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Global Outreach Trips Span Multiple Countries

OBU students, faculty and staff display flags of places they will serve in cross-cultural ministry this summer. The display was part of OBU's chapel service set aside to commission students, faculty and staff for their ministry assignments.

The teams travel throughout the world ministering to multiple people groups by teaching English, providing medical care, and ministering while sharing the Gospel.

OBU's Avery T. Willis Global Outreach Center sends dozens of students on international and

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United States service endeavors each year.

From January through August 2013, 88 OBU students and 15 OBU employee sponsors will serve in Cambodia, Mexico, Russia, Ethiopia, India, Thailand, Uganda, Zambia, Spain, Japan and North America.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Commencement is such a significant event on a university campus. This year, I had the honor of shaking the hands of 255 OBU students during our Spring Commencement ceremony on May 17. Commencement reminds us of the important role we play in equipping our students to live worthy of the high calling of God in Christ.

As we send our graduates out from Bison Hill, they demonstrate to the world the value of the Christ-centered education they received at OBU as they perform their jobs with excellence, love their friends and families, serve their communities and lead others to know Christ. I am proud of our graduates, and certain they will make our world a better place.



As a “Great Commission” University, OBU is committed to disciple-making through curricular and extra-curricular programs, including our Avery T. Willis Center for Global Outreach that sends out scores of students, faculty and staff on mission trips all over the world. In the pages that follow, you’ll read about several OBU teams that have traveled during the last six months sharing the Gospel with people of many cultures.

In January, a group of OBU nursing students traveled to remote villages in Mexico to set up clinic sites where they could provide health services and share God’s love. During Christmas break, students in the Hobbs College of Theology and Ministry experienced Cambodian culture, taught English-language classes and shared their faith while traveling in Southeast Asia. And during spring break, students traveled to Russia to learn about church planting in a foreign culture, develop relationships with Russian students, and share their personal faith.

As a “Great Commandment” University, OBU seeks to promote the virtue of a life of learning and the responsibility to love the Lord with all our heart, our soul and our mind. Our commitment to excellence permeates the efforts of our faculty and staff, resulting in student achievement that is clearly recognized by others. In this edition, you’ll read about some of our students’ accomplishments in academics, sports and in the arts. Our students demonstrate their commitment to excellence, while bringing glory to God and honor to OBU.

As you read about these experiences and accomplishments, you will be as certain as I am that our graduates will make our world a better place.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David Wesley Whitlock".

David Wesley Whitlock
OBU President



global outreach

Experiencing other cultures. Touching countless lives.

WHAT WILL YOU DO THIS SUMMER? It's a fairly common question among OBU students. Some will vacation in the United States or abroad. And yet others choose to travel the world sharing the gospel and spreading the love of Christ.

In Africa, students touch the lives of orphans by leading Bible school classes and activities, running sports camps and developing new school programs.

In South Asia, female students partner with American locals providing discipleship, education and care for women involved in human trafficking.

In East Asia, students live on a university campus while studying the local language, teaching English and sharing their faith with fellow students.

In Spain, students teach English as a Second Language-focused workshops based on Bible stories.

Each year, more and more students choose to participate in Global Outreach (GO) Trips such as these through OBU's Avery T. Willis Center for Global Outreach. GO Trips provide ministry opportunities for students to experience the missional lifestyle of Christian action and service.



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Students Experience Cambodian Culture

Five OBU students traveled on a Global Outreach Trip to Cambodia with Dr. Bruce Carlton, professor of cross-cultural ministry and director of Avery T. Willis Center for Global Outreach, during Christmas break to extend the Gospel of Jesus Christ while experiencing a different culture.

The team arrived in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and departed the following morning for an eight-

day trip to multiple rural provinces — Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, Siem Reap, Kompong Thom and Svay Rieng. The first leg of the trip introduced the team to Cambodian culture and allowed them to experience Christmas celebrations in several local churches.

“This was my first time out of the United States, so I really did not know what to expect,” said Kasey Chapman,

a senior pastoral ministry major from Elmore City, Okla. “But when we arrived in Cambodia, I felt right at home among the people. They love to smile and laugh, so that made our time even more fun and rewarding.”

Cultural exchange is an important part of any OBU GO Trip. Students are able to share their own culture with others, while also experiencing the culture of people outside the United States.

While learning about the Cambodian culture, students visited a spirit house at a Buddhist temple where visitors burn incense in an effort to appease spirits.

“We learned a lot about the Cambodians’ culture, and they learned a lot about ours,” said Caroline Reel, a senior orality studies major from Tishomingo, Okla.

The team taught English at a university in Phnom Penh, leading two classes each morning and one in the afternoon. The classroom setting allowed students to develop relationships with Cambodian students and even share the Gospel. The team also worked with a cross-cultural ministry organization teaching English at Cambodia Mekong University.

“We also spent a lot of time with the students even outside of the classroom setting,” reflected Chapman. “Several of them attended weekly worship services at our guest house on Sunday afternoons.”

Gabriella Garcia, a sophomore biology major from Duncan, Okla., said the team enjoyed building friendships with the Cambodian students.

“We did fun things with the students, like hair and nails with the girls, and the guys did karaoke,” Garcia said. “We spent time with the students when they had free time; many would come to hear more of the Gospel. Amazing friendships were built during these few short weeks.”

In Phnom Penh, the team visited two ministries, Mercy Medical Center and the Cambodian Christian Arts Ministry. Mercy Medical Center is a modern medical facility which provides medical services to Cambodia’s underprivileged residents.

Carlton said the possibility exists for OBU to develop a partnership between Mercy Medical and the OBU College of Nursing, particularly the OBU Graduate School’s Global Nursing Program. Possibilities also exist for pre-med students and students studying public health to interact with Mercy Medical Center.

The Cambodian Christian Arts Ministry (CCAM) is an organization whose aim is to utilize Cambodian traditional arts, such as dancing and music, to communicate the truths of the Gospel while, at the same time, ministering to children by bringing them into a home and providing a safe environment for learning and growing.

“A number of Cambodian churches utilize some of their traditional dance forms in worship celebrations,” Carlton said. “This [CCAM] may also provide a possible avenue for OBU students in the fine arts to learn about using traditional art forms in Christian ministry and communication of the Gospel.”

Through the English-language classes in Cambodian schools and building relationships with students, several OBU students found opportunities to share their personal faith. In Cambodia, idol worship is prominent, a result of the nation being predominantly Buddhist. However, OBU students said they could perceive ways God is at work in Cambodia.

“The most rewarding part of the trip was sharing the Gospel with our students, many of whom had never before heard the story of God’s love for them,” Chapman said. “After sharing the Gospel with one student, tears filled his eyes and he said, ‘That is such a great story! Can you tell me more?’”

Students report GO Trips are a valuable experience because they allow the students to live out their faith in practical relationships while also experiencing new cultures. Opportunities such as teaching English and engaging university students will continue to be available to OBU GO teams in the future.



Dr. Bruce Carlton preaches at Russey Keo Baptist Church, the first Baptist church planted in Cambodia.

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Students Share Medical Care, God's Love



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The La Mixteca region of Mexico boasts great geological contrasts, with mountains to the north, ravines to the east, valleys to the west and the Pacific Ocean to the south. For nursing majors, a January intercultural service trip to the region provided great contrasts as well: an abundance of opportunities to share God's love and instruction in basic hygiene with hospitable people, coupled with the constraints of multi-lingual communication and limited medical care.

The rugged, varied geography hindered communication among the Mixtec

people groups over time, creating a differentiation of dialects within the Mixtec culture. An estimated 12 or more different Mixtec languages exist.

Communication was one challenge for the OBU team, comprised of four nursing majors and sponsored by OBU faculty members Martha Hernandez and Dawn Westbrook, assistant professors of nursing.

The OBU team served alongside cross-cultural workers in an established clinic. The students also were part of a large group that

traveled into remote mountain villages to set up clinics in communities with limited access to medical care. They had an opportunity to work alongside Aubrey Dolliver, '12, who obtained her nursing license and now ministers full-time at the site.

"We had the overall goal of keeping Christ first and sharing his love to all we encountered," said Emily Christensen, a junior from Cañon City, Colo. "We also had the goal to use our skills we have been gaining in nursing school to help

Opposite page: OBU nursing students Emily Christensen (left) and Alex Whelan provide medical care to a man in Mexico under the direction of Dr. Douglas Holte, a family practice physician from Broken Arrow, Okla., who serves as a medical volunteer.

OBU volunteers at the Corban Clinic in January. Included from left: Dawn Westbrook; Brandy Moore, a senior from Texas; Alex Whelan, a senior from Colorado; Emily Christensen, a junior from Colorado; Jonathan Phillips, a senior from California; and Martha Hernandez.



