



2015 Graduation

Two hundred and thirty-nine individuals will be receiving degrees and/or certificates at College of the Ouachitas commencement exercises set for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2015, at Bank of the Ozarks Arena in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Ms. Minnie Lennox, Director of Human Resources for the City of Hot Springs since 2004, will address the 2014-2015 graduating class of College of the Ouachitas. Ms. Lennox has also written and conducted numerous workshops in Professional Development, Customer Service, Teamwork, Leadership in Today's Workplace, Diversity in the Workplace, Sexual Harassment, Dealing with Negativity in the Workplace, Stress Management and Workplace Ethics.

College of the Ouachitas recently held the Twenty-Second Annual Awards Ceremony where the 2015 honor graduates, students with a cumulative 3.5 or higher GPA, were recognized and presented with honor cords and regalia to be worn at graduation.

Honor graduates for 2015 are: Donna Bost, Derya Bracy, Jay Owens, and Karen Sharp each graduating with a 4.0 GPA. Tommy Adams, Jodie Bajt Borden, Danielle Balding, Courtney Blacklock, Stephanie Branch, Tatiana Buskirk, Ashlee Carter, Priscilla Clary, Justin Collie, Brandi Cosby, Miles Donoho, Tyler Gill, Cheyanne Hall, Lauren Harper, Tracy Holder, Anitra Horton, Michael Karr, Cynthia Lemons, Melissa McCullough, Jennifer Nichols, Michael Parara, Brandon Rimmer, Stephen Roden, Cynthia Rowe, Cricket Taylor, Wendy Terry, and Tanya Tucker.



Ms. Minnie Lennox

Twenty-Second Annual Awards Ceremony

The Twenty-Second Annual Awards Ceremony was held recently, it was an evening spent recognizing and honoring student accomplishments. In addition to awards given, several students were recognized for their participation in organizations around campus. The Alpha Omega Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society inducted new members and presented their graduates with PTK honor cords to wear during graduation. College of the Ouachitas Honors College presented their program graduates with stoles to wear during the graduation ceremony. Student Government Association inducted the 2015-16 officers, recognized outgoing officers, and announced Instructor of the Year as voted for by the students, Ms. Kay Palmer.

The Henderson State University (HSU) Transfer Coordinator, Ms. Jennifer Wright, presented the Presidential Transfer Scholarship to Brandon Rimmer.

Honor Graduates received honor cords to wear at graduation. Graduates with Highest Honors (4.0 grade point average) also received a stole to wear.

Each of the four divisions on campus chose a student who they felt exemplified qualities that designated them as the Outstanding Student of the Year for their respective divisions. The four students were then reviewed and the overall College of the Ouachitas Outstanding Student of the Year chosen by COTO President Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker was awarded to Ms. Brandi Cosby. Dr. Schoonmaker also announced the College of the Ouachitas Outstanding Alumni of the Year, Ms. Nikki Lackey.

2015 Outstanding Students by Division



Health Sciences - Ms. Debbie Freyman, Dean of Health Sciences; Mr. Terry Earhart, Outstanding Student; and Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker, COTO President



Applied Sciences - Mr. Thomas Chamteu Tseussie, Outstanding Student; Ms. Lynda Richardson, Dean of Workforce and Training; and Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker, COTO President



Arts and Sciences - Dr. Casey Rockwell, Dean of Learning; Ms. Sarah Phelps, Outstanding Student; and Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker, COTO President



Business - Ms. Brandi Cosby, Outstanding Student; Dr. Casey Rockwell, Dean of Learning; and Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker, COTO President



**2015 Overall Outstanding Student of the Year, Ms. Brandi Cosby
with Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker, COTO President**



**2015 Alumni of the Year, Ms. Nikki Lackey
with Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker, COTO President**

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