



Class of 2016

FIRST DESTINATION AND CAREER PROFILE

# REPORT

UNIVERSITY OF THE OZARKS

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**Clayton Rodgers**, a psychology major, is pursuing a master's degree in Human Resource Management and working as a human resources manager in Los Angeles.



## Ready For the Next Step

The heart of the University of the Ozarks' mission is to prepare students to live life fully. Bolstered with knowledge, expertise and skills gained from an extensive liberal arts curriculum, U of O graduates are thoroughly prepared for their next step with problem-solving, critical thinking and communicative acumen. Facing global competition and a rapidly changing job market, our graduates are equipped with the reasoning, understanding and creative skills for any academic or professional challenge they may choose. The University's personalized and supportive environment ensures that students are prepared and empowered to succeed, whether they want to immediately embark on their professional careers or pursue graduate or professional schools. An organization is only as strong as its members. Today, one of the largest concerns organizations face is where and how to find the right "fit." University of the Ozarks has remarkable success in connecting organizations with highly qualified graduates.



# OZARKS | **Education:** PROFESSIONAL AND PREPARED

## Ozarks Offers:

1. A global perspective through a vibrant, diverse student body as well as access to a wide range of travel and study-abroad programs throughout the world, empowering students with an invaluable cross-cultural experience.
2. Students have the ability to customize their educational experience and to explore a number of academic disciplines and interests through a broad-based liberal arts curriculum.
3. Opportunities to enhance and strengthen leadership and collaborative skills by being an orientation leader, resident assistant, peer mentor, Ozarks Outdoors leader, team captain or serving in a cabinet role in one of the more than 40 clubs and organizations on campus.



90%  
PROFESSIONAL  
SUCCESS  
(professional  
employment  
or graduate school)  
WITHIN  
SIX  
MONTHS  
OF  
GRADUATION

THE GOAL "70/80/90"  
*plan, promise, dream...*



# OZARKS | *Bridging the Gap*

The Career Services Office presents an annual career fair and numerous other opportunities throughout the academic year to assist students in securing postgraduate positions as well as placement into graduate and professional schools. There are also opportunities inside and outside of the classroom for students to meet and hear from U of O alumni who are successful in a wide variety of careers. In addition, the University hosts business, industry and government leaders in an assortment of events and programs throughout the year.





# OZARKS | *By the Numbers*



Student-to-Faculty Ratio

**14:1**

Enrollment

**686**

Percentage of Students  
Receiving Financial Aid

**99%**

Average GPA of  
Incoming Freshmen

**3.3**

Institutional Financial Aid  
Distributed Annually

**\$9.1** Million

Average Class Size

**16**



Major Academic  
Programs

**21**

Campus Size  
in Acres

**45**

Clubs &  
Organizations

**46**

Minor Academic  
Programs

**40**

Varsity Sports

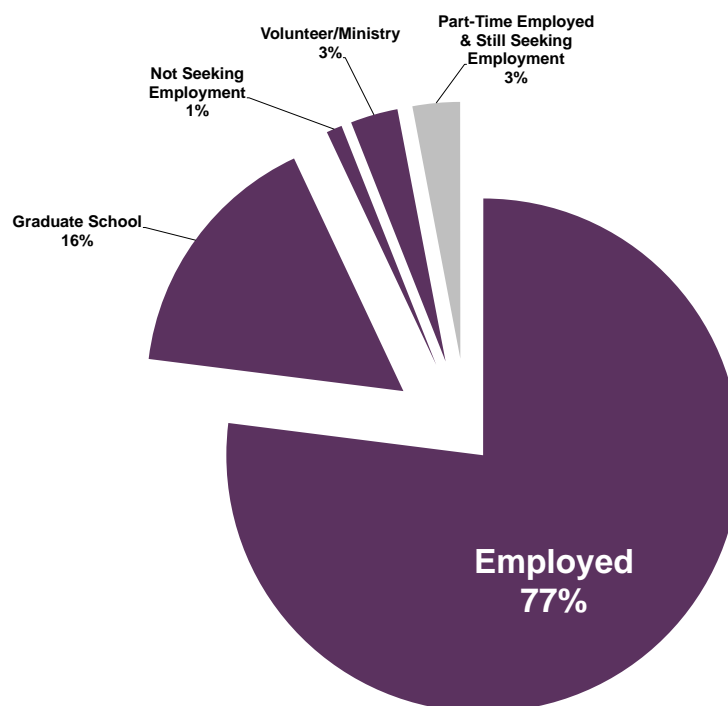
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# OZARKS | *Survey Results*

