



OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
— Since 1950 —

THE OC GRADUATE

Since its founding in 1950, Oklahoma Christian University has sought to fulfill its mission to “transform lives for Christian faith, leadership, and service.” Educating and nurturing the heart, mind, and soul, OC encourages its graduates to be like Jesus Christ, who “increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). Christian faith and scholarship, exhibited through academic and spiritual excellence, is the heart of the University’s mission. While students will pursue and attain this excellence to varying degrees, we identify here the qualities desired for all OC graduates.

THE OC GRADUATE KNOWS...

- The **liberal arts**, which enrich life and prepare for the inevitable challenges, opportunities, and changes of life.
- The specialized knowledge, research methodologies, problem-solving strategies, and practical skills that enable **competent living** in modern society and **successful competition** in the global marketplace.
- How to **communicate** clearly and **think** independently, critically, and creatively.
- How to **live and work harmoniously** with people of diverse backgrounds and beliefs without compromising truth.
- The **great themes and doctrines of the Bible**, including the message of grace and the Lordship of Christ.
- The history and identity of a *cappella* Churches of Christ and their **restoration** heritage.

THE OC GRADUATE IS...

- Committed to **intellectual and spiritual inquiry**, nurturing the mind and spirit throughout life.
- **Devoted to Christ**, seeking to emulate Him and embody the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22).
- Dedicated to **truth, righteousness, and excellence** in every facet of life.
- A **faithful steward** of the blessings, resources, and talents received from God.

THE OC GRADUATE BELIEVES...

- The **Bible** is the **revelation** of the nature and will of God, the incarnation of the Son, and the work of the Holy Spirit, and is the **authority** for Christian faith and practice.
- Life has **meaning** only through a **relationship with God**, recognizing that the pursuit of knowledge in any field is ultimately a quest for understanding of God and His creation.
- **Faith and learning are integral** and cannot be separated with impunity.

THE OC GRADUATE LIVES...

- As a **servant-leader** in family, church, profession, and community, making a difference for good in the world, both locally and globally.
- With **integrity**, by acting consistently with beliefs and in covenant relationship with God.
- In **humble submission** to God’s will, diligently serving him and all humanity by following the two greatest commandments: to “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind**,” and to “**Love your neighbor as yourself**” (Matt. 22:37 & 39).