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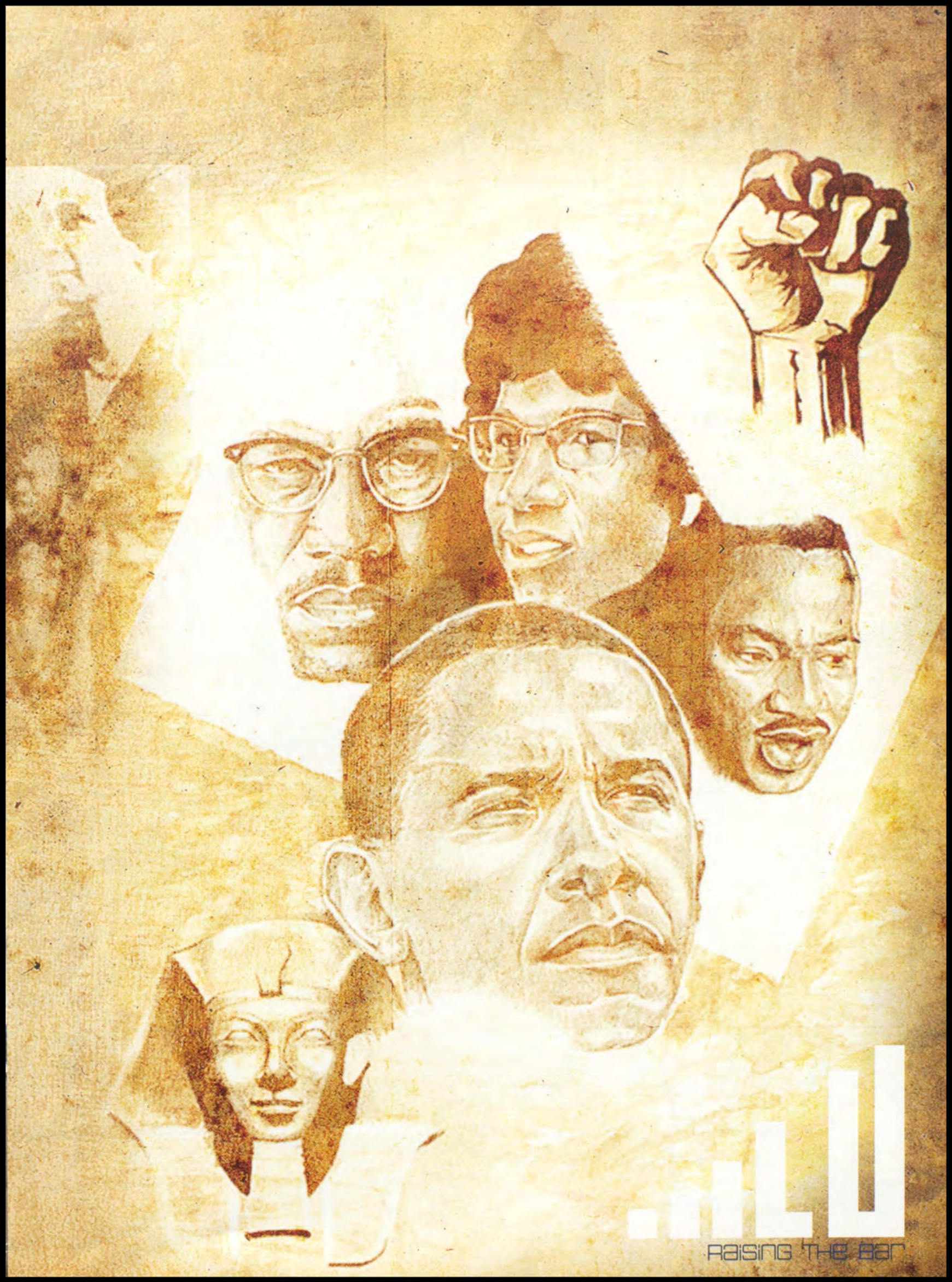
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH LU 2010

"TRADITION, ACCOMPLISHMENT,
PRIDE & BEYOND..."



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Langston University History Makers

Over the past two years, The Black History Month Committee has recognized Langston alumni who have made significant contributions to society. Past recipients include: Clara Luper and Nancy Randolph Davis. This year's nominee was Dr. Henry Ponder. He was born on March 28, 1928 in Wewoka, Oklahoma. The eleventh of fourteen children born to Frank and Lillie Mae Ponder, Henry Ponder excelled in academics and participated in his high school student council as the class president. After hearing a speech by Mary McLeod Bethune, Ponder was inspired to become a university president. He graduated from Douglas High School in 1946 and attended Langston University, where he pledged the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and received his B.S. degree in agriculture in 1951.

