



Class of 2018

FIRST DESTINATION AND CAREER PROFILE

REPORT

UNIVERSITY OF THE OZARKS

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Devon “D.J.” Jackson of Houston, Texas, (left) **Jatoris Combs** of Shreveport, Louisiana, celebrate following their graduation from Ozarks on May 12, 2018.

OZARKS | *Education:* PROFESSIONAL AND PREPARED

Ready For the Next Step

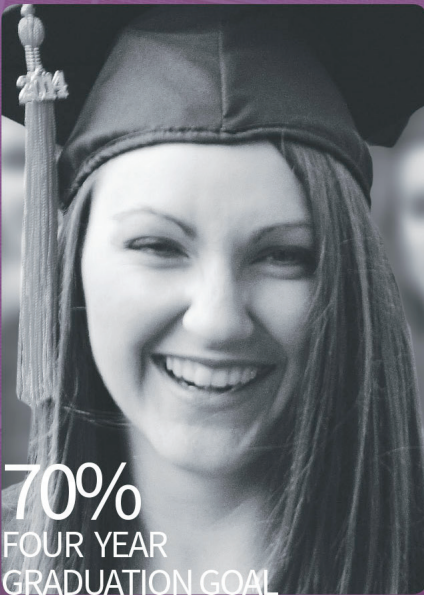
The heart of the University of the Ozarks' mission is to prepare students to live life fully. Bolstered with knowledge, expertise and skills gained from an extensive liberal arts curriculum, U of O graduates are thoroughly prepared for their next step with problem-solving, critical thinking and communicative 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. The ability of students 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

15:1

Enrollment

872

Percentage of Students
Receiving Financial Aid

100%

Average GPA of
Incoming Freshmen

3.4

Institutional Financial Aid Distributed

\$11.9 Million

Average Class Size

19



Clubs &
Organizations

47

Major Academic
Programs

21

Campus Size
in Acres

45

Countries
Represented

24

Minor Academic
Programs

40

Varsity Sports

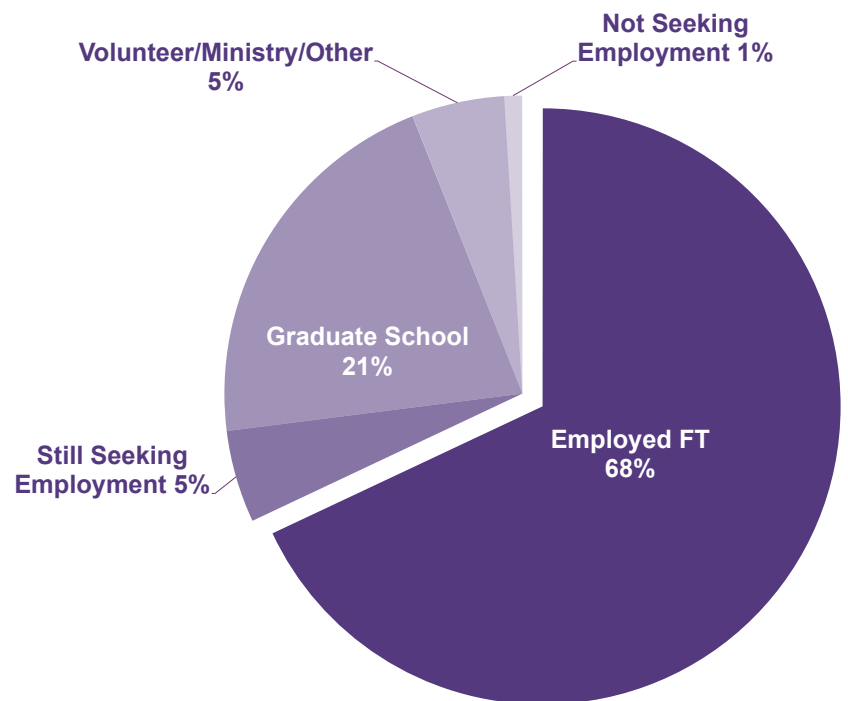
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OZARKS | *Survey Results*

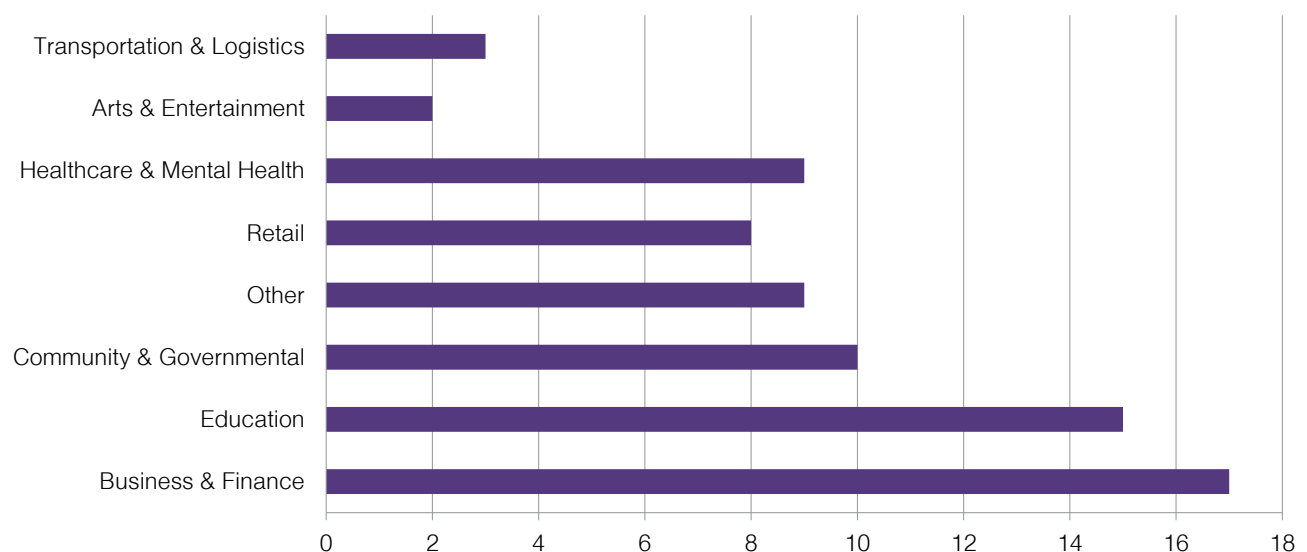
CLASS OF 2018

- 114 graduates completed their degrees from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018
- Knowledge rate for Class of 2018: 94% (107 out of 114)
- Successful placement rate for Class of 2018: 95% (102 out of 107)

95%
*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 2018 GRADUATES ARE WORKING



STATES:

Arkansas (33)
Texas (12)
Florida (2)
Kansas (2)
California (1)
Colorado (1)
Georgia (1)
Louisiana (1)
Minnesota (1)
Ohio (1)
Oklahoma (1)
Tennessee (1)
Washington (1)

COUNTRIES:

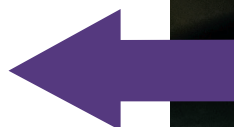
Honduras (2)
Mexico (2)
Panama (2)
Costa Rica (1)
France (1)
Nicaragua (1)

2018 business administration major **Samantha Workman** of Parsons, Kansas, is working in Northwest Arkansas as an account specialist for J.B. Hunt Transport. Samantha credited the University's Office of Career Services for the development of her interview skills and strong resume as well as giving her confidence in her career choices.



WHERE 2018 GRADUATES ATTEND GRADUATE SCHOOL

Arkansas (5)
Texas (5)
Florida (2)
Colorado (1)
Ohio (1)
Wisconsin (1)



Megan Ahne, a music major from Ozark, Arkansas, is working on a master's degree in vocal performance at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

OZARKS | *Career Profiles*

STEPHANIE NOLES '18

STEPHANIE (ALDERSON) NOLES, an elementary education major, returned to her hometown of Oark, Arkansas, to teach first grade and coach basketball. Of Ozarks, Stephanie said, "The faculty and staff are so supportive. They not only know your name, but they know your interests, your strengths and weaknesses and will help you accomplish your goals. We are placed in numerous classrooms starting our first semester in college and that made a great difference in preparing me for my own classroom."



NICOLE JUSTICE '18

NICOLE JUSTICE, a political science and international business major from Panama City, Panama, is pursuing a master's degree in international relations at Queens Mary University of London, in partnership with the University of London Institute in Paris. Nicole credits her Ozarks professors for helping her "adapt and design a resume to fit international standards in political science and business."

KC NKALARI '18

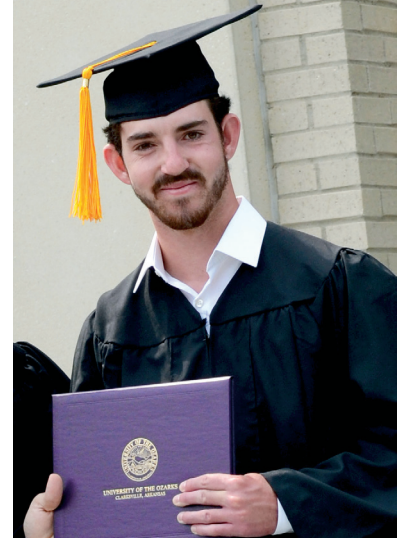
KC NKALARI, a management major from Rockwall, Texas, is beginning his career as an area account manager for Lifetouch National School Photos in Dallas, Texas.



OZARKS | *Career Profiles*

JACOB BARKER '18

Health science major **JACOB BARKER** is serving as the head women's soccer coach at Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Worthington, Minnesota. The former baseball player at Ozarks joined the college last fall as an assistant baseball coach and was awarded the women's soccer head coaching position in January.



HAILEY HARDGRAVE '18

HAILEY HARDGRAVE, a biology major, is pursuing a medical degree at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Arkansas, with the goal of a career in pediatrics emergency medicine. With the help of her professors at Ozarks, Hailey secured two summer internships in research at Arkansas Children's Hospital while at Ozarks, which she said was instrumental in being accepted into medical school.

SPENCER TURNER '18

SPENCER TURNER, an accounting major from Hot Springs, Arkansas, is working in Little Rock as a staff auditor for Landmark PLC, Certified Public Accountants. Spencer, who also played tennis for Ozarks, credited his business professors for preparing him for his career.



OZARKS | *First Destinations*

First destination job and graduate school placement status for the Class of 2018, categorized by academic major.

Accounting

Bell and Company, CPA, North Little Rock, AR
Staff Accountant
 Landmark, Little Rock, AR
Staff Auditor
 Walton Enterprises, Bentonville, AR
Accountant

Art

Motel 6, Wichita, KS
Team Member
 Pea Ridge Middle School, Pea Ridge, AR
Teacher
 Phigenics, Fayetteville, AR
Graphic Designer



2018 marketing and management major **Kathleen Sotomayor** is working as a brand executive for internal communications for Pronto BPO in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Biology

Arkansas State Parks, Morrow, AR
Park Associate
 Medical College of Wisconsin, Wauwatosa, WI
Medical Student
 Mercy Hospital, Rogers, AR
Phlebotomist and Microbiology Technician
 UA Medical School, Little Rock, AR (2)
Medical Student
 UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX
Research Technician

Business Administration

Abundant Life Christian Schools, Honduras
Office Manager
 Decathlon, Vilennessur Seine, France
Communication Manager
 Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, San Antonio, TX
Team Member
 J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc., Lowell, AR
Account Specialist
 Legacy Jiu-Jitsu Academy, Richland, WA
Wrestling Coach
 Marcair Aviation, Fort Worth, TX
Commercial Pilot Training
 Midland Genetics, Ottawa, KS
Conditioning Lead
 MVP Sport City, San Francisco, CA
Assistant Sports Director
 Paris School of Business, Paris, France (3)
Graduate Student
 Rhodes Team of PenFed Realty, Flower Mound, FL
Director of First Impressions
 School Time Uniforms, Baton Rouge, LA
Team Member
 University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX
Graduate Student

Business Education

University of the Ozarks Admissions Office, Clarksville, AR
Admissions Counselor

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Chemistry

UA Medical School, Fayetteville, AR
Ph.D. Graduate Student

Economics

J.B. Hunt, Lowell, AR
Financial Analyst
Universidad de Costa Rica, Heredia, Costa Rica
Graduate Student

Elementary Education

Jasper Schools, Oark Elementary School, Oark, AR
First Grade Teacher/Basketball Coach
Joe Carlson Elementary School, Ejidal, Sonora, Mexico
Third Grade Teacher
Johnson County Westside Schools, Booneville, AR
Third Grade Teacher
Mazapan School, La Ceiba, Honduras
Kindergarten Teacher

English

University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL
Law Student



2018 elementary education major **Ariana Lujan** of Little Elm, Texas, is serving as a kindergarten teacher at the Mazapan School in Le Ceiba, Honduras.

