



COLLEGE *of the* OZARKS®

119th COMMENCEMENT

Howell W. Keeter Gymnasium

Point Lookout, Missouri

May 9, 2026 • 10:00 a.m.



CARRIE SHEFFIELD

AUTHOR, BROADCASTER, AND MUSICIAN

Carrie Sheffield is a writer, government official, and musician in Arlington, Virginia. She authored the bestselling book *Motorhome Prophecies: A Journey of Healing and Forgiveness*.

A director at Independent Women, Ms. Sheffield serves as Board Vice Chair of the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, appointed by former Gov. Glenn Youngkin. She previously directed the Center for the American Worker and Center for American Values at America First Policy Institute.

Ms. Sheffield earned a full-tuition scholarship towards a Master in Public Policy degree from Harvard University and managed billions of dollars in risk at Wall Street firms Goldman Sachs and Moody's. A former White House correspondent, she challenged the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt and testified as an economic expert before the U.S. Congress.

Ms. Sheffield shares insights on networks like Fox News, Newsmax, CNN, CBS News, CNBC, BBC, and more. From ABC's *Good Morning America* to HBO's *Real Time with Bill Maher*, she uses her dynamic voice to resonate with audiences of millions.

Ms. Sheffield overcame a life of extreme poverty and psychological, spiritual, and sexual abuse. A recovered agnostic, Carrie eventually found peace and anchoring in Christianity, having been baptized in December 2017.

A traveling enthusiast, Ms. Sheffield visited every continent—including Antarctica—before age 30. She ran the Marine Corps Marathon and won the National Press Club 5K three times. Named a "Most Inspiring New Yorker" by the popular connection app Bumble, she is passionate about instilling resilience and joy in others.

ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH COMMENCEMENT

Prelude	Dr. Clara Christian <i>Professor of Music</i>
* Academic Procession	Ozark Highlanders Pipe Band
* Presentation of Colors	C of O Bobcat GOLD Program
* The National Anthem	College of the Ozarks Chorale
* Posting of Colors	C of O Bobcat GOLD Program
* Invocation	Erin Tierney <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Welcome	Dr. Brad S. Johnson <i>President of the College</i>
Special Music: “How Can I Keep From Singing” by Sarah Quartel	College of the Ozarks Chorale Jack Collins, <i>Conductor</i> <i>Graduating Senior</i> Accompanied by Mr. Jordan Nimmo
Presentation of Speaker	President Johnson
Commencement Address: The Joseph Journey: How God Transforms Our Pain Into Victory	Ms. Carrie Sheffield <i>Author, Broadcaster, and Musician</i>
Special Music: “My Heavenly Father Is” by Carrie Sheffield	College of the Ozarks Chorale Jack Collins, <i>Conductor</i> Arranged and accompanied by Mr. Jordan Nimmo
Awards Presentation Eugene Charles Wittick Teaching Excellence Award Dr. Mildred Letton Wittick Professional Achievement Award	Dr. Eric W. Bolger <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost</i>
United States Army Commissioning Ceremony	Brigadier General James Schreffler <i>Vice President for Patriotic Programs</i> <i>Assistant Adjutant General,</i> <i>Missouri Army National Guard</i>
Commissionees: 2LT John Vollmann, <i>Corps of Engineers</i> 2LT Blake Wheeler, <i>Logistics</i>	Military Science Department Cadre
Honors Recognition: Ozarks Fellowship Servant Leadership Award	President Johnson
Presentation of Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees	Provost Bolger
Conferring of Degrees Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science in Nursing Bachelor of Science	President Johnson
* Prayer and Benediction	Ben Haguewood <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
* Recessional and Postlude	Ozark Highlanders Pipe Band

* The audience will please stand as able

Presenting the

College of the Ozarks Graduating Class of 2026

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Seth Kendall Bishop
Video Production
Lee's Summit, MO

Elijah Mackey Bliss
Christian Studies
Point Lookout, MO

Esther Jane Bolton
Studio Art: Ceramics
Elbing, KS

Camden James Bone
Biblical Studies
Mountain Home, AR

Jacob Andrew Bradford
History
Harrison, AR

Lydia Joy Bullock **
Studio Art: Graphic Design and
Computer Art
Shelby, OH

Theodore Tierce Carmody
Theatre
De Soto, MO

Olivia Genevieve Clark
Biblical Studies
Arlington, TX

Ryan Michael Cohron
History
Knob Noster, MO

Jackson Grant Collins
Vocal Music Education: K-12
Elmwood, IL

Anna Marie Crumbaugh **^(a)
Vocal Music Education: K-12 and
Piano
Springfield, IL