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the communities in Oaxaca. We did a three-day village trip where we set up portable clinic sites to see the people in the villages. Our goal with this was to help relieve their physical ailments. Afterward, we would pray with them and tell them about Jesus.”

The villages the team visited lie about five hours away from most modern services. The local people speak a dialect different from Spanish, and the local culture varies from much of Mexico. According to team members, the most difficult part of the trip was the language barrier due to the

unique dialect of the area. Many of the people grow food to sustain their families. Because of this, the medical team encountered a lot of nutritional deficiencies in the local people.

Perseverance proved fruitful for the team, which ministered to more than 80 patients in one village alone. Six people made life-changing commitments to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

“The most rewarding part of the trip was during our village trip,” said Alex Whelan, a senior from Parachute,

Colo. “I really enjoyed being able to help people that very rarely get medical care. They genuinely needed what we were giving them.”

OBU’s College of Nursing offers two cross-cultural health ministry courses designed for junior and senior nursing students who are beginning practitioners in health ministry. The practicum courses, which focus on the application of the nursing process with individuals and within communities, are coordinated with OBU’s Avery T. Willis Center for Global Outreach.



Students Plant Seeds in the Snows of Russia

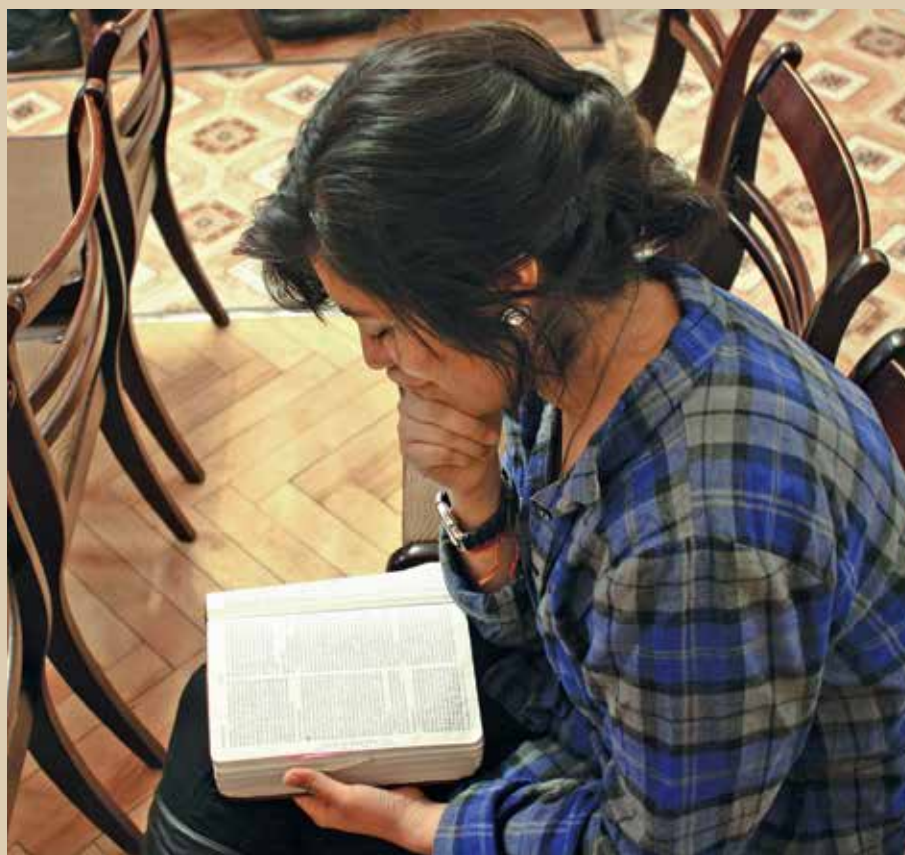
During Spring Break, OBU students and sponsors traveled to the town of Ufa, Russia, in Eastern Europe. The weather, which around Oklahoma is notoriously subject to change, was predictably cold they arrived at their GO Trip destination.

The town, originally a fortress constructed in 1574 under the command of Ivan the Terrible, now boasts more than a million inhabitants and sits as the capital of the Republic of Bashkortostan in Russia's Volga federal district. Seven OBU students took this atypical spring-break trip, not to relax from their studies, but to work hard learning about church

From the top: More than a million people call Ufa, Russia, home. OBU professor Dr. Bruce Carlton chose Ufa as a Global Outreach destination for OBU students because the city sits at the crossroads between European Russia and the countries of Central Asia.

Chris Carr, a 1986 OBU alum, shares the Gospel with four girls in the city of Ufa.

OBU student Mandy De Hoyas, a junior from Fort Worth, Texas, reads her Bible during a visit to a church in Ufa.



OBU STUDENT PROVIDED PHOTOS

planting in a foreign culture as a part of Global Outreach. These Global Outreach (GO) Trips allow OBU students to participate on a cross-cultural journey and experience a new society.

The OBU students, along with Dr. Bruce Carlton, professor of cross-cultural ministry and director of the Avery T. Willis Center for Global Outreach, participated in a one-day training conference upon arrival.

The journey, which served as the finishing piece of a cross-cultural ministry class, provided the students a chance to experience Christianity in a different setting; share their personal faith; develop personal relationships with both the Russians in Ufa and the students at Bashkir State University; and make an impact for Jesus Christ in a country a world away from OBU.

The group interacted with Russian believers in the local church and was given the opportunity to teach a few lessons, a hands-on approach to what they were learning in the OBU classroom.

"We encouraged the local church to share the Gospel and plant more churches in their city," OBU freshman Rebecca Clegg said. "It was such a blessing to have the opportunity to take our book knowledge and apply it to real life. It helped us get a better understanding of what we learned in class, and we will be able to retain this knowledge much more efficiently."

In Ufa, the OBU GO team met up with Chris and Eileen Carr, two OBU alumni who serve as Bible teachers in Russia, as well as American students studying the Russian language at Bashkir State

University. This collaboration was a follow-up on a previous church-planting endeavor by Carlton and Carr. Carlton and the OBU students saw the progress churches have made over the last five years.

"I chose Ufa (for the trip) because I had done some training with Chris Carr and a number of the Russian pastors and leaders in 2008," Carlton said. "Ufa sits at the crossroads between European Russia and the countries of Central Asia. It is a strategic city."

Throughout the trip, OBU students had opportunities to interact with young Russians during the church-related events, such as a training conference, prayer walks, in-home meetings, interviews with Russian church leaders and an all-night prayer meeting on the eve of the students' departure. The conversation and sharing of values that occurred between the youth of the two nations served to strengthen the ties between them and their mission to further the Kingdom of God.

"The Russian young people remarked how they truly enjoyed our students spending time with them even though there were language differences," Carlton said. "When the team went prayer walking, it was Russian young

people with whom the OBU team often found itself in conversation."

On one occasion in the streets of Ufa, the group encountered four young women belonging to the three largest people groups in the city. The women — one of Tartar descent, one of Bashkir descent and two Russians — struck up a conversation with Carlton, Carr and the GO students. When the women expressed an interest in the group's purpose in Ufa, a team member shared the story of God from Creation to Christ.

"This was the first time these four young ladies ever heard the Gospel," Carlton said.

The trip offered OBU students a firsthand opportunity to engage a diverse world. They integrated their personal faith with the knowledge they gained in a Bison Hill classroom, all while building new relationships and expanding their individual worldviews.

"On this trip to Russia, God revealed to me just how true it is that God is cross-cultural," said Sydnie Gabbard, a freshman from Edmond, Okla. "He has no boundaries, no limits, no exceptions. He is the same God here in America, in Africa, in Europe, and, as I saw, in Russia. God isn't only for a particular people group, but for everyone."

ON THE COVER

Pictured on the cover is OBU Sophomore Molly Munger during a GO Trip to Mityana, Uganda. Molly is from Harrah, Okla., and is majoring in Psychology: Pre-Counseling. She is standing outside of Community Bible Fellowship, the church OBU helped build. Monica Mullins, an OBU faculty sponsor, shot the photo. This GO Trip team was in Uganda at the time of this magazine printing.



OBU GRADUATES Challenged to Dream Big

Challenged to “Dream Big,” 255 OBU graduates received their diplomas during the University’s 99th Spring Commencement on Friday, May 17.

The graduating students took their symbolic final walk across the campus as OBU students before they filed into Raley Chapel’s Potter Auditorium. The students, in academic regalia, proceeded from the Geiger Center to the chapel, passing through rows of OBU faculty members before they reached the chapel’s east steps.