Ponder served two years in the United States Army during the Korean War. When he returned to civilian life, he worked as a research assistant at Oklahoma State University and his earned Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

Ponder served as both chair and assistant professor for the Department of Agriculture and Business at Virginia State College in Petersburg, Virginia. He also served as the Chairman of the Department of Business and Economics of Fort Valley State College in Fort Valley, Georgia. Additionally, Ponder was

the vice president of Alabama A&M University in Normal, Alabama. In 1973, he fulfilled his dream by becoming president of Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina. After an 11-year tenure, he became the president of Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee for 12 years. While at Fisk, Ponder was honored as one of the "100 Most Effective College Presidents in the United States."

In 1996, Ponder left Fisk University to serve as the CEO and president for the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education. In early 2002, he became president of Talladega College in Alabama. During his presidency, Ponder helped retain the 160-year-old institution's accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Ponder currently lives on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina with his wife of 55 years, Eunice. They have two adult daughters.



**AFRICAN
AMERICAN
HISTORY**



JACOB LAW

TRANSCEN*Dance*

The Dallas Black Dance Theatre Company presented an hour and a half of dance and culture for the Langston University campus and invited guests on Valentine's Day. Now an annual event during Black History Month, Oklahomans from across the state gather to experience the talents of this unique organization.

"Each year, The Dallas Black Dance Theatre brings a new cultural experience to our student body," Marc Flemon, chair of the Black History Month Committee, said. "We are so pleased that they continue to enrich our students' exposure to the arts."

Founded in 1976 by Ann Williams, the mission of Dallas Black Dance Theatre is to create and produce contemporary modern dance at its highest level of artistic excellence through performances and educational

programs that bridge cultures and reach diverse communities. With an ever-expanding national and global audience, the company employs a diverse, multi-ethnic troupe of dancers performing for audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre celebrates its 33rd Season as the oldest, continuously operating professional dance company in Dallas. Under the direction of Ann Williams, founder/artistic director, the ensemble, a contemporary modern dance company, consists of 12 professional, full-time dancers performing a mixed repertory of modern, jazz, ethnic and spiritual works by nationally and internationally known choreographers. Over the course of its history, DBDT has performed for 2.5 million arts patrons and 1.5 million children worldwide.



RE-BRANDING THE BRAND CALLED "BLACK"



Mark S. Hampton, president & CEO of FTL Leadership Group, presented a thought-provoking motivational seminar on the history, culture, achievements, and future of black people in leadership.

To all students, Hampton offered, "There are three ways people judge you: your looks, what you say and your conduct."

He also shared with students his story of diverse hardships that helped catapult him to success.

"One challenge for young people [today] is that they are not dreaming," Hampton said. "You must define yourself before you lose yourself."

He challenged students to step outside of their comfort zones and believe that every endeavor they pursue is life-changing.

Hampton is quickly becoming one of the nation's top thought leaders. Hampton started FTL Leadership Group in 2005 when he wrote his second book "Follow the Leader," a leadership book designed to assist leaders in improving their personal leadership ability with a focus on high quality people interactions. At FTL, he is the lead instructional designer and facilitator.

Hampton brings over 25 years of experience in sales, sales management, marketing and facilitation of training. As the president of FTL Leadership Group, Hampton has designed training and development programs for; non-profit organizations, school systems, state organizations, churches and colleges nation wide.





expressions



Ebony Expressions provided a sensual, neo-soul atmosphere that allowed staff and students an opportunity to celebrate and express themselves in the art forms of spoken word, poetry, song and dance.

There were a group of poets who shared heartfelt memories, expressing the many sides of love, hatred and passion as seen from their perspective. Many of the poems captured the very depths of desire, sensitivity, passion, pain and pleasure of being in love or out of love.

The essence of Ebony Expressions is that there are universal feelings shared by all, regardless of ethnic background.

The Smooth Sounds of Langston University's jazz band provided sounds of comfort that allowed the listener to be at ease, virtually giving the listener an invitation to become a part of the music- allowing one to feel the words, to truly feel the moment, to truly feel that which is known as Ebony Expressions.