Jacob Erin Davis
Public Relations
Marionville, MO

Levi Davis
Biblical Studies
Bolivar, MO

Haley Nicole Dawley ^
Event Management
Marshfield, MO

Elayna Jewel Doctorian
Speech Communication
Macon, MO

Victoria Rose Eubanks
General Studies
Spokane, MO

Dylan Philip Farr
General Studies
Branson, MO

Isabella Noemi Fernandez
Public Relations
De Soto, KS

Trinity Andrea Frick
Video Production
Branson, MO

Kara Michelle Gatch
Theatre
Prairie Grove, AR

Emma Grace Gifford *[^]
Studio Art: Ceramics and Graphic Design
Bigelow, AR

Johanna Beth Gilkeson **
English
Garden City, MO

Winter Malaya Godfrey
Video Production
Alpena, AR

Trinity G. Goze **
English
Rogers, AR

(a) graduating in absentia

Graduating with honors:

*** *Summa Cum Laude*

** *Magna Cum Laude*

* *Cum Laude*

^ *Thrive Pathway*

The THRIVE Pathway is a leadership honors program that helps College of the Ozarks students grow in leadership, character, and service. It consists of four core requirement programs and various other Explore opportunities that encourage students to invest in the five-fold mission of the College as they grow in leadership, character, and service.

Brianna Renee Gragg *** <i>Event Management</i> Lebanon, MO	Abigail Kara Johnson *^ <i>Journalism</i> Castile, NY	Jack Dale Limburg <i>Christian Studies</i> Divide, CO
Jazmine Abigail Green <i>Public Relations</i> Bartlesville, OK	Shayla Raye-Marie Johnson * <i>Vocal Performance</i> Wellston, OK	Kaelen Autumn Ludden * <i>Theatre</i> Bolivar, MO
Hayden Micah Grimm <i>Biblical Studies</i> Elon, NC	Cadan William Kauffman <i>History (Social Science) Education</i> Weaubleau, MO	Chloe Renee Main <i>Public Relations</i> Kansas City, MO
Autumn Jubilee Grover <i>General Studies</i> Licking, MO	Julietta Kate Keller <i>Event Management and Hospitality</i> <i>Management</i> Chillicothe, MO	Alethea Grace Mathews <i>English</i> Republic, MO
Abigail Grace Harrison **^ <i>Public Relations</i> Broken Arrow, OK	Zane Keith Kelley <i>Music</i> Urbana, MO	Thomas Gilmour Millar <i>Music Theatre</i> Creighton, MO
Benjamin Gage Hauck <i>Music Theatre</i> Camdenton, MO	Makhaila Christine Keown <i>Speech Communication</i> Ramah, CO	Ethan Micheal Miller <i>Speech Communication</i> Pleasant Hope, MO
Maddie Sue Hilker <i>Public Relations</i> Harrison, AR	Thomas Neal Kessler <i>Video Production</i> Webster Groves, MO	Kimberly Melissa Moreland <i>Studio Art: Graphic Design and Ceramics</i> Webb City, MO
Madeline Colleen Hodges <i>Studio Art: Graphic Design</i> Sparta, MO	Jacob Eldon King <i>Speech Communication</i> Dadeville, MO	Olivia Reagan Moss *** <i>Video Production and Journalism</i> Jasper, MO
Jayla Feré Holt * <i>Vocal Performance</i> Little Rock, AR	Hailey Renee Koester <i>Studio Art: Painting</i> Joplin, MO	Mason Alexander Munn <i>Music</i> Wayne, NE
Micah Grace Jacobs ***^ <i>Public Relations</i> Colorado Springs, CO	Kaleb Jonathan Kulp <i>Christian Studies</i> De Soto, MO	Alaura Lynn Ostendorf <i>Speech Communication</i> Steelville, MO
Bo Dean Jaeger <i>Video Production</i> Burnsville, MN	Olivia Marie Lawler * <i>Public Relations</i> Moundridge, KS	Micah Matthew Peterson <i>Video Production</i> St. Cloud, MN
Abigayle Rose Jeter **^ <i>Public Relations</i> Boone, NC	Madison Shayde Lewis <i>Public Relations</i> Carl Junction, MO	Sidney Morgan Poser <i>Video Production and Theatre</i> Milwaukee, WI