Before an overflow audience of more than 1,800 in Raley Chapel, Dr. Bobby Kelly, who serves as Ruth Dickinson Chair of Bible, told the graduates that although the words sound cliché, he encouraged them to dream.

“Nothing could be more consistent with the witness of Scripture than the call to dream big dreams with eyes wide open,” Kelly said, relating the passage in Acts 2:1-13 which refers to the day of Pentecost and the Apostle Peter’s interpretation of that day. Kelly

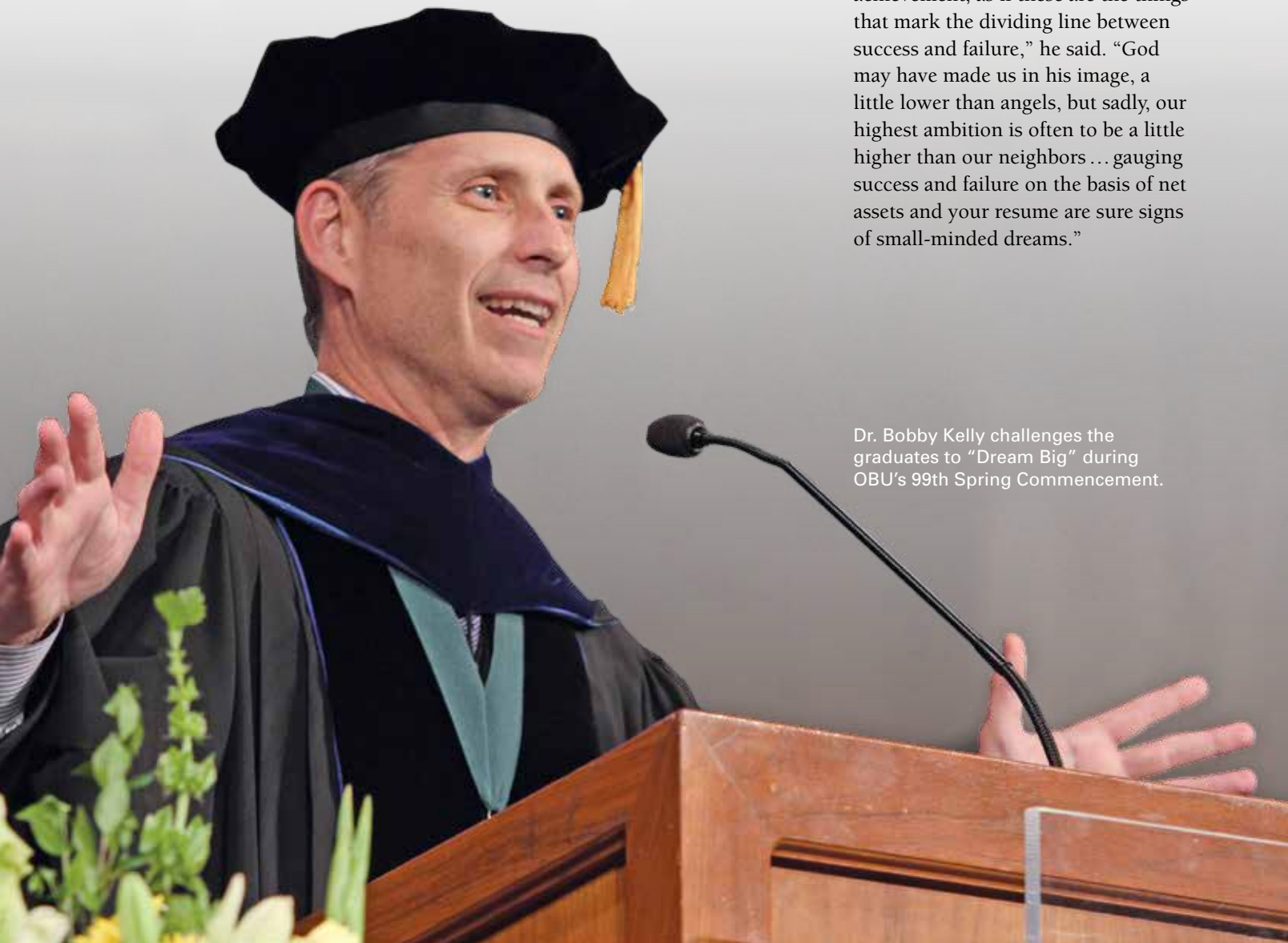
said the Scripture says the Holy Spirit will give people a vision for their future.

“The promise of Pentecost is the promise of better dreams, Holy Spirit inspired dreams,” Kelly said.

As the graduates dare to dream, Kelly urged them to not settle for small-minded dreams, but to dream big.

“Dreams of our own making tend to revolve around personal acquisition of material things and personal achievement, as if these are the things that mark the dividing line between success and failure,” he said. “God may have made us in his image, a little lower than angels, but sadly, our highest ambition is often to be a little higher than our neighbors... gauging success and failure on the basis of net assets and your resume are sure signs of small-minded dreams.”

Dr. Bobby Kelly challenges the graduates to “Dream Big” during OBU’s 99th Spring Commencement.



Corey Fuller (left) received the Promising Teacher Award; Dr. Glenn Sanders received the Distinguished Teaching Award; and Dave Gilmore received the Meritorious Service Award.

He also challenged the graduates to realize fulfilling their dreams may not be easy.

“At times, all you’ll have is your dream, and the presence of God, and that will be sufficient,” Kelly said, reminding the students that a legacy is built one day at a time.

“Now as you go from this place with your big dreams, may you go with God and be not afraid,” Kelly said, offering a blessing on the graduates. “May the Lord go before you to lead you; may the Lord go behind you to protect you; may the Lord go beneath you to secure you; and may the Lord go beside you to befriend you.”

The program also included greetings from Dr. Anthony Jordan, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, which founded the university in 1910. Kallie Engle, president of the senior class, made the presentation of the graduating class. Lori Hagans, executive director of the OBU Alumni Association, inducted the graduates into the association.

In his charge to the graduates, Dr. Whitlock challenged them to remember they carry the distinction of being graduates of OBU, having studied at an institution that has sought to stand for Christian distinctiveness and academic excellence since its founding in 1910.



“We’ve sought to instill within you an honest awareness of yourself and the world around you,” Whitlock said.

“We’ve sought to strengthen your commitment to Christ. We’ve sought to equip you with the ability to think and to give you the knowledge base that provides the content for sound decision-making. We’ve sought to impart to you the heart to care and the spirit to attempt great things that will make your world a better place.”

The graduating class included 20 seniors who earned the academic predicate “summa cum laude” for maintaining at least a 3.95 grade point average on all work completed for their bachelor’s degrees. Those honored received academic hoods during the ceremony. Honorees include Robert Paul Antosh, Cordell Baker, Vanessa Nicole Brackett, Emily Frances Buller, Jenna Lea Chamberlain, Kasey James Chapman, Cara Elise Cliburn, Kara LaNell Rhodes Coberley, Kallie Michele Engle, Shannon Marie Griffith, Kristyn Faith McMichael, Mariah G. Miller, Carson Misner, Evan Nicole Shimanek, Elizabeth Deborah Sidler, Sarah Elizabeth Stephens, Tori Michelle Thomas, Laura Joy Voth,

Adrienne Nicole Williams and Caitlyn Renee Yount.

Two retiring faculty members were honored during the service. Dr. Lana Bolhouse, dean of the College of Nursing, has served at OBU for 40 years. Dr. Eileen Hargrove, professor of mathematics, has taught at OBU for 23 years.



DR. BOLHOUSE



DR. HARGROVE

THREE FACULTY Installed to Academic Positions



From left: Dr. Keith Harman, Dr. Benjamin Myers, Dr. David Whitlock and Dr. Robbie Henson.

Three exceptional OBU faculty members, Dr. Keith Harman, Dr. Robbie Henson and Dr. Benjamin Myers, were installed to academic positions in Raley Chapel's Potter Auditorium during the spring semester.

OBU Provost Stan Norman presented the recipients with a certificate in recognition of exemplary scholarship and excellence in teaching.

OBU President David W. Whitlock presented the recipients with the medallions representing the chairs and professorship.

At OBU, endowed chairs and professorships are awarded to select professors who are outstanding teachers and who have demonstrated exceptional ability in their academic disciplines. The gift which provides

an endowed academic position is invested in the University's permanent endowment fund, and the annual earnings are used to assist with compensation. OBU currently has 15 active endowed chairs and 12 active endowed professorships.