Environmental Studies

Grand Lodge on Peak 7, Breckenridge CO
Sustainability Liaison
UA Fruit Research Station, Clarksville, AR
Research Assistant
University of Huelva, Huelva, Spain
Graduate Student

General Studies

Aramark, Clarksville, AR
Supervisor
Arkansas Nuclear One, Russellville, AR
Security Officer
Enterprise, Russellville, AR
Management Trainee
Houston School of Theology, Houston, TX
Graduate Student
Lowe's Home Improvement, MI
Team Member

Health Science

Arkansas Children's Hospital, Little Rock, AR
Pharmacy Technician
ARVAC Inc., Head Start Program, Russellville, AR
Nutrition Coordinator
Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN
Assistant Basketball Coach
Donald Reynolds Boys and Girls Club, Fayetteville, AR
Staff Member
HESS International Group, Taiwan
ESL Teacher
Killeen Police Department, Killeen, TX
Police Officer
Palmer College of Chiropractic Medicine, Port Orange, FL
Medical Student
Rover's Romphouse, Houston, TX
Associate
Terrell State Hospital, Terrell, TX
Rehabilitation Therapy Technician II
University of Arkansas Law School, Fayetteville, AR
Graduate Student, AR
Walmart Neighborhood Market, Paragould, AR
Customer Service Manager

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History

Lunds & Byerlys, Minneapolis, MN
Cashier
Retail Data, LLC, Virginia
Data Collector

International Business

Legal Firm, El Salvador
Legal Assistant

Management

Bill Knight Collision, Owasso, OK
Manager of Efficiency
Clarksville-Johnson County Chamber of Commerce,
Clarksville, AR
Marketing/Communications Manager
Proconsumo, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Trade Marketing Analyst
Lifetouch National School Studios, Dallas, TX
Area Account Manager, TX



2018 English and Spanish major **Jae Lynn Huckaba** of Forrest City, Arkansas, is pursuing a law degree at the University of Miami School of Law in Coral Gables, Florida.

Marketing

Aeropuerto Internacional Juan, Santa Maria, Costa Rico
Team Member
Razor Management Group, Fayetteville, AR
Sales Representative
San Antonio Sugar Refining Center, Nicaragua
Coordinator of Budgeting
Pronto BPO, Guatemala
Brand Executive

Mathematics

Paris Middle School, Paris, AR
Math Teacher
University of Denver – Mathematics Program, Auroro, CO
Ph.D. Graduate Student

Music

Arkansas Division of Children & Family Services,
Fort Smith, AR
Counselor
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
Graduate Student - Vocal Performance
Designsteins, Rogers, AR
Production Manager

Physical Education

Hibbett Sports, Clarksville, AR
Assistant Manager
Minnesota West Community & Technical College,
Worthington, MN
Coach
University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR
Graduate School

Political Science

Conway High School, Conway, AR
Assistant Baseball Coach
Ozark Police Department, Ozark, AR
Patrolman
TEKsystems, Rogers, AR
Technical Recruiter
The U For You, Panama City, Panama
Education Consultant

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University of Dayton, Dayton, OH
Peer-to-Peer Annual Giving Coordinator
University of London Institute, Paris, France
Graduate Student

Psychology

University of Houston, Houston, TX
Ph.D. Graduate Student
Arkansas DHS, Little Rock, AR
Family Team Member

Psychology of Human Behavior

Arkansas Department of Human Services, Fort Smith
Counselor
MHMR Tarrant County, Forney, TX
Service Coordinator
My Possibilities, Plano, TX
Program Assistant

Radio/Television/Video

Instituto Tecnológico CCPM, Mexico City, Mexico
English Teacher

Religion

The Ashford Rise School of Dallas, Dallas, TX
Teaching Assistant

Sociology

Costco, Milton, GA
Crew Member

Spanish

Regions Bank, Memphis, TN
Financial Relationship Specialist
University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL
Law Student

Theatre

Gulfshore Playhouse, Naples, FL
Scenic Artist



2018 business administration major **Bryce Elder** is working in Ottawa, Kansas, as a conditioning lead for Midland Genetics, an agricultural firm that is adapting genetics for corn and soybean seed.



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