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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

DECEMBER 13, 2024 | 10 A.M.

Call to Order	RACHEL HART, OC '11 University Registrar
Processional Medley	SYMPHONIC BAND Dr. George Schrader, Conductor
"The Star Spangled Banner" (Smith/Key)	SYMPHONIC BAND
Pledge of Allegiance	LOREY LUNDY Mother of Graduate
"An American Tribute" (Douglas Wagner)	UNIVERSITY CHORALE / SYMPHONIC BAND Dan Bircher/ Dr. George Schrader, Conductors
"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" (Peter C. Lutkin)	UNIVERSITY CHORALE Dan Bircher, Conductor
Invocation and Introduction of Speaker	DR. BRIAN SIMMONS Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Commencement Speaker	DR. KEN JONES University President
Presentation of Diplomas	DR. BRIAN STARR University Provost
Closing Remarks	DR. KEN JONES
"Hail to Oklahoma Christian" (H. Fletcher)	DAN BIRCHER Instructor of Music
Benediction	DR. BRIAN STARR
Recessional	

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DECEMBER 13, 2024 | 2 P.M.

Call to Order	RACHEL HART, OC '11 University Registrar
Processional	"POMP & CIRCUMSTANCE" (Elgar, arr. Grundman)
Pledge of Allegiance	CHERYL WARDELL Mother of Graduate
"The Star Spangled Banner" (Smith/Key)	CAMERON COX, OC '23 Trumpet
Invocation	PAT JONES Father of Graduate
Introduction of Speaker	DR. BRIAN STARR University Provost
Commencement Speaker	DR. KEN JONES University President
Presentation of Diplomas	DR. BRIAN STARR University Provost
Performance	JASON COON Senior Music Student
Closing Remarks and Benediction	DR. BYRON NEWBERRY Graduate and Global Programs Chair

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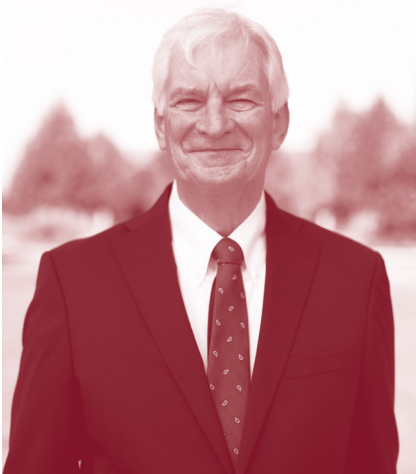
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ALUMNI SURVEY

Graduates, please let us know your post-graduation plans in our alumni survey by scanning this QR code!



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



DR. KEN JONES

PRESIDENT OF
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Dr. Ken Jones was appointed President of Oklahoma Christian University (OC) on May 1, 2023. He and his wife Suzie are natives of Cordell, Oklahoma, where they currently have involvement in farming and ranching. Dr. Jones was educated in the field of Engineering receiving his Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University.

His career spans engineering, pulpit preaching, leadership training and higher education leadership. Dr. Jones served as President of Lubbock Christian University (LCU) for 19 years and Chancellor for 5 years. He has spent over four decades in Christian higher education and leadership training.

Ken and Suzie have two grown children, their spouses and four grandchildren. For years, he has been a frequent speaker in churches, corporations and other groups.

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MASTER OF ARTS

LETICIA RODRIGUEZ

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KRISTIN ELIZABETH WOMELDORF

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MASTER OF SCIENCE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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SEEHRISH KHALIL

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

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Software Engineering

PRUDVI RAJ ADEPU

Software Engineering

SAI SUNISHA ARIMILLI

Software Engineering

SAI KIRAN BANOD

Software Engineering

DEEPKUMAR AKSHAYKUMAR

BRAHMBHATT

Data Science

SHREYA BURRA

Software Engineering

SRIKANTH BUSSA

Software Engineering

PURANDHARESWARI

CHALLAGOLLA

Software Engineering

APARNA CHINTALAPUDI

Software Engineering

VENKAT LAKSHMI

CHINTALAPUDI

Software Engineering

MARK DELGADO

Software Engineering

HARSHINI DODDI

Software Engineering

CHRISTINA GANTA

Software Engineering

DIGVIJAY GEDDADA

Software Engineering

PURANDHARESWARI

CHALLAGOLLA

Data Science

TEJASWI JAGARLAMUDI

Data Science

THARUN GOWD JOGI

Software Engineering

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Software Engineering

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RAMA PRANAVI KOGANTI

Software Engineering

LIN RO NGO

Software Engineering

DIVYA KOLAGANI

Software Engineering

JULIE NGUYEN

Software Engineering

NITHIN REDDY KOMATIREDDY

Data Science

SAI SREE NUKALA

Software Engineering

RAVALI MADALA

Software Engineering

PAVANI RAVELA

Software Engineering

PUJITHA MALLADI

Data Science

SUMA RAYI

Software Engineering

SANKEERTH MANCHI

Software Engineering

GREGORY SATTERLEE

Software Engineering

YESHWANTH REDDY

MANDAPURAM

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SRUTHI KANDULA

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NALLAMILLI

SRIKANTH KANNEGANTI

PRAVALLIKA NARISSETTY

RAGHU KASIREDDY

THERESA T NGUYEN

BHARATH KUMAR KATIKA

JOHN PATRICK ODELL

KAVYASRI KESAVADASU

RISHI PREETHA PADALA

FARAAZ NISAR KHAN

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SOMEPELLI SRIKANTH

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SINDHUJA PERALA

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DUAL DEGREES

ENGINEERING

JONATHAN WAYNE PARKER*

Software Engineering, Engineering

Bachelor of Science, Master of

Science in Engineering

GRADUATE DEGREES

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SHROPSHIRE**
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Mathematics