Dr. Keith Harman

Ernest C. Wheeler Chair of Business

Dr. Keith Harman attended OBU from 1970-72. He earned a bachelor's degree in social studies from the University of Oklahoma. His graduate degrees include a master's degree in finance and operations management from Webster University, and a master's degree in vocational education and a Ph.D. in higher education management from The University of Oklahoma. He also participated in a post-doctoral

study program at MIT and later at the U.S. Army War College.

Harman joined the OBU faculty in 2006. He previously taught at Southeast Missouri State University, National-Louis University and Northcentral University. Harman's career includes service in higher education as a faculty member, department chairperson, dean, campus director, academic program director and university trustee. He spent six years in the U.S. Army, and he has served at the executive level in several organizations and agencies.

Harman has authored or co-authored 60 publications, served as a co-investigator on two dozen grant and research projects, and developed or co-developed three dozen courses and workshops.



Dr. Robbie Henson

*Lawrence C. and Marion V. Harris
Chair of Nursing*

Dr. Robbie Henson, '78, graduated magna cum laude from OBU with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She received her master's degree as a clinical nurse specialist and educator from the University of Texas at Arlington. She earned her Ph.D. in nursing research and theory development from the University of Colorado. She has completed additional graduate study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Henson has worked as a medical-surgical and critical care nurse in Tulsa, Fort Worth and Shawnee, and

as a maternal/newborn nurse in Fort Worth. She served as an assistant head nurse in hospitals in both Tulsa and Fort Worth. After teaching at the University of Texas at Arlington, she came to OBU in 1991 where she teaches in the graduate and undergraduate programs. Henson has received OBU's Promising Teacher award and the Oklahoma Nurses Association Nurse Educator of the Year award. She has been recognized for excellence by the National League of Nursing as a Certified Nurse Educator.



Dr. Benjamin Myers
*Crouch-Mathis Professorship
of Literature*

Dr. Benjamin Myers graduated summa cum laude from the University of the Ozarks with a bachelor's degree in English. He earned his master's degree and Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis, where he received the prestigious Cornelison Graduate Prize for his research on the work of Edmund Spenser.

Myers' poems may be read in many literary journals. He won the 2011 Oklahoma Book Award for Poetry, for his first collection of poems, "Elegy for Trains," published in 2010. His second book of poems, "Lapse Americana," was just published. He frequently contributes to "World Literature Today," for which he reviews poetry books. His essays on poetry have appeared in several prominent academic journals, including "Studies in Philology" and "English Literary History."

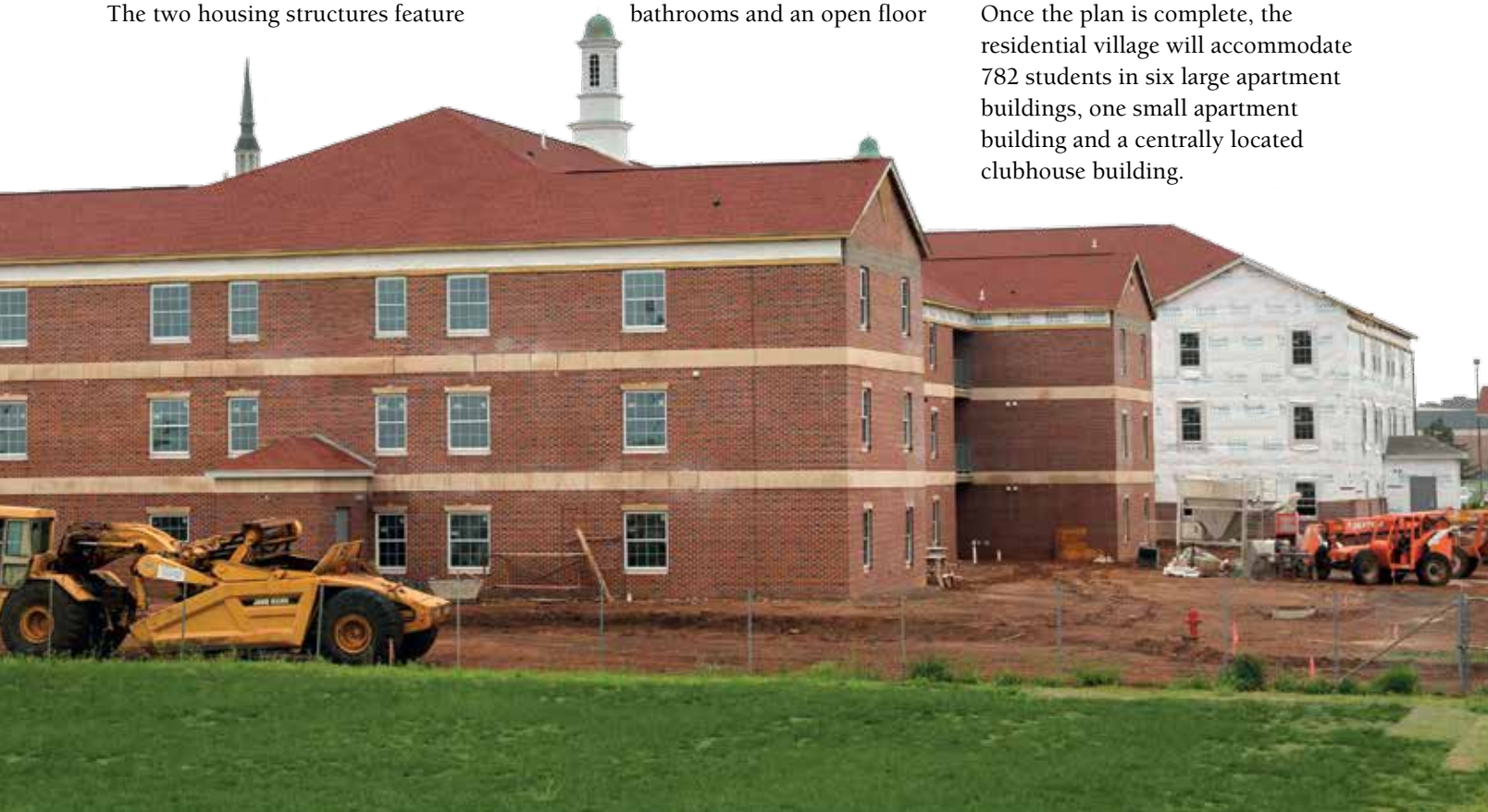
NEW UNIVERSITY Housing to Open this Fall

OBU students will move into new apartments this fall as the first phase of the residential village is completed. The two housing structures feature

contemporary apartment units that will accommodate 194 students. Each unit has four individual bedrooms, two bathrooms and an open floor

plan with a kitchen, dining area and living area.

Once the plan is complete, the residential village will accommodate 782 students in six large apartment buildings, one small apartment building and a centrally located clubhouse building.



OBU THEATRE PRESENTS

Opera and Musical Theatre



Schoolhouse Rock Live!

During March, OBU's Theatre for Young Audiences presented "Schoolhouse Rock Live!" in OBU's Craig-Dorland Theatre to more than 2,000 children and adults. Each spring, Shawnee-area students attend matinee performances of a production designed just for them.

Street Scene

During April, the tragic story of life and love in the tenements of New York during the sweltering summer of 1946 was brought to the stage in OBU Opera Theater's production of "Street Scene." The production combined the talents of current students, faculty and alumni.

OBU THEATRE

Other performances for last season included "The Diary of Anne Frank" and "An Evening of Southern Charm."

For more information about OBU Theatre, visit okbu.edu or call the box office for 2014 season ticket sales, 405.878.2347.



THREE BUSINESS STUDENTS

Selected for National Enactus Summits

Three students were among 65 Enactus students selected nationwide to attend 2013 Partner Summits. Christopher Sanford and Alexandria Schauer, both freshmen, were chosen to represent OBU at the Jan. 30-31 Partner Summit in New York City's Time-Life Building. OBU junior Chelsea Jordan was selected to attend the March 11-12 Partner Summit at Kraft Foods in Chicago.

Jordan, a computer science and business management major from Shawnee, Okla., is the leader of OBU's 2013 Enactus team. Sanford is a finance and social entrepreneurship major from Valley Center, Kan., and Schauer is an international business major from Fort Gibson, Okla.

"This Partner Summit (Chicago) was only offered to 35 students in the whole country," Jordan said. "There are 535 active teams in Enactus, with an average of probably 40 students per team. The fact that I was chosen for the event speaks volumes of the professors and the curriculum here at OBU. It is also very encouraging to know that my hard work and determination to be a better leader has paid off."



From left: Alexandria Schauer, Christopher Sanford and Chelsea Jordan were selected to participate in National Enactus Summits.

During the summits, participants interact with top business leaders whose companies often hire Enactus students. In addition to the multiple networking opportunities, the summits are designed to allow members to contribute insights on the strategic growth of Enactus United States and participate in roundtable discussions.