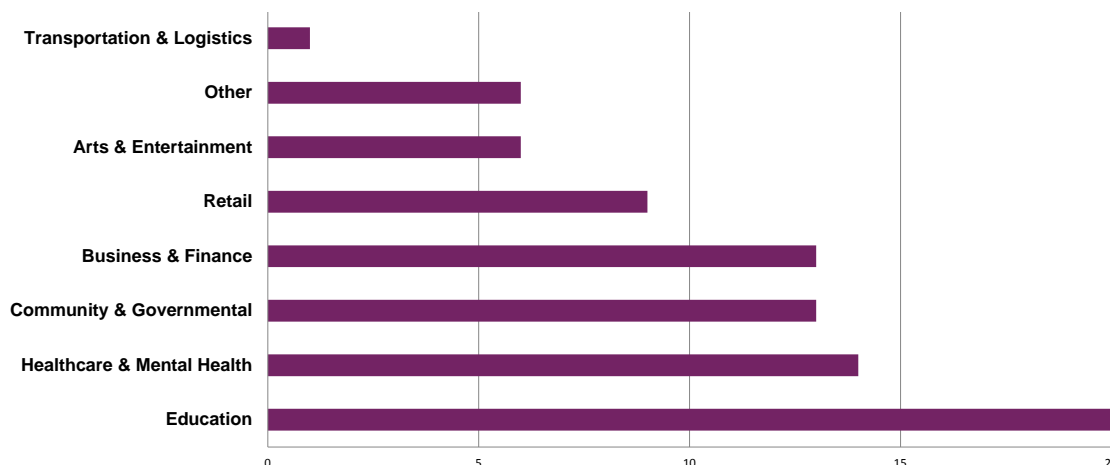
## CLASS OF 2016

- 109 graduates completed their degrees from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016
- Data were collected based on the status of graduates from the time period of January 2, 2016, to March 31, 2016
- Knowledge Rate for Class of 2016: 97% (106 out of 109)
- Successful Placement Rate for Class of 2016: 97% (103 out of 106)

**97%**  
*SUCCESS  
RATE*



### SECTORS OF EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



University of the Ozarks follows the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) standards and protocols for the collection and dissemination of graduating student initial career outcomes information for undergraduates.



## WHERE 2016 GRADUATES LANDED



2016 mathematics major **Robert Elder** secured a position teaching math and coaching at Scranton (AR) High School.

### STATES:

Arkansas (63)  
Texas (14)  
Oklahoma (5)  
Missouri (2)  
California (1)  
Florida (1)  
Georgia (1)  
Kansas (1)  
Maryland (1)  
Massachusetts (1)  
Missouri (1)  
Montana (1)  
Tennessee (1)  
West Virginia (1)

### COUNTRIES:

Costa Rica (2)  
Nicaragua (2)  
El Salvador (1)  
France (1)  
Honduras (1)  
Mexico (1)  
Panama (1)  
Taiwan (1)



## WHERE 2016 GRADUATES ATTEND GRADUATE SCHOOL



2016 health science major **Grady Finley** is pursuing a master's degree in athletic training at the University of Arkansas.



Arkansas (5)  
Texas (4)  
Oklahoma (2)  
California (1)  
Missouri (1)  
West Virginia (1)  
France (1)  
Taiwan (1)

# OZARKS | *Career Profiles*

## JOSHUA CLARK '16

**JOSHUA CLARK**, a psychology major, is pursuing a master's degree in psychology with an emphasis in life coaching. He is working full-time at the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home in Denton, TX, where he assists foster children who have been abused or neglected. He has also recently published his first book, *"If Love Were Real,"* a collection of poems on relationships.



## AARON ENGLAND '16

**AARON ENGLAND**, a biology major, is working in Kansas City, MO, for Cerner, a health care information technology company. As a traveling consultant, he works with several hospitals throughout the United States to implement Cerner health care systems. He credits his biology background, liberal arts education and health care internships for helping him secure a position with Cerner.

## CHELSEY BECKER '16

**CHELSEY BECKER**, a business administration and art major, is owner and manager of Brazen Interiors in downtown Conway, AR, where she is pursuing her dream of being an artist and entrepreneur.





# OZARKS | *Career Profiles*

## SHERIDAN BARAJAS '16

Biology major **SHERIDAN BARAJAS** is serving as a research assistant at the Texas A&M College of Medicine in College Station, TX. Her research focuses on medical physiology. She plans to pursue a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree.