BLACK WALL STREET



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STOP

BLACK WALL STREET

Due to the under-acknowledgment of one of the most devastating episodes of African-American history, a history presenter, Michelle Brown, shared the story of the Tulsa Riot in 1921.

Black Wall Street, which was then considered *Lil Africa*, was one of the premiere places for African Americans. Around 1907, many Africans migrated to Tulsa in search of opportunity. It was home to the best black doctors, lawyers, teachers and realtors- some of which were millionaires. A thriving black community was unheard of in this heavily segregated time, and at the peak of its development, black Tulsans' dreams were burned down, literally.

An alleged incident between a white girl, Sarah Paige, and a black man, Dick Roland, was published in a local newspaper, and thus, was the start of an unforgettable tragedy. Soon after the story was released, a white lynch mob threatened to kill Roland. In defense, African-American men began to arm themselves to protect Roland. The confrontation resulted in the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921.

Whites swamped the Black Wall Street district, burning it to shambles. The American Red Cross reported that 300 people died that day and over four million dollars of property was destroyed, including 21 churches, 21 restaurants, 30 grocery stores and two movie theaters, plus a hospital, a bank, a post office, libraries, schools, law offices, a

half-dozen private airplanes and even a bus system. Michelle Brown, presenter, said it's unfortunate that students receive the watered-down version of Black history.

"Students need the hands-on truth" she explained. "If we don't know our history, we are destined to repeat it!"