Dr. David Houghton, dean of the Dickinson College of Business, said OBU's three students selected as representatives reflects highly on OBU's Enactus team.

"I started Enactus teams at two other universities," Houghton said. "In my 15 years with Enactus teams, I've never had three students selected in the same year to attend a Partner Summit. This speaks to the high quality of OBU students and the perception of the OBU team at Enactus headquarters."

Enactus is a group of student, academic and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better, more sustainable world.

COMMUNICATION ARTS

Students Selected for Conferences

Nine OBU communication arts students were selected to present their research papers during March at two prestigious communications conferences at which graduate and undergraduate communication scholars from across the nation discuss developments in theory

and research in the communication discipline.

Three students were selected for the New Voices, New Perspectives Student Conference at the University of North Texas, while six students were selected for the Sooner Communication

Conference. Austin T. Manger, a junior from Oklahoma City, was awarded the Sooner Communication Conference's Top Undergraduate Paper Award. OBU Communication Arts students have had their papers accepted to the Sooner Communication Conference for the past five consecutive years.

OKLAHOMA MINISTERS Invited to OBU Pastors School



Nick Garland is president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. He has served as senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Broken Arrow, since October 1986.



Dr. Tony Merida is the lead pastor of Imago Dei Church in Raleigh, N.C. He also serves as associate professor of preaching at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Dr. Robert Smith Jr. joined the Beeson Divinity School faculty in 1997 and teaches Christian Preaching. He served as pastor of New Mission Missionary Baptist Church in Cincinnati for 20 years.



Dr. Alan Bandy joined the Hobbs College faculty as the Rowena R. Strickland Professor in New Testament/assistant professor of New Testament in the fall of 2009.



Dr. Bobby Kelly joined the OBU faculty in 1997. He was named the Rowena Strickland Professor of Bible in 2000 and the Ruth Dickinson Chair of Bible in 2004.



Dr. Ish Mudliar serves as the OBU Dickinson Chair of Religion. He joined the OBU faculty in 2012 as associate professor of religion.



Dr. Scott Pace joined OBU as the Jewell and Joe L. Huitt Assistant Professor of Applied Ministry in 2009. In 2011, he was named the Reverend A.E. and Dora Johnson Hughes Chair of Christian Ministry.

Continuing the tradition of reaching out to ministers in Oklahoma and beyond, OBU's Herschel H. Hobbs College of Theology and Ministry will host the 2013 OBU Pastors School, July 15-17. The Theme is "Preach the Cross," based on I Corinthians 1:18.

The Pastor's School is designed to provide an opportunity of ministry development for Baptist pastors. Sponsored by the OBU Hobbs College of Theology and Ministry, The Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma and local churches in the state, the school will feature three Baptist scholars and pastors: Nick Garland, pastor of First Baptist Church, Broken Arrow, Okla.; Dr. Tony Merida, author, pastor and professor; and Dr. Robert Smith Jr., longtime professor of preaching at Beeson Divinity School.

"Years ago when I began as a bi-vocational minister, I sought out opportunities to strengthen my preaching and pastoral abilities by attending OBU's Ministry Training

Institute," said OBU President David Whitlock. "I also began attending a summer pastors school in another state and was so appreciative that, upon arrival at OBU, I was anxious to have a similar program."

"The OBU Pastors School is a revival of its summer programs from the 1940s through the 1960s," Dr. Whitlock said. "We were pleased to reestablish the OBU Pastors School last year. This year's school promises to be a time of encouragement, equipping, and challenge that will ultimately strengthen pastors and their congregations."

During the Pastors School, Garland will lead the morning devotions. Merida and Smith will expound on the theme, "Preach the Cross," with practical teaching, encouragement and application for ministry of preaching at churches of any size.

The event also will feature breakout sessions, including those taught

by OBU professors from the Hobbs College. Dr. Alan Bandy, Dr. Bobby Kelly, Dr. Ish Mudliar and Dr. Scott Pace will share their expertise as they explore additional insights from their fields of study for preaching the Word.

"Through the OBU Pastors School, we want to provide encouragement to our pastors to boldly proclaim God's Word no matter the context of their ministry," said Dale Griffin, dean of spiritual life. "I am looking forward to the messages, training and refocus of energies during this year's school."

In addition to devotions, Bible studies, breakouts and plenary sessions, the OBU Pastors School includes housing on campus for two nights, two evening meals, two breakfasts and one lunch. The cost is \$99.

FOR INFORMATION, contact OBU Hobbs College at 405.585.4426.
TO REGISTER, visit the Pastors School Web page at okbu.edu/pastors.html

Goal
\$42 million

May 2013
\$33.3 million

Campaign
Total Gifts
and Pledges
through May 2013

Campaign Moves Closer to Goal

OBU launched the Vision for a New Century campaign in May 2011 to provide resources to advance the University's strategic plan, OBU 2020.

The plan provides vision and guidance for building upon the University's 103-year history of success. Since the campaign launched two years ago, total gifts and pledges have reached 78 percent, or \$32.9 million, of the campaign goal of \$42 million.

OBU Alumni Campaign

The OBU Alumni Campaign began in November 2012. Since that time, 105 decade and class chairs have agreed to serve and have committed \$3.25 million in gifts and pledges. Individual alumni will begin receiving information from decade and class chairs and the OBU Alumni Office between May and November 2013.

Nursing and Allied Health Building Nearing Reality

Nick Stavros, founder and CEO of Metro Appliances and More, has provided the lead gift to name OBU's new nursing and allied health building. Stavros was married to the late Jane Eleanor Stavros, daughter of Victor C. Hurt, a legendary OBU athletic director and football, basketball and track coach. The building will be named the Jane E. and Nick K. Stavros Building.



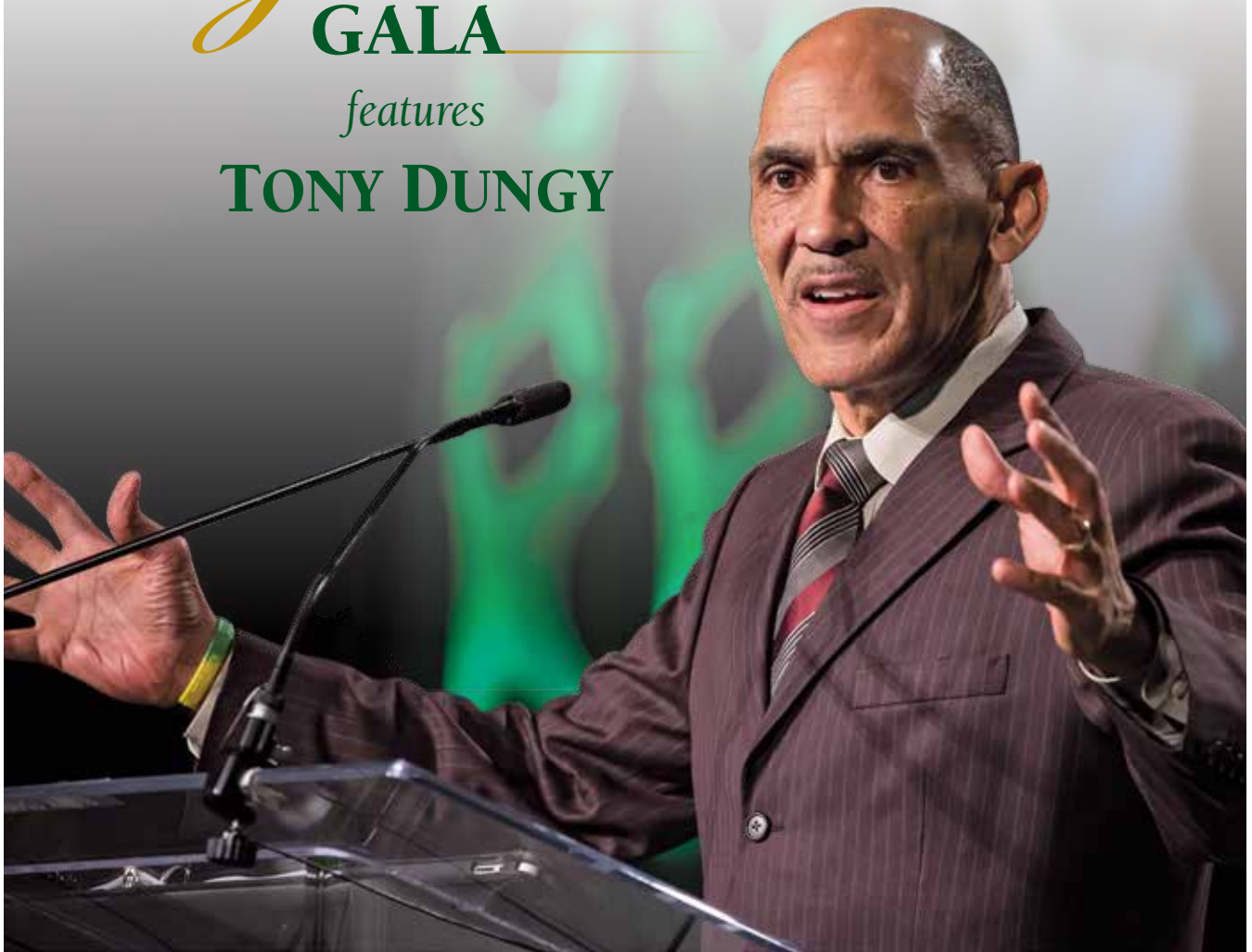
OBU President's House to Become Cargill Alumni and Advancement Center



Thanks to a gift from Dr. Robert L. and Sara Lou Cargill, the OBU president's house will be converted into the Cargill Alumni and Advancement Center. Long-time supporters of OBU, the Cargills established the Cargill Chair of Business at OBU in 1989. The president has moved to a private residence near campus.