## MAGGIE PORTERA '16

**MAGGIE PORTERA**, a psychology and health science major, is working as a mental health paraprofessional at Vantage Point of Northwest Arkansas in Bentonville. Portera said, "My level of preparation walking into the workforce was very comforting. Between helping me to build a firm foundation in ethics and research as well as an environment in which I could grow in my faith, I could not be more grateful for my time at University of the Ozarks."

## ABBEIGH RAINWATER '16

**ABBEIGH RAINWATER**, an early childhood education major, is teaching first grade in Jonesboro, AR, fulfilling a long-time goal of becoming a classroom teacher. Rainwater credits the University's teacher education program for preparing her to run her own classroom and said she had six job offers within a month of graduating from Ozarks.



# OZARKS | *First Destinations* .....

**F**irst destination job and graduate school placement status for the Class of 2016, categorized by academic major.

## **Accounting**

Acceptance Insurance, Addison, TX  
*Sales Agent*

Aerotek Staffing Company, Little Rock, AR  
*Account Manager*

Clinton Foundation, Little Rock, AR  
*Accounts Payable Administrator*

Deloitte, Inc., Panama City, Panama  
*Auditor*

Ming Chung University, Taipei City, Taiwan  
*Graduate Student pursuing a Master's Degree in International Business & Trade*

Bank of the Ozarks, Ozarks, AR  
*eFinance Assistant*

University of Texas, Arlington, TX  
*Graduate Student pursuing a Master's Degree in Accounting*

## **Art**

Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX  
*Graduate Student in Coaching Administration*

Crystal Bridges Museum, Bentonville, AR  
*Sales Associate*

Forrester-Davis Development Center, Clarksville, AR  
*Teaching Assistant in Art Therapy*

Lighthouse Charter School, Jacksonville, AR  
*Art Specialist*

Lowe's Home Improvement, Fort Smith, AR  
*Garden Center Team Member*

## **Biology**

Cerner Corporation, Kansas City, MO  
*Consulting Analyst*

Clarksville Pharmacy, Clarksville, AR  
*Team Member*

Clarksville Vet Clinic, Clarksville, AR  
*Veterinarian Assistant*

Johnson County Conservation District, Clarksville, AR  
*District Coordinator*

Johnson Co. Regional Medical Center, Clarksville, AR  
*Certified Nurse Assistant*

Lowe's Home Improvement, AR  
*Team Member*

Mercy Hospital, Fort Smith, AR  
*Lab Technician*

Prescott High School, Prescott, AR  
*High School Science Teacher*

Rockline Industries, Booneville, AR  
*Microbiology Laboratory Technician*

Texas A&M Health Science Ctr, College Station, TX  
*Research Assistant*

University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR  
*Graduate Student in Physical Therapy*

University of Missouri, Kansas City and Self-Employed  
*Graduate Student in the Dental School and Computer Support Specialist*

UPS Store, Clarksville, AR  
*Sales Associate*

West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV  
*Graduate Student pursuing a Doctorate of Medicine*