BEFORE

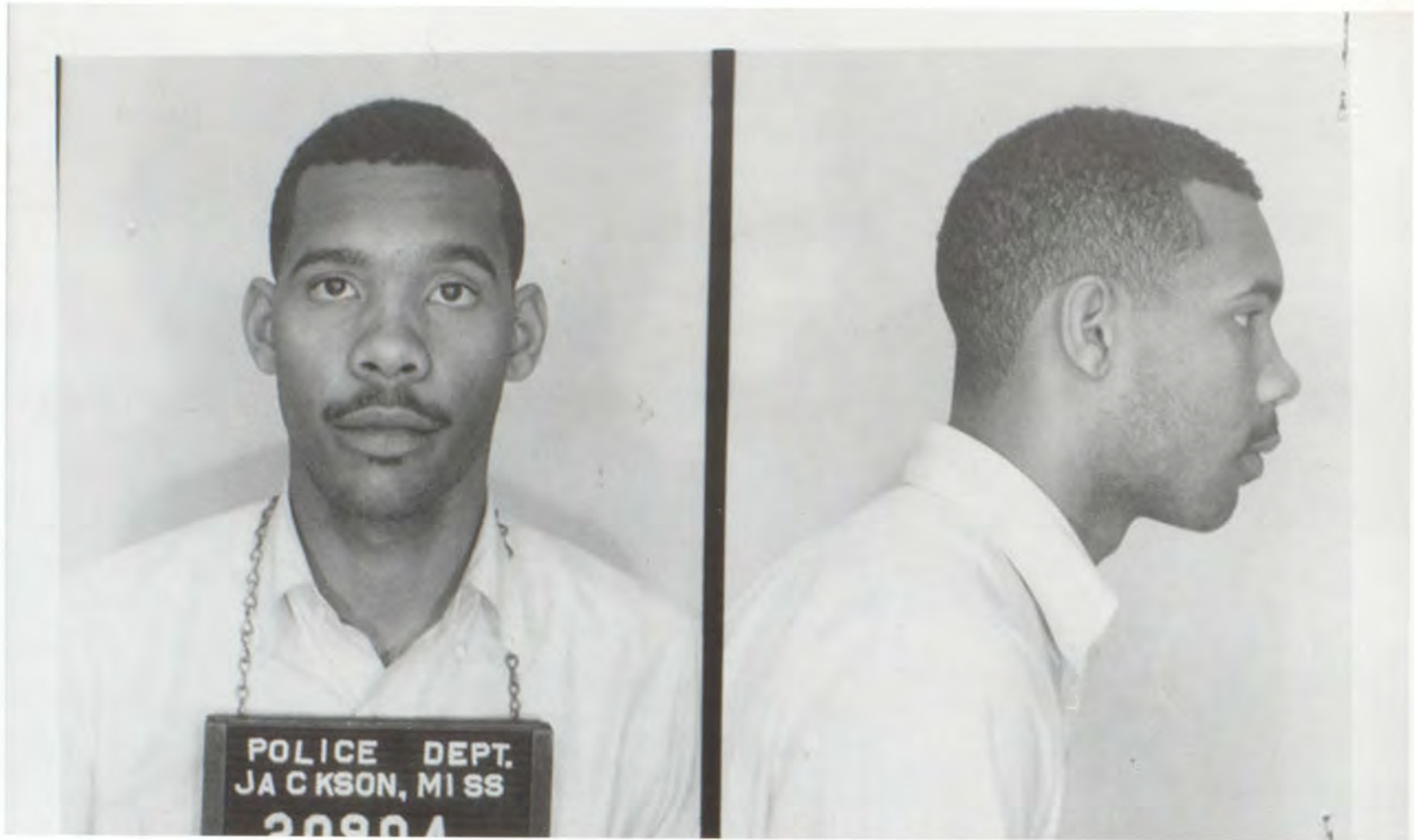


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AFTER



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FREEDOM RIDERS

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The son of a man who was expelled from Tennessee State University for participating in a desegregation movement shared the heroic story of his father's journey to freedom.

William B. Mitchell told LU students how his father, Darryl Hughes, an Oklahoma native and LU alumnus, was ousted from TSU for joining in the Freedom Riders Fourteen.

Freedom rides also referred to as "A Journey of Reconciliation," traveled through Mississippi and Alabama to confront the Jim Crow laws and eradicate segregation. Along the way, Mitchell and other black students were faced with a bus bombing, violence and hatred. They were met by Ku Klux Klansmen, some beaten and even imprisoned.

The Freedom Riders Fourteen bus journey came to an end when they were expelled from TSU.

Forty-seven years later, the riders were presented them with honorary degrees from TSU. Mitchell attended Tennessee State University and the University of Central Oklahoma. He served in the U. S. Army and received an Honorable Discharge. After his service in civil rights, he was determined to finish his education. He returned to Langston University, where he was a very active student.



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HEALING FOR MY *Soul*

DIRECTED BY LANGSTON UNIVERSITY ALUM CRYSTAL PERKINS-STELL

Synopsis

The Austin family has endured some serious heartache. Shelley and her sisters are the product of a teenage mother, a mother who selected drug addiction and prostitution over motherhood. In need of a guardian and role model, the girls move in with their Uncle Juice (played by Langston University's very own, Deshnick Lewis. Not only is Uncle Juice a real character but to make matters worse he is a practicing alcoholic. Though he's endured his own skeletons, he's never quit on his nieces, and has always tried to give them some of the best jewels for their life.

Shelley, the youngest of her sisters, is affected most by her mother's abandonment. At the age of 18, while working for a clinic, she meets Kobe Webber (played by former LU alumnus Samuel Draper), and they soon begin dating. Kobe is a graduating pharmacy student who has strong upbringing. His father, Reverend Carl Webber, is the head minister of Greater Grace and his mother, Gladys Webber, is an educator, as well as dynamic woman of God.

Shortly after Shelley gives birth to their son Kobe Jr. (played by LU student Quentin Dixon), Kobe Sr. deserts his family, and takes a job in Atlanta, Georgia as a pharmacist. Once again feeling the heart-wrenching effects of abandonment, Shelley cuts off the Webbers, refusing to allow her son to endure the same kind of pain she did.

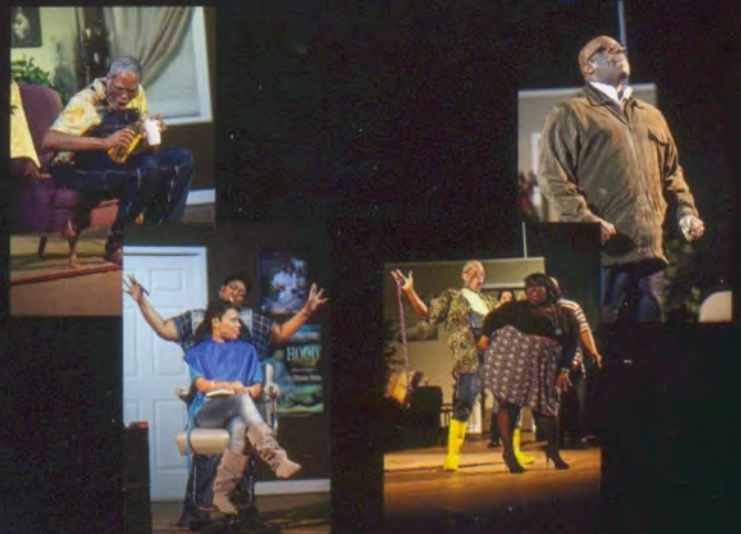
Twelve years go by, and Shelley continues to avoid the Webber family and denies Kobe Jr. the opportunity to even discuss his father's existence in her home. Unfortunately, Shelley endures a series of dead-end relationships- which at times forces Kobe Jr. to come second to her mates. Kobe Jr. possesses an intense passion to meet his father and his paternal family- and as a result of feeling like he never matters-Kobe Jr. is about to buck the system.