Green and Gold GALA

features
TONY DUNGY



Bolstered by inspiring words offered by Tony Dungy, alumni and friends of OBU gathered to raise money to benefit student scholarship funds during OBU's first Green and Gold Gala Tuesday, April 9, at the Tulsa Convention Center. John Holcomb, a 1988 OBU graduate and sports director of Tulsa's News On 6 sports team, served as the emcee of the event.

"The gala offered an opportunity for benefactors to provide an affordable Christian liberal arts education for tomorrow's college students while receiving a message from a renowned leader," said OBU President David W. Whitlock.

Nearly 300 people gathered to hear Dungy, a historic Super Bowl-winning head coach, give a speech titled "Motivating the Spirit." Off the field, he is renowned for his contributions to the community – both civic and charitable. He is focused on his faith and the value of education, and shared his thoughts on how both can help make a difference in the lives of young people and the future of the country.

"Our country has a lot of things we need right now, but I think one of the biggest things we need is to develop our young people, to develop our leaders of the future and to help them reach their potential in life," Dungy said.

“Even though I coached football for 28 years, I didn’t think my job was to just win games. I thought it was to help my players grow as people. That was really more important to me than winning Super Bowls. I always said at the start of every year when we would get our group of new men in, I wanted to see them develop in four ways. I wanted to see them develop athletically, academically, socially and spiritually.”

Dungy spoke to both students and adults in the audience saying that people are quick to point out the problems in our country as being drugs, violence or education.

“But those aren’t really the problems, in my opinion,” he said. “They are kind of the symptoms. The major problem is a cultural problem. It’s really the messages that we are sending to our young people about making decisions and about what’s important in life and what they should be looking for in life. The question comes down to what we are going to do to change that and what we can do to change that. That’s what tonight is all about. It’s about making a difference all over our country. But we can start by making a difference right here.”

Dungy told students to have high expectations for their lives and to be leaders instead of followers by staying in school, avoiding alcohol and drugs, choosing to do the right things even if it is difficult and listening to the right people who really care.

Dungy encouraged adults to be available to provide guidance, time and support for young people. Citing people in his life who were positive influences to him, he asked the group to go above and beyond just doing their jobs and to become role models and positive examples in the lives of young people.

“God has put us in places, and we don’t know why all the time.” Dungy said. “More often than not, it’s because He expects us to impact not only the place where we work, but our neighborhood, our city and indirectly our country. If we’re going to make the future better for the next generation, it’s going to take all of us, and it won’t be easy. But one of the things it’s going to take is young

leaders with the right kind of education and that’s really why we’re here tonight.

“Many of these young people would not be able to attend OBU if it weren’t for generous donations and scholarships. We’ve got a chance to do something special. These kids can come here and they can get the right answers – not just education, not just book smart but the real answer – which is knowing the Lord and applying His principals into the workplace. If we do that, we can make a difference in the quality of life, not only here in Oklahoma but all over the country. Let’s give some worthy students a chance to grow, a chance to develop, a chance to be leaders. Dig a little deeper, go a little farther, because our country really needs it.”

Whitlock said OBU plans to host the gala as an annual event focused on enlarging the pool of scholarships available to students.

“With the increase in the number of students we serve, there is a correlated increase in the amount of scholarships we provide,” Dr. Whitlock said. “We strive to help every student who wants to attend OBU obtain the financial resources they need to do so. We endeavor to break down any financial barriers so that no student is unable to follow God’s call to OBU. Much of the financial aid we give has been made available through scholarships that donors have provided. It is because of you that lives continue to be transformed on Bison Hill.”

The platinum-level sponsor of the Gala was Pelco Structural, LLC, and the premier-level sponsor was Sodexo, Inc. Gold-level sponsors included the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma and BioMaterials of Oklahoma. Green-level sponsors included the Adams Foundation; Bank of Oklahoma; CJC Architects, Inc.; Evergreen Baptist Church; and SP Marketing, in memory of Jackie Wilks. White-level sponsors included Asbury United Methodist Church; BancFirst; Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma; Bison Athletic Association; Fresh Ideas; INSURICA; Gibbs and Armstrong; Stan and Joy Norman; Will and Caroline Smallwood; and David and Dana Whitlock.



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OBU Captures Four NAIA Titles in One Day



OBU became the first university ever to claim four NAIA titles on the same day on Saturday, March 2, sweeping men's and women's indoor track, as well as men's and women's swimming and diving.

"Four championships are a tribute to the type of student-athlete we have here at OBU," said Robert Davenport, director of athletics. "I can't think of an instance where a university won four national championships in one day. Congratulations to our athletes and coaches."

For OBU, it was the fifth NAIA indoor track championship for the Lady Bison and the first for the men. In the University's first national track sweep, 13 Bison and 13 Lady Bison claimed 43 All-America honors. OBU Track Coach Ford Mastin was named NAIA Coach of the Year for both men's and women's track teams.

Adam Godwin and Akela Jones were named Most Valuable Performers. Godwin repeated as national champion in the mile in 4:10.84 and the 3000 meters in 8:22.26. Jones won the high jump at 5-8.75, the long

OBU Athletics Wrap

Softball

The OBU softball team hoped its strong finish would give the team an NAIA Opening Round appearance, but those hopes crashed when the team failed to make the Top 25. In the last two weeks of the season, OBU recorded run-rule victories over Rogers State and St. Gregory's and beat those schools in the Sooner Athletic Conference Tournament for 3-2 records against both schools on the season. The Lady Bison, whose strength of schedule is rated 19th most difficult in the NAIA, finished the season at 33-23. Nine of the losses were to teams in the NAIA Top 5 and four others were against NCAA opposition. The season included the 500th coaching win for OBU softball coach Pam Fink. The team set school records with 62 home runs, 307 RBI and a .320 team batting average.

Women's Lacrosse

OBU made state and school history in April with an 18-13

win – becoming the first Oklahoma team to win a college varsity lacrosse match. The game was the last of the season for the 1-4 Lady Bison, completing the first college varsity lacrosse season in Oklahoma.

Men's Basketball

The OBU men's basketball season came to a 25-8 end in the second round of the NAIA Tournament in March, falling to MidAmerica Nazarene, 68-66. OBU had a 34-26 halftime lead, holding the Pioneers to a 33 percent shooting performance, but the Pioneers rose up to 52 percent in the second half pulling them to the lead with 58 seconds left. The Bison finished second in the Sooner Athletic Conference standings. David Johnson finished off his senior season as a third-team All-American.

Women's Basketball

OBU's Lady Bison made it to the quarterfinal round of



jump at 20-6.5 and took second in the 60 meter hurdles at 8.52 seconds. Jura Levy successfully defended her 60-meter and 200-meter titles, breaking the NAIA record in the 60 meters.

The swimming championships were the second for the Bison and the first for the Lady Bison – both teams in their second year of existence under Coach Sam Freas. Laura Galarza was named Swimmer of the Meet for her overall performance while Lisa MacManus earned Swim of the Meet with her 100-meter backstroke victory in

54.67 seconds. Daniel Ramirez won both the Swimmer of the Meet and Swim of the Meet, being recognized for his overall performance and, in particular, his 100-meter backstroke in 47.61 for the NAIA record.