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Teaching and Learning Elementary

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Social Emotional Learning

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Computer Science Instruction

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Social Emotional Learning

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Social Emotional Learning

LAUREN NICOLE POPE
Social Emotional Learning

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Teaching Students With Disabilities

KARA ELIZABETH POULTER
Math

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Early Literacy

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Social Emotional Learning

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Interdisciplinary Studies

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Interdisciplinary Studies

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Interdisciplinary Studies

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Designated to undergraduate students who have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.40.

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Designated to undergraduate students who have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.60.

***** SUMMA CUM LAUDE**

Designated to undergraduate students who have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.85.

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Indicates students who have completed the OC Honors Program with a grade point average of 3.4 or higher.

The medallions on blue and green ribbons worn by candidates indicate membership in Alpha Chi, the National Honor Scholarship Society.

The medallions on maroon ribbons worn by candidates indicate successful completion of the OC Honors Program.

The blue cord worn by candidates indicates membership in Alpha Mu Alpha, the National Marketing Honor Society sponsored by the American Marketing Association.

The purple and gold sashes worn by candidates indicate membership in Delta Mu Delta, the National Business Honor Society.

The purple and gold cords worn by candidates indicate membership in Phi Upsilon Omicron, the National Family Science Honor Society.

The silver and pink cords worn by candidates indicate membership in Kappa Mu Epsilon, the National Mathematics Honor Society.

The light blue and red cords worn by candidates indicate membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society.

The gold cords worn by candidates indicate membership in Pi Lambda Theta, the National Education Honor Society.

The platinum and dark blue cords worn by candidates indicate membership in Psi Chi, the International Psychology Honor Society.

The black and red cords worn by candidates indicate membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society.

The red, white and black cords worn by candidates indicate membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.

The red, white and blue cords worn by candidates indicate service in the United States military.

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The gowns and hoods worn by the faculty and platform dignitaries have a meaning deeply rooted in academic life. The doctoral gown is full, with three stripes on each sleeve. The master's gown has sleeves cut to allow the wearer's arms to be seen. The inside of all hoods bears the color of the institution granting the degree, while the color of the hood's border signifies the general area of the degree:

Brown:	Art	Lemon:	Library Science
White:	Arts and Liberal Studies	Pink:	Music
Drab:	Business Administration	Apricot:	Nursing
Light Blue:	Education	Dark Blue:	Philosophy
Orange:	Engineering	Yellow:	Science
Purple:	Law	Scarlet:	Theology

CANDIDATE ACADEMIC REGALIA

White:	Bachelor of Arts Master of Arts in Christianity and Culture
Scarlet:	Master of Arts in Christian Ministry Master of Divinity Master of Theological Studies
Drab:	Bachelor of Business Administration Master of Accountancy Master of Business Administration
Brown:	Bachelor of Fine Arts
Pink:	Bachelor of Music Education
Gold:	Bachelor of Science Master of Science in Computer Science
Orange:	Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Master of Science in Engineering
Light Blue:	Bachelor of Science in Education
Apricot:	Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. IN THE CASE OF AN INCIDENT, PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS GIVEN FROM THE PODIUM.

CHARGE TO GRADUATES

As Oklahoma Christian University Trustees, we have prayed regularly for you, our students. Even after today, we will continue to pray for you and your families. On this day of celebration, we offer you these words:

First, choose to live an extraordinary life. God did not create us to coast, waste time frivolously or merely seek comfort. He calls us to love Him with all that we are and to love others like we love ourselves. He wants us to make a difference with our lives.

Second, maintain your idealism and optimism. Own a confidence that, with God's help, you can make real and lasting differences in your life and the lives of those around you. Know that you can make a difference - even when life hits you hard and you experience disappointment and failure.

When life becomes drudgery and difficult, know you can still make a difference. If your marriage is struggling and loved ones let you down, if disease attacks and your health fails, if you make serious mistakes in your life choices, know that even then you can fulfill God's intentions for your life. You can make a difference in the lives and souls of the people around you, as you lean

on God's strength and love. And, when you succeed - in your career, your finances and your relationships - do not forget that God is the source of those blessings, and do not forget the purpose for which you have been given them: to bless those around you.

Third, make learning a lifelong pursuit. By continually seeking to learn more about God and his handiwork, you will draw closer to Him and you will be equipped to serve Him and to serve others.

Finally, during your time here, you've become a part of the University. You have invested in yourself by being here, and while here, you've connected with faculty, staff and each other. You are now a part of us. We are proud you are our alumni and we are proud Oklahoma Christian is your alma mater. We challenge you to stay connected to each other and to the University. We look forward to hearing and seeing where you go from here.

We urge you to get involved and stay involved. Whatever challenges or opportunities may come your way, we pray you will seek to serve God faithfully. May God's richest blessings be yours in the days ahead.