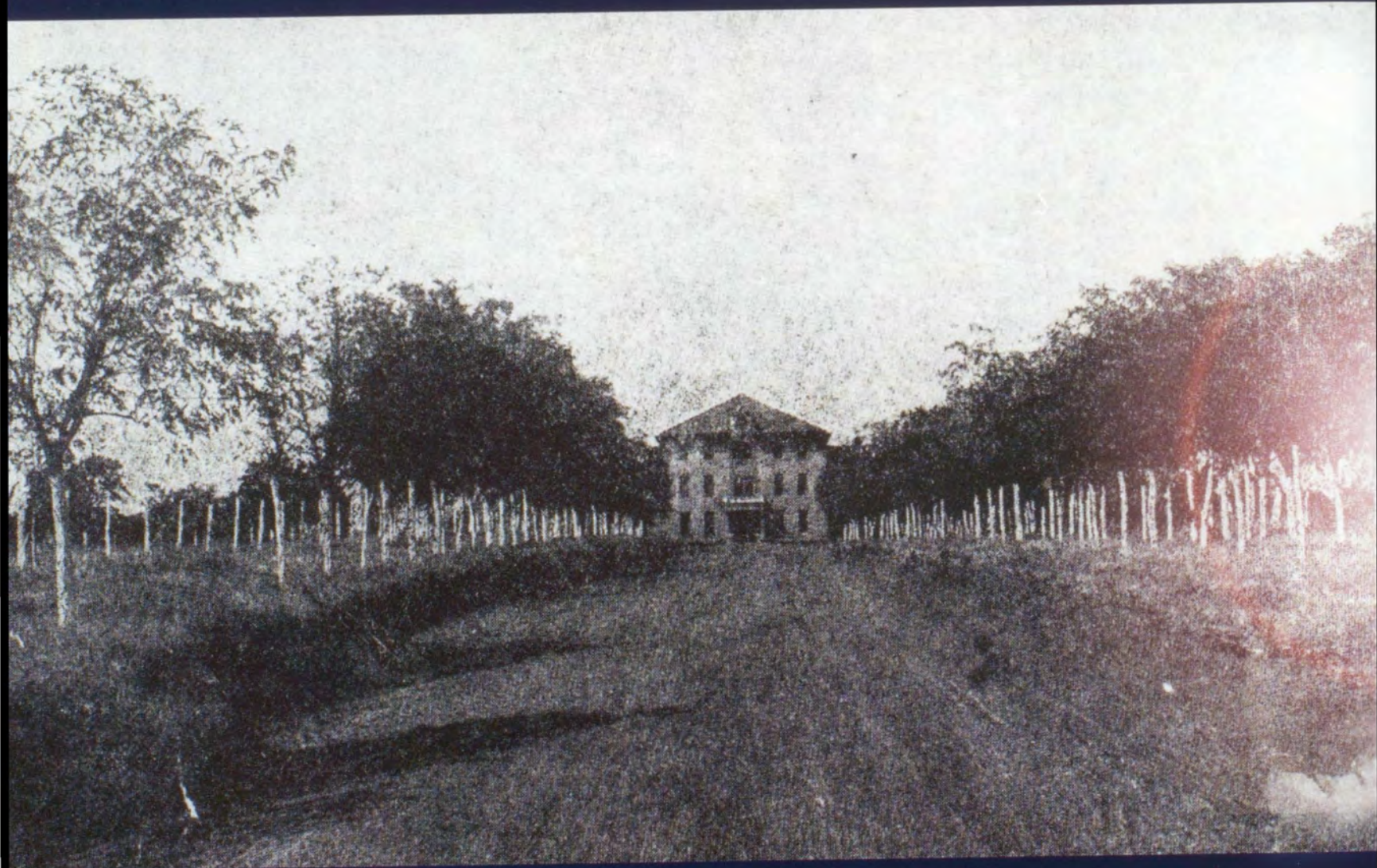
Review

Crystal Perkins-Stell and the *Healing for My Soul* cast really captivated the audience with a series of heart-wrenching stories that are bound to be relatable to everyone in some way. This play really exposes the audience to how a family can be plagued with dysfunction for generations as a result of holding onto strongholds.