The OBU swim teams have 26 All-Americans earning 84 All-America awards to go with their nine national records and twin national championships. The OBU men won all but one relay and set records in the 200 freestyle relay and the 200 medley relay. The Lady Bison won four relays, setting records in the 400 free and 200 free relays.

the Sooner Athletic Conference Tournament but lost to John Brown 52-47. The Lady Bison led 35-20 at halftime, but shot 17-percent in the second half. The Lady Bison finished 14-14 on the season and fourth in the SAC. Coach Casi Bays was named head coach during the season.

Golf

The men's and women's golf teams were just shy of the NAIA Tournament, missing at-large berths by one place for the men's tournament and two places for the women's. The Lady Bison finished the season ranked No. 24, while the Bison were ranked 22nd in the final poll.

Track

Injuries piled up in the outdoor season, but heading into the NAIA Outdoor Meet in late May, OBU had top five times in 23 events. Forty-one OBU track and field athletes made the trek to the National Championships.

Tennis

The OBU tennis teams both advanced to the NAIA National Tournament with the Lady Bison posting a school-record 14 wins. The OBU women reached the second round of the NAIA Tournament, capturing their first-ever tournament victory, 7-2, against Bethel (Kan.). William Carey ended the best season in OBU women's tennis history in the second round. The OBU men won the NAIA qualifying tournament to earn an automatic berth in the national tournament, but fell 6-3 to Warner.

Baseball

The Bison placed third in the Sooner Athletic Conference Tournament and were ranked 14th going into the NAIA Opening Round. After losing the first game of the tournament, OBU won three straight to reach the finals before falling to No. 4 Northwood, 7-4. OBU finished the season with a 44-19 record.

Sean Meade '00

Cultivating Middle School Ministry

In 2006, OBU alumnus Sean Meade felt that God was calling him to begin a ministry directed toward middle school. As a result, Meade and his family sold their house and a vehicle to cover the capital to launch Stuck in the Middle, or simply, "Stuck."

Geared specifically toward middle-school students, Stuck adopted the mission "to stand behind and for middle-school students and the people who are fighting for their faith in Jesus Christ."

"Selling our home and moving in with family for a season was difficult, but God used [the situation] to stretch us and to help us grow as we pushed forward in faith," Meade said.

As a result of the Meades' faith, Stuck continues to host weekend conferences in large churches and convention centers nationwide, while also going on international tours with regular events in Canada, and future plans of taking the tour to other countries. Stuck events usually involve comedy acts, worship, group building activities and engaging speakers.

Through Stuck, Meade has been able to represent middle-school ministry and raise awareness of its importance. He also has trained youth leaders at ministry conventions, worked as a consultant with churches and denominations, written articles and books, and spoken at youth events, camps and retreats.

In addition to his role as president of Stuck, Meade serves as the full-time middle-school pastor of Calvary Community Church in Southern California.

Prior to leading a life of ministry, Meade attended OBU for three years with the class of 2000.

"In some way, every part of my life today has been shaped and influenced by my time on Bison Hill," Meade said. "I learned a lot about who I am (and who I am not), I met my wife, and I met lifelong friends."



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Meade said that he was not a very good student in his years at OBU, but despite his lack of dedication, professors continued to invest in him, while he also received encouragement from friends and classmates.

"It's funny how often we learn more about success through our failures," he said.

Meade attributes the opportunity to serve as president of the class of 2000 for three years as a blessing to grow as a leader and develop skills that would help him lead a non-profit organization.

Following his time at OBU, he accepted his first pastoral position in his hometown of Wichita, Kan.

In working with middle school students and their families over the next several years, he began to study adolescent development and research associated with faith development.

"Statistical research and neuroscience came together to confirm what experience had already taught me," said Meade. "That, as Rick Warren has said, 'junior-high may be the single most pivotal period for spiritual decisions in the lives of our children.'"

He said Stuck is a direct result of that realization; the first independent non-profit organization completely dedicated to middle school ministry.

Meade and his wife, Jill, '01, live in Westlake Village, Calif., with their four children: Madison, Aiden, Bella and Olivia. Meade loves kayaking with his kids and performing improv comedy as "The Big Show" with James Pendergrast, '00.

For more information about the Stuck in the Middle ministry, visit www.stuckinthemiddle.com.

Doug '83 and Lana Melton '86

Leaders Built on Bison Hill

Oklahoma Baptist leaders Doug and Lana (Dotson) Melton love OBU, an affection founded on a long legacy of fellow OBU graduates and experiences, and they are building a legacy of their own with a family which has followed in their footsteps on Bison Hill.

Doug, '83, serves as senior pastor of Southern Hills Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. Other than a youth ministry position while he completed a master's degree and doctorate at the University of Texas, Melton has only worked one other place: OBU.

Melton joined OBU's Admissions Office following graduation. He later worked as associate director of admissions; as director of development for foundation and corporate giving; and, as dean of students.

"Third to my relationship to Christ and my marriage, OBU has been one of the greatest influences in my life," Doug said. "The summer after I graduated, OBU gave me the opportunity to go to work for them, and I would never imagine that, 16 years later, I would still be working with the university. A great number of the skills I learned that have been so helpful – not only in the university setting but also church life – I acquired at OBU."

As pastor of Southern Hills, Doug juggles the roles of under-shepherd, preacher, teacher and administrator to the church's 3,500 members, while reaping the reward of "seeing people's lives changed for the glory of God and

getting to be part of his Kingdom's work," he said.

Doug is well-known to thousands of Baptists not only for his involvement in student's lives at OBU, but also for his role as president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma from 2010-12, among other BGCO executive leadership roles. He also served on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee from 2003-11.

Lana, '86, is administrative assistant at the OBU Graduate School in Oklahoma City. Her education degree from OBU not only prepared her for many years in preschool and children's ministry, but also for raising four sons. Lana said OBU instilled in her a drive for hard work, diligence, perseverance and the desire to be a life-long learner. She credits Dr. Jimmie Russell for challenging her students to adopt innovative and forward-thinking methods of teaching.

"Third to my relationship to Christ and my marriage, OBU has been one of the greatest influences in my life," Doug said.

"Her influence has stayed with me as a teacher, parent and in my years working with preschool/children's ministry," Lana said. "As a teacher, it was challenging to meet the needs of so many children who learned in different ways, and some more quickly than others. It required planning,



preparing, organizing and, sometimes, thinking outside the box.

"Through the years, as I've worked with children in settings other than the classroom, and now even in my work as administrative assistant at the Graduate School, I find myself falling on these very same skills. How rewarding, though, to see learning take place and tasks accomplished!"

Three of the Meltons' four sons have attended OBU: Andrew, '10, is married to Brittany (Cook) Melton, '08; Zachary, '12, is married to Elizabeth (Hammons) Melton, '12; and Brandon is a junior in OBU's Class of 2014. Samuel, a junior in high school, is considering attending OBU, too.

And while the Meltons insist all their boys have been allowed to choose where they will attend college, their sons have found that, in their family, going to OBU is like going home.

Melissa Busby '99

Finding Mercy for Mamas

A mission trip to Uganda not only created a wave of change in the life of Melissa Busby, '99, but the ripple effects of God moving in Busby's life have changed countless lives on two continents.

Busby met a beautiful little girl who needed a family while she was on the mission trip. She believed God wanted her family to adopt the child, whose mother had died in childbirth. Busby and her husband, Cody, '98, started the adoption process, which led to a year of paperwork and government red tape. They waited for their newest daughter, Mercy, to join their daughters, Emma and Avery, and the rest of the family in Mulvane, Kan., where Cody serves as senior pastor of First Baptist Church.

"In August of 2010, I left for what I thought would be a four-to-eight-week trip to complete the adoption," Busby said. "Unbeknownst to us, God had other plans. Those four to eight weeks led to a nearly 11-month stay in Uganda completing the adoption. During that time, God did some amazing work. I was able to help many ministries and other families that were trying to adopt. I also started my ministry, Mercy for Mamas."

Shortly before traveling to Uganda to complete Mercy's adoption, Busby learned about "mama kits" and decided they would be a great way to honor Mercy's mother. At first, she expected to collect and distribute

only a few donations. But as her time in Uganda dragged on, Busby heard stories again and again of women dying in childbirth. About 500 women die giving birth per 100,000 births in Uganda each year; in the United States, the rate is about 13.



Busby said while she never planned to stay in Uganda for nearly a year completing Mercy's adoption, she can see how God used that time in many ways.

"I felt a huge burden for the thousands of women who die every day in childbirth," Busby said. "I learned that one easy way to help eliminate this problem is by providing clean birthing kits to the expectant mothers."

Each \$7 "mama kit" contains all of the supplies needed to deliver a baby. Women must have the supplies to

give birth in a hospital or clinic in Uganda. During her 10-plus months in Uganda, Busby distributed nearly 700 kits. In the two years since the ministry started, nearly 4,000 "mama kits" have been distributed through crisis pregnancy centers, churches, community outreach groups and by missionaries.

"By giving the kits, we encourage women to give birth at a hospital with trained medical personnel and/or we provide sterile supplies for a home birth," Busby said. "We also eliminate a huge financial burden for these women who generally live on about \$1 a day."

Busby said while she never planned to stay in Uganda for nearly a year completing Mercy's adoption, she can see how God used that time in many ways. She learned to trust God like never before. He transformed her prayer life and strengthened her marriage and family. He gave her a precious daughter who perfectly fits into her family. And He allowed her to be a part of His work around the world.

"Uganda has thousands and thousands of orphans," Busby said. "My goal through Mercy for Mamas is to help prevent any more. I want more mamas to be able to live and raise their own children."

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2013 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE November 7-9

Thursday, November 7th, 2013

6 p.m. Basketball vs. Dallas Christian College

Friday, November 8th, 2013

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Homecoming Ticket Pick Up and Guest Services
10 a.m. 50-Year Club Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Registration for Golf Tournament, Driving range opens
11 a.m. 50-Year Club Luncheon honoring the Classes of 1938, 1943, 1948, and 1953
Golden Anniversary Reunion Luncheon, Class of 1963
Noon Homecoming Golf Tournament Tee-Off
12:30 p.m. Alumni Board of Directors Luncheon and Meeting
3 p.m. Campus Tours
6 - 8 p.m. Harvest Dinner
Presentation of Alumni Achievement Awards
Presentation of the Graduate of the Last Decade Award
6 p.m. Dinner Recognizing Harvest Court Nominees
8 p.m. Harvest Festival
8:45 p.m. Fine Arts Musical Gala
10 p.m. Get the Scoop, an Olde-Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Saturday, November 9th, 2013

7:30 a.m. Bison Stampede 5K, 10k and 1 Mile Fun Run
9 a.m. - Noon Homecoming Ticket Pick Up and Guest Services
9 - 11 a.m. Children's Festival and Child Care
9:30 a.m. Class Reunion Breakfast
11 a.m. Chapel and Alumni Annual Meeting
Noon Un Cuerpo: Alumni Style
Reception honoring Faculty Hall of Fame and
Alumni Profile in Excellence Recipients
Noon - 3 p.m. Homecoming Ticket Pick Up and Guest Services
12:30 - 2 p.m. Homecoming Tailgate
Class of 1958 Reunion Luncheon
2 p.m. Bison Football vs. Panhandle State
6 p.m. Banquet Celebrating 50 Years of University Chorale
8 p.m. Chorale 50th Anniversary Celebration Concert

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Alumni Achievement

The highest honor bestowed by the OBU Alumni Association, it is given in recognition of outstanding life service which has brought honor to the individual's alma mater. Alumni Achievement Awards are presented each November at the Harvest Dinner during OBU's Homecoming.

Nominations due April 15.

Profile In Excellence

This honor is given to a former student, not necessarily a graduate, who has demonstrated recognizable accomplishment in his or her profession, business, avocation, or life service in such a way as to bring pride and honor to the University. Each year, 12 Profile In Excellence recipients are selected and each is featured in an article in the *OBU Magazine* and recognized during OBU's Homecoming Chapel service.

Nominations due August 1.

Graduate Of the Last Decade

The GOLD Award is presented annually during Harvest Dinner at Homecoming to a young alum (not necessarily a graduate) of OBU who, in his or her life and career, has demonstrated outstanding achievement and brought pride and honor to the University.

Nominations due July 1.

OBU Athletic Hall of Fame

Since its founding in 1969, 104 individuals have been inducted into the Oklahoma Baptist University Athletic Hall of Fame. The Hall was formed to pay tribute to men and women who have helped bring honor and recognition to OBU through their achievements on the playing fields, or to those persons who by their deeds have made outstanding contributions to the overall athletic program. Honorees are inducted during Homecoming, and recognized with a plaque in the Hall of Fame, located on the upper level, northeast side of OBU's Noble Complex.

Nominations due August 1.

Faculty Hall of Fame

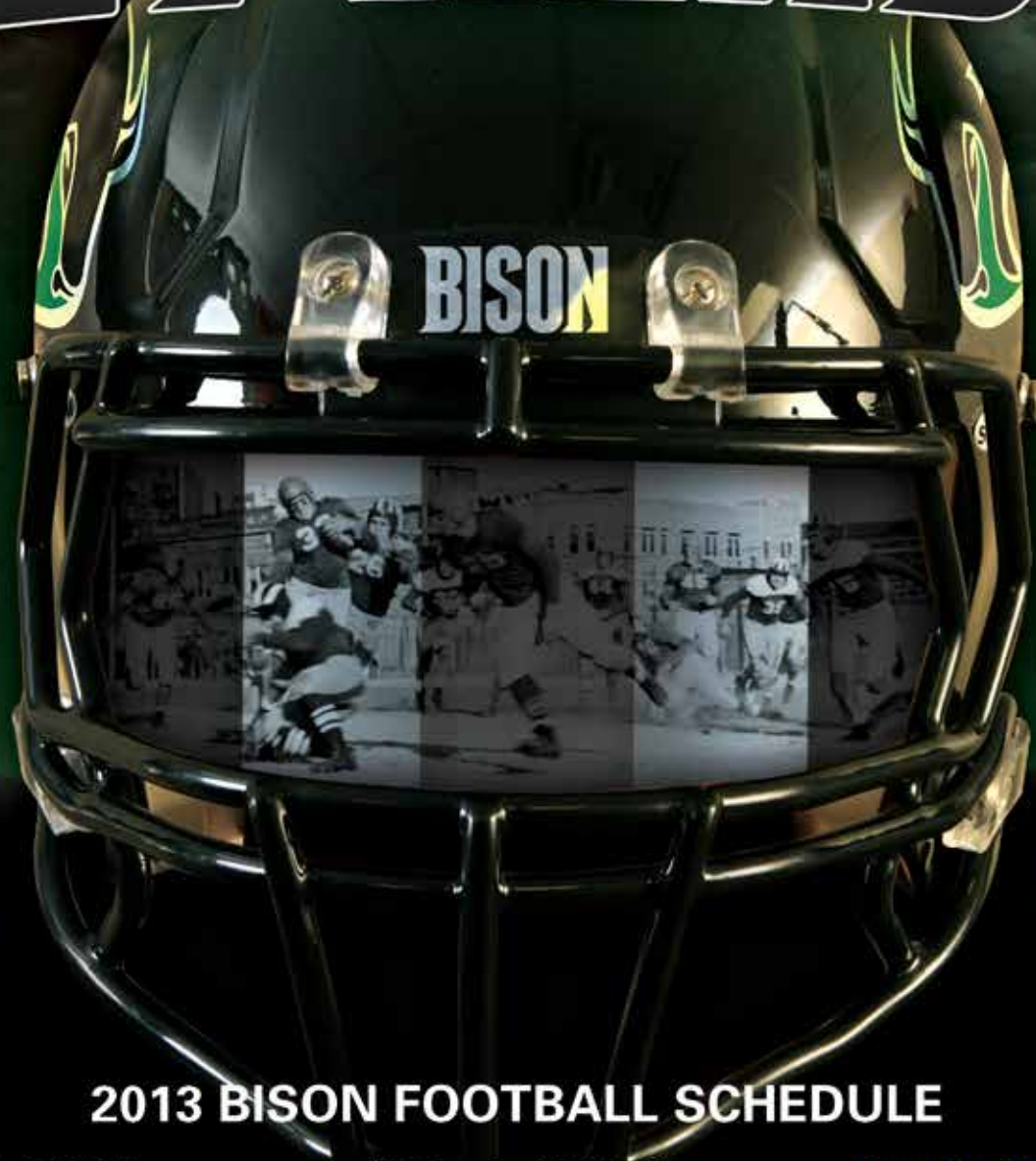
This distinction is granted by OBU to honor former faculty members who were master teachers and made a significant impact on OBU students. Honorees have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in the areas of teaching, interest in students, professional development, research and writing, the life of the mind, service to the University, and Christian faith and professional life.

Nominations due August 1.



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2013 BISON FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 31 :: 1:30 PM
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September 7 :: 2:00 PM
University of Saint Mary

September 14 :: 1:00 PM
@Fort Lewis College

September 28 :: 7:00 PM
@Houston Baptist University

October 5 :: 2:00 PM *
Southwestern Assemblies of God University

October 12 :: 1:00 PM
@Southwestern University

October 19 :: 2:00 PM *
Wayland Baptist University

October 26 :: 2:00 PM *
@Langston University

November 2 :: 2:00 PM *
@Bacone College

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