## Business Administration

Brazen Interiors, Conway, AR

*Manager/ Owner*

Johnson Co. Regional Medical Center, Clarksville, AR

*Human Resources Specialist*

## Chemistry

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

*Graduate Student & Teaching Assistant in*

*Dept. of Chemistry*

Omnium LLC, Blytheville, AR

*Laboratory Assistant*

## Early Childhood Education

Alma Intermediate School, Alma, AR

*Fourth Grade Teacher*

Head Start, Rogers, AR

*Teacher*

Bismarck School District, Bismarck, AR

*Resource Teacher*

Greenwood Middle School, Greenwood, AR

*Special Education Teacher*

International Studies Magnet School, Jonesboro, AR

*First Grade Teacher*

Pea Ridge School District, Pea Ridge, AR

*Third Grade Teacher*

Pine Wood Elementary, Pine Wood, AR

*Teacher*

LISA Academy, Little Rock, AR and University of

Central Arkansas, Conway, AR

*Third Grade Teacher and Graduate Student*

## Economics

KPMG, Mangua, Nicaragua

*Advisory Services Assistant*

## English

Arkansas State Parks, Paris, AR

*Head Hostess*

Junction City High School, Junction City, AR

*Teacher*

Subiaco Abbey, Subiaco, AR

*Member of Monastery*

## Environmental Studies

Arkansas Garden Corps, Little Rock, AR

*Service Member*

Arkansas Parks & Recreation, Lake Frierson State Park

*Seasonal Interpreter*

Montana Conservation Corps, Bozeman, MT

*Crew Leader*

Subiaco Abbey, Subiaco, AR

*Member of Monastery*

Tara Box Countryside Assisted Living, Huntsville, AR

*Office Assistant*

## General Studies

Girl Scouts, Floral, AR

*Unit Leader Camp Crossed Arrows GS Diamonds*

Lyric Theatre Scene Shop, Oklahoma City, OK

*Build Carpenter*

Mary J. Photography, Clarksville, AR

*Owner*

Texas Department of Family & Protective Services,  
Dallas, TX

*Child Protective Services Investigator*

Vantage Point of Northwest Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

*Mental Health Paraprofessional*

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# OZARKS | *First Destinations* .....

## **Health Science**

Fayetteville Athletic Club, Fayetteville, AR

*Team Member*

Forrester-Davis Development Center, Clarksville, AR

*Habituation Technician*

Johnson Orthodontics, Memphis, TN

*Office Team Member*

Jonmar Services Inc., Dallas, TX

*Sales/Quality Assurance*

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

*Graduate Student in Athletic Training Program*

University of Texas, Arlington, TX

*Graduate Student in Athletic Training*

## **Management/Business Administration**

Allpoint Network, Bethesda, MD

*Sales/Customer Retention Analyst*

Consolidated Credit, Fort Lauderdale, FL

*Credit Counselor*

DAI, San Salvador, El Salvador

*Administrative Assistant*

Gretta Lane Literacy Program, Norman, AR

*Volunteer*

Group Agrolibano, San Lorenzo Valle, Honduras

*Commercial Coordinator*

JB Hunt Transport, Lowell, AR

*Human Resources Training/Development*

Mondelez International, Costa Rica

*Recruiting Administrator*

Oklahoma University, Tulsa, OK

*Graduate Student*

State Farm, Ozark, AR

*Office Representative*

## **Marketing**

Escuela Peticular, Chihuahua, Mexico

*German Teacher*

White Shark Media, Managua, Nicaragua

*PPC Strategist*

## **Mathematics**

Bank of America, Sykes Call Center, Fort Smith, AR

*Bank Representative*

Central Research, Lowell, AR

*Account Representative*

Carl Bush Law Office, Fort Smith, AR

*Case Manager*

Scranton High School, Scranton, AR

*Teacher/Coach*

Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, TX

*Graduate Student pursuing a Master's Degree in Mathematics*

Walmart DC, Clarksville, AR

*Field Logistics and Distribution Warehouser*

## **Music**

Wylie High School, Wylie, TX

*Marching Technician*

## **Physical Education**

Atkins School District, Atkins, AR

*Teacher and Coach*

Southern AR University, Magnolia, AR

*Graduate Student*

Springdale School District, Springdale, AR

*Teacher and Coach*

University of Texas and Fort Bliss, El Paso, TX

*Youth Service Assistant and Graduate Student pursuing a teaching certification*

University of the Ozarks, Clarksville, AR

*Assistant Basketball Coach*

## **Political Science**

Champion, Wrentham, MA

*Sales Associate*

Republican Party of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR

*Political Communications Director*

University of the Ozarks, Clarksville, AR

*Head Coach Shooting Team*



## CLASS OF 2016 BY MAJOR

### Psychology

Cadence Academy Preschool, Rogers, AR

*Pre-K Teacher*

Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home, Denton, TX  
and Grand Canyon University

*Youth Care Worker and Graduate Student  
pursuing a Master's Degree in Psychology*

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA and  
Home Instead Senior Care, Ranch Cucamonga, CA

*Billing & Payroll Assistant and Graduate Student  
pursuing PhD in Human Resources Management*

Ozarks Guidance, Fayetteville, AR

*Behavior Intervention Specialist*

Vantage Point Northwest Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

*Mental Health Paraprofessional*

### Psychology of Human Behavior

Fossil Corporate, Richardson, TX

*Team Member*

Paris School of Business, Paris, France

*Graduate Student pursuing a Degree in  
International Business*

Publix, Peachtree, GA

*Grocery Clerk*

### Radio/Television/Video

KDYN Radio, Clarksville, AR

*Announcer*

West Heights United Methodist Church, Wichita, Kansas  
& DLT Event Management, Wichita, KS

*Youth Director and Communications Specialist*

### Religion

Sears, Fort Smith, AR

*Team Member (Deferred enrollment at Truett  
Theological Seminary)*

### Sociology

University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR and Saint James

Kids LIFE, Little Rock, AR

*Graduate Student and Teacher at St. James*

### Strategic Communication

Dialog Direct/LSG Skycheffs, San Jose, Costa Rica

*Data Analyst*

GameStop, Magnolia, AR

*Store Leader*

### Theatre

Arkansas Repertory Theatre, Little Rock, AR

*Master Carpenter*

Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival, Durant, OK

*Performer*

Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival, Durant, OK

*Performer and Stage Manager*

The Phoenix Theatre Company, Iowa Park, TX and

City View Junior/Senior High School

*President/CEO/Founder & Theatre Director*

Zach Theatre, Austin, TX

*Educational Teaching Intern*

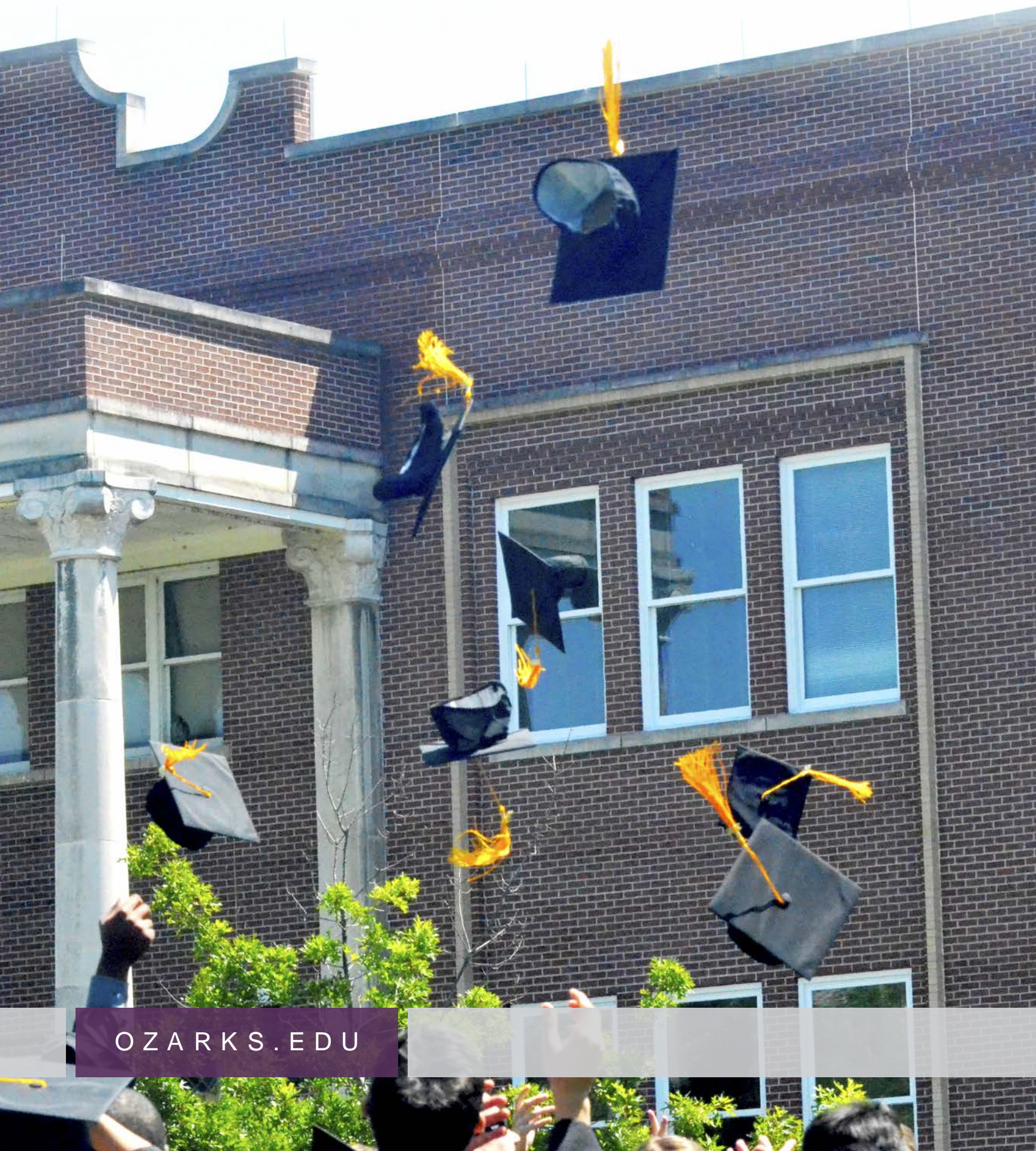


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