It is an extremely realistic tale that really educates fathers and mothers on the importance of family bonding, as well as exposes the adverse effects children may endure when their parents use them against one another. Most importantly, this play reveals the importance of self-love, pointing out how negative experiences can contribute to low self-esteem in men and women.

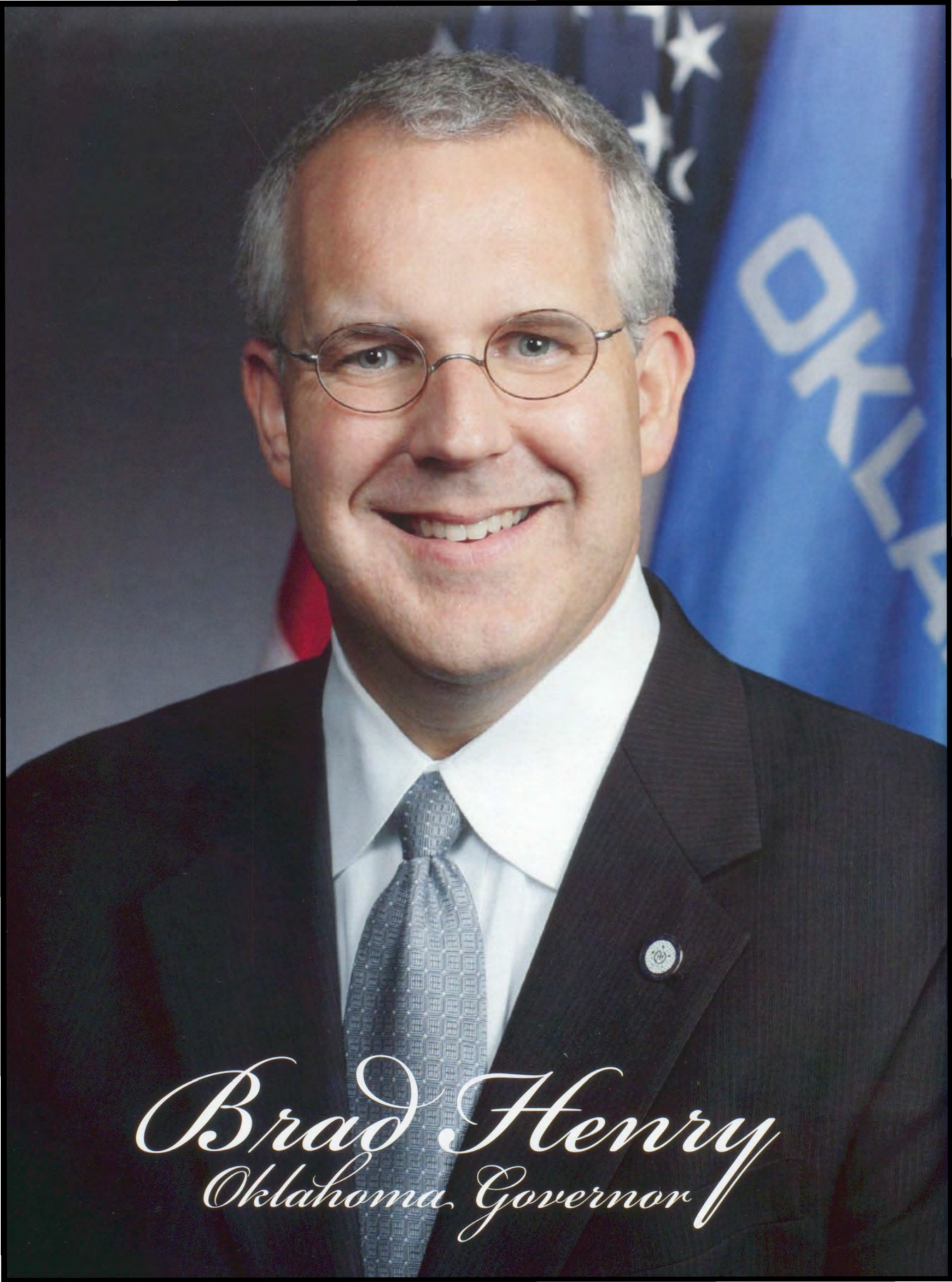
It also reveals why compromise isn't always morally right, and why one should not store all of their faith in things or people, but instead they should put their faith in God. This play is based on the novel "I Never Knew a Fathers Love," by Crystal Perkins-Stell.







