship; Jacob Thomas graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies; Parker Twisdale graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/entrepreneurship.

Tulsa, Okla. – Lisa Hoffman graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis.

Tyler, Texas – Madelyn Filla graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology.

Van Buren, Ark. – Paul Harwood graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology; Katie Moore graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/integrated communications and sports media.

Victoria, Texas – Jessalyn Vander Stucken graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry.

Vilonia, **Ark.** – Ethan Gasaway graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology & leisure studies/teaching.

Waco, **Texas** – Anderson Fulton graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Emily White graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design.

Walnut Ridge, Ark. – Bailey Ellison graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre arts; Will Weir graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and kinesiology & leisure studies/teaching.

Warren, Ark. – Michael Hayden Lassiter graduated *cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance.

Waxahachie, Texas – Hyland Alfonso graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences; Sammy Campione graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre; Temi Fayiga graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and finance.

West Monroe, La. – Nathan Frick graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre arts.

West Plains, Mo. – Jacy Carter graduated December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in community & family services.

White Hall, Ark. – Matthew Branch graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications & media/sports media and strategic communications; Caroline Evans graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing; Michaelyn Ferrell graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/marketing and communications & media/strategic communications; Jazmyn Parker graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education; Clara Taylor graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in choral education.

Winnsboro, **Texas** – Hanah Green graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music industry.

Wylie, Texas – Kevin Merino graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology; Sara Patterson graduated *summa cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian studies/biblical studies; Kinsey Potts graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre; Brennan Saunders graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and business administration/sport management; Aubree Seibert graduated *cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in applied physics and a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and biology; Grant Winger graduated *magna cum laude* May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration/sport management and finance.

Wynne, Ark. – Cannon Fisher graduated May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition & dietetics; Emma Lawyer graduated *cum laude* December 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre; Brooke Martin graduated August 2021 with a Master of Science degree in applied behavior analysis.