Sidney Lauren Quam
English
Aledo, IL

Caleb Joseph Sevcik
Video Production
Lebanon, MO

Sophia Grace Vickers **
Vocal Music Education: K-12
Independence, MO

Cadence Louise Quinn
English
Hollister, MO

Joshua Steven Smith
Biblical Studies
Broken Arrow, OK

Savannah Loy Walker **
Studio Art: Painting and Ceramics
Lancaster, PA

Tanner Ray Rangel
Biblical Studies
Katy, TX

Audrey Elizabeth Stewart ***(a)
Christian Studies
Baldwin City, KS

Carolyn Marie West ***
Studio Art: Graphic Design and Painting
Vallejo, CA

William Pyrce Renfroe ***
Public Relations
Russellville, AR

Timothy Scott Stewart **(a)
Biblical Studies
Jamestown, MO

Blake Joseph Wheeler
History
Andover, KS

Victoria Rose Dawn Rivera
Theatre
Siloam Springs, AR

David Logan Stout
History
Ava, MO

Brooke Elaine Williams **^
English
Fort Worth, TX

Chloe Faith Roets ***
History
Spokane, WA

Sarah Joy Tucker **
Studio Art: Painting
Cedar Hill, TX

Dalton Thomas Wilson
Music Theory & Composition
Nixa, MO

David Alan Rogers ^
Theatre
Sedalia, MO

Keren Christine Tuttle ***
Public Relations
Shawnee, KS

Ana Jacqueline Young *
Biblical Studies
Buckner, MO

Sara Nicole Satchel *
Video Production
Gravette, AR

Jacob Crannel Usrey **
History
Alpena, AR

Smith Jackson Young *
History
Hollister, MO

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Sarah Marie Alcantar *
Nursing
Pittsburg, KS

Mason Mckenzie Cole
Nursing
Ava, MO

Jachimma Peace Emmanuel
Nursing
Ihiala, Nigeria

Abigail Katharine Baker
Nursing
Kansas City, MO

Hopelynn Christine
Cummings
Nursing
Hastings, OK

Ian Micheal Fowler
Nursing
Nevada, MO

Gerima Jeffrey Blair
Nursing
Newton, IA

Katriana Grace DiRienzo ***
Nursing
Davison, MI

Yoonwoo Ha
Nursing
Gwangju-si, South Korea

Isaiah James Hatcher
Nursing
Grant, NE

Sara Lee
Nursing
Papua, Indonesia

Lucia Anna Schleeter ***
Nursing
Kansas City, MO

Abigail Lindsey Hawk *
Nursing
Nevada City, CA

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Nursing
Mountain View, AR

Courtney Marie Velasquez **
Nursing
Verona, MO

Michaela Cheyenne Holt
Nursing
Plato, MO

HayLee BreeAnn McLain
Nursing
Jefferson City, MO

Sidney Nicole Ward
Nursing
Conway, MO

Sol Jin
Nursing
Gyeonggido, South Korea

Madelyn Rose Ristow *
Nursing
Fairbanks, Alaska

Zoe Lynne Johnson ^
Nursing
Carthage, MO

Sophia KayLynn Saint
Nursing
Douglas, WY

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Rylan Jacob Adams
Management
Mansfield, MO

Tanner Scott Bailey
Business Administration
Piedmont, OK

Katarina McKenzie Berndt ***
Engineering
Branson, MO

GraceAnn Eleanor Akins
Culinary Arts
Richmond, MO

Lynessa Jeanne Barney
Recreation & Sports Management
Hollister, MO

Daniel Richard Boerner
Management
Forest Grove, OR

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Business Administration
Holland, MI

Molly Elizabeth Bates
Marketing
Harrisburg, AR

Molly J. Botta **
Engineering
Roach, MO

Abel Alvarez
Technology Studies
Warrenton, MO

Brody Michael Baumann
Criminal Justice
Ozark, MO

Kaitlyn Romaine Bowles
Marketing
Casper, WY

Avery Layne Arnold
Human & Molecular Biology
Blue Eye, MO

Carami Michelle Beesley
Child Studies
Tulsa, OK

Layla Rose Boyer **
Management
Sullivan, MO

Miguel Angel Ayuso
Culinary Arts and Hospitality
Management
Chanute, KS

Haley Ann Bellville ^
Chemistry
Lawrenceville, IL

Kamryn Marie Bradshaw
Elementary Education
Harrison, AR

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Joshua Louis Bridges ** <i>Conservation & Wildlife Management</i> <i>Kampsville, IL</i>	Gavin Alan Church *** <i>Mathematics</i> <i>Kansas City, KS</i>	Carleigh Jane Debrick ^ <i>Marketing</i> <i>Archie, MO</i>
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Sasha M. Burch ^ <i>Family Studies/Social Services: Social</i> <i>Work</i> <i>Springfield, MO</i>	Erin Lee Clouse <i>Animal Science</i> <i>Ava, MO</i>	Courtney Marie Delashmit <i>Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management</i> <i>Bourbon, MO</i>
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Robert Santana Camara * <i>Psychology</i> <i>Hollister, MO</i>	Kaylee Marie Cornell <i>Business Administration</i> <i>Columbia, MO</i>	Ethan Joseph Donley * <i>Finance</i> <i>Ava, MO</i>
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Nekoosa, WI

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Apologetics
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Patterson, MO

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Linsey Alia Lopez <i>Family Studies/Social Services: Social</i> <i>Work</i> Crane, MO	Benjamin Leo Meyer <i>Physical Education: K-12</i> Morton, IL	Carson Wayne Onstott <i>Agriculture Education</i> Iberia, MO
Michelle E. Lopez <i>Allied Health Science</i> Green Forest, AR	Nicholas J. Miles * <i>Exercise Science</i> Pevely, MO	Kannon Russell Onstott <i>Agribusiness and Agronomy</i> Iberia, MO
Shane Carter Mahon <i>Conservation & Wildlife Management</i> McLouth, KS	Jackson Matthias Miller <i>Mathematics Education</i> Branson, MO	Alondra Jazmin Ornelas- Ramirez *** <i>Elementary Education</i> Kent, WA
Tykira Kanani Manago <i>Management</i> Camden, AR	Isaiah Morgan Mitchell <i>Physical Education: K-12</i> Blue Eye, MO	Alaina Joy Rose Ortman <i>Child Studies and Psychology</i> Greenville, TX
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	Chance Hunter Muller <i>Conservation & Wildlife Management</i> College Station, TX	

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Carrollton, MO

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Cypress, TX

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Psychology
Lebanon, MO

Ava Grace Pflederer ^
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Manus, Brazil

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Business Administration
Preston, MO

Hope Ann Powers
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Mesa, AZ

Jaylyn Rae Presson
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Applied Nutrition
Doolittle, MO

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Finance
Hopkinsville, KY

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Business Administration
Harrison, AR

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Independence, KS

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Elementary Education
Sherwood, AR

Tyas Keathley Rush *
Human & Molecular Biology
Batesville, AR

Peter Stanley Rutherford
Recreation & Sports Management
Maple Creek, Canada

Rebecca Rose Sage
Criminal Justice
Corder, MO

Buck Layton Sanders *
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Forsyth, MO

Brian Christopher Sands *
Psychology
Willard, MO

Trent Alan Satterfield
Elementary Education
St. James, MO

Caedran Olivia Schieber *
Human & Molecular Biology
Kansas City, MO

Logan Dean Schmidt
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Phillipsburg, MO

Madelyn Kate Sestak
Marketing and Speech Communication
Springdale, AR

Ava Elizabeth Shafer
Culinary Arts and Event Management
Conroe, TX

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Psychology
Harmon, AR

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High Ridge, MO

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Gerald, MO

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Green Forest, AR

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Koshkonong, MO

Kristin Marie Smith [^]
Human & Molecular Biology
Stoutland, MO

Sierra Shae Smith
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Exercise Science
Branson, MO

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Navarre, FL

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Applied Nutrition
Odessa, MO

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Berryville, AR

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Mountain Home, AR

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Work
Warrenton, MO

Candice Jade Sterner
Agronomy
West Plains, MO

Thomas Joseph Stewart
Criminal Justice
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Kijabe, Kenya

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Hollister, MO

David Warren Thomas ^{***^}
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Alton, MO

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MISSION

To provide the advantages of a Christian education for the youth of both sexes, especially those found worthy, but who are without sufficient means to procure such training.

VISION

The vision of College of the Ozarks is to develop citizens of Christlike character who are well-educated, hardworking, and patriotic.

This theme is carried out in the daily lives of students as they develop their work ethic through the College's Work Education Program. Students work 560 hours each year toward their cost of education, and the remainder is provided by generous supporters from across America.

PILLARS

Academic: To provide a sound education, based in the liberal arts.

Vocational: To promote a strong work ethic, encouraging the development of good character and values.

Christian: To foster the Christian faith through the integration of faith with learning, living, and service.

Patriotic: To encourage an understanding of American heritage, civic responsibilities, love of country, and willingness to defend it.

Cultural: To cultivate an appreciation of fine arts, an understanding of the world, and adherence to high personal standards.

CORE VALUES

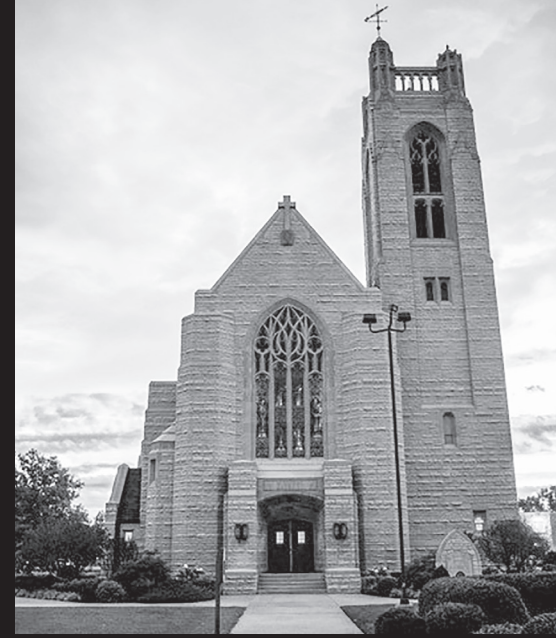
I. Steward Faithfully. God calls us to faithfully steward his gifts; therefore, we will faithfully steward the College's mission, vision, goals, and resources (people, finances, time).

II. Create Community. God calls us to grow up together into Christ; therefore, we will cultivate a community that fosters personal growth and thriving by valuing, respecting, and lovingly speaking and receiving the truth from one another.

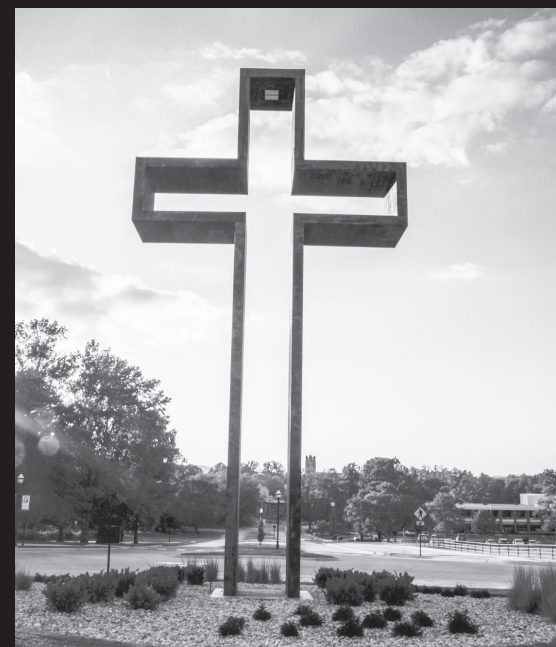
III. Pursue Good. God calls us to be salt and light; therefore, we will influence others for good, both inside and outside the College, through selfless service, the pursuit of excellence, and living with Christlike character and integrity.

IV. Practice Hospitality. God calls us to be hospitable; therefore, we will provide a gracious, welcoming environment for all we meet.

V. Demonstrate Gratitude. God calls us to give thanks; therefore, we will practice gratitude in all we do.



We welcome parents and friends to College of the Ozarks for today's graduation and hope you will enjoy our beautiful campus during your visit. We invite you to visit the Clint McDade Orchid Collection, The Keeter Center, Lest We Forget 9/11 Memorial, the scenic view from Point Lookout overlooking Lake Taneycomo, Patriots Park, the Scripture Garden, and "The Empty Cross™."



LEGENDARY LEADERSHIP

Throughout its history, the College has benefited from the goodwill and generosity of many persons; however, a few individuals, in particular, have made especially significant contributions. Thanks largely to the vision of five men, C of O has progressed from its simple beginnings in 1906 to become a respected and forward-looking institution of higher learning that has not forgotten, and will never forget, its original mission.

These men—the Reverend James F. Forsythe, Mr. L. W. Hyer, Dr. Robert M. Good, Dr. M. Graham Clark, and Dr. Jerry C. Davis—have brought C of O to where it is today. We salute them warmly at these commencement ceremonies. Their names will always be linked with the success of this institution.

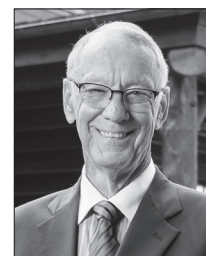
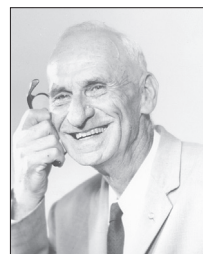
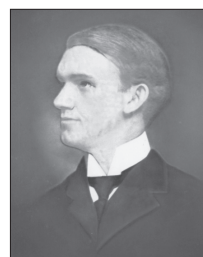
The Reverend James F. Forsythe (top left) was a young missionary who founded The School of the Ozarks.

Mr. L. W. Hyer (top right) established the Hyer Trust, which continues to benefit the College.

Dr. Robert M. Good (middle left) was the longtime President who prepared The School for greater opportunities as a college.

Dr. M. Graham Clark (middle right) As President, Dr. Clark was instrumental in establishing the College program. He later served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Jerry C. Davis (bottom) As President, Dr. Davis established the K-12 School of the Ozarks Laboratory School and the College's Nursing and Engineering programs. He currently holds the title of President Emeritus.



ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic costume worn at American college exercises goes back in its essential features to the middle ages. The oldest universities of northern Europe, such as Paris and Oxford, grew out of church schools, and both faculty and students were regarded in the middle ages as a part of the clergy. Hence, they wore clerical garb largely borrowed from the monastic dress of their day—not merely on special occasions, but as their regular costume.

The head covering of the academic costume developed out of the skullcap worn by the clergy in cold weather to protect their tonsured heads. In the universities, this skullcap acquired a point on top, which gradually evolved into a tassel. The bonnet with tassel is still worn by degree-holders of the European universities. In the United States, it has been generally replaced by the familiar mortarboard, which retains the medieval tassel.

The hood (the medieval caputium) was originally a covering worn over the head in bad weather, and otherwise draped onto the shoulders, like the monk's cowl. At first, it was worn by faculty and students alike; however, in the early sixteenth century, it was restricted to graduates, and thus came to be the mark of a degree holder. Today, each college has its distinctively colored hood-lining, by which its graduates may be recognized in academic processions.

The gown worn today is the medieval robe and seems to have been borrowed from the habit of the Benedictine monks. In the middle ages, undergraduates, bachelors, and masters

could be distinguished by the simplicity or elaborateness of their gowns—the master's gowns were often furred—and this survives today in the ornamentation found on the doctoral gowns.

The wide velvet borders extending down the front of the doctoral gown, the velvet bars on the sleeves, and the borders of most hoods are colored according to the scholarly field of the wearer. The most usual of these follow:

WHITE	Arts and Letters
DRAB	Business Administration
COPPER	Economics
ORANGE	Engineering
BROWN	Fine Arts
PURPLE	Law
LEMON	Library Science
APRICOT	Nursing
PINK	Music
LIGHT BLUE	Education
BLUE	Philosophy
SAGE GREEN	Physical Education
GOLD	Science
SCARLET	Theology