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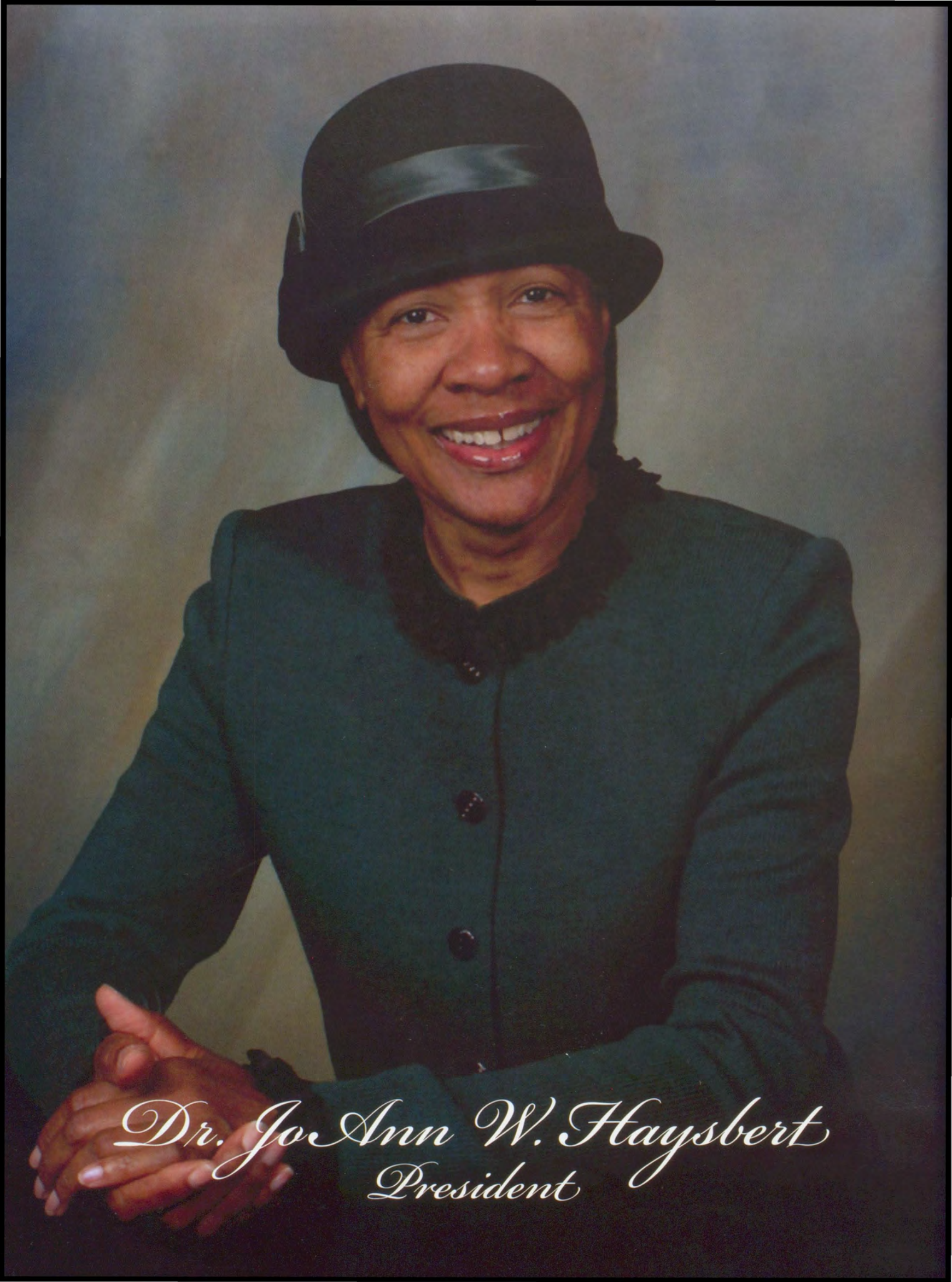
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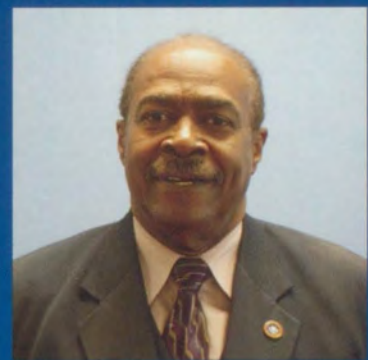


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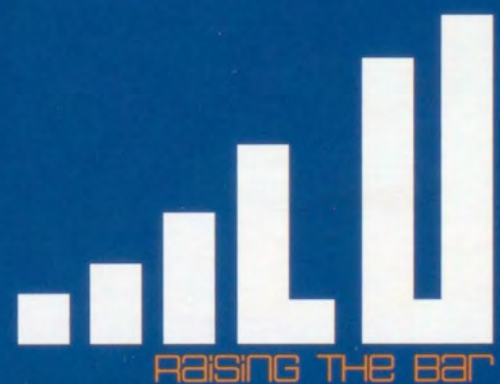
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4th Annual President's Scholarship Gala



Langston University Scholarship Gala Yields More Than \$1 Million

This year's President's Gala, which benefits the students of Langston University, yielded more than a million dollars in donations and pledges for student scholarships.

University officials announced \$1.175 million in donations and pledges from alumni, corporations, community leaders, and faculty and staff. The total shocked attendees at the Cox Convention Center, as the amount greatly exceeded last year's total of about \$160,000.

"I was prepared to see our fundraising numbers increase this year, as has been the trend over the past three years," Dr. JoAnn W. Haysbert, president of Langston University, said. "However, nothing could have prepared me for the \$1 million check presentation from eight of our alumni. I am both thrilled and humbled by this gift."

The tradition of the Annual President's Scholarship Gala began in 2006 with the inauguration of Dr. JoAnn Haysbert, LU's first female president, who wanted to create a fundraising venue to generate more funds for student scholarships. The gala is hosted during the week of Homecoming.

Under the keen direction of Roderick Smothers, vice president for Institutional Advancement and Development, donations have grown each year. In its inaugural year, the benefit yielded \$75,000. In 2007, proceeds almost doubled at \$120,000. Donations topped out at 160,000 last year.

"Langston University is fortunate to have an alumni base that really understands how critical their donations are to the viability of the institution," Smothers said. "It is my endeavor that not only will we continue to see an increase in our alumni gifts, but from our corporate donors, as well."

Donating the million-dollar check this year was a group of male alumni who now comprise the university's first Alumni Leadership Circle. To be inducted into one of the 15 circles, which are named in honor of LU's 15 presidents, alum must commit to a minimum gift of \$25,000 over a ten-year period. Members of the Inman Page Alumni Leadership Circle (named after LU's first president) include: (feared above, left to right) Vernell Redo, Darrell Jefflo, Legand Burge, Marvin Burns, Darnell Williams, Excell LaFayette, Jr., Raymond Johnson, and Ernest L. Holloway (not pictured). Their donations are expected to yield a million dollars or more within the next seven to ten years. Also at the gala, more than 700 attendees were entertained by celebrity host Darrin Dewitt Henson, who is known for his role as "Lem" in the movie *Soul Food* and as "Grant" in the movie *Stomp the Yard*. Guests were also serenaded by Tony Award-winning songstress Jennifer Holiday during two musical performances. Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry, Delta Sigma Theta President Cynthia McIntyre, and Mary "The Fox" Johnson were honored with the President's Distinguished Service Award.



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SAFETY FIRST

LANGSTON UNIVERSITY IMPLEMENTS NEW SAFETY PRACTICES

New welcome centers and more security cameras were added to LU's main campus this year after five non-LU students were apprehended by the Logan County Sheriff's Department for a shooting on the campus that left five non-LU students injured. Within 30 business days, the campus was equipped with two, 24-hour security checkpoints through which all students, faculty, staff and visitors must be cleared. All vehicles are subject to a search and drivers must show some form of identification. The two gates that were once open for entrance off of the old Highway 33 are now closed and locked.

The welcome centers at both entrances are definitely a remarkable change that has taken place at Langston. The new safety precautions are raising high expectations for student, faculty, staff, and visitors.

According to President JoAnn Haysbert, the welcome centers are designed to create a safer learning environment.

"The security stations will protect the students in a number of ways," she said. "It protects our students because each person that is not a student, staff, or faculty will be stopped, subject to search, and must produce a government issued I.D."

Courtney Clark, a junior broadcast journalism major from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, is one student who believes the changes are beneficial.

"I feel that stronger security measures are imperative to the likelihood of a more controlled university environment. I believe the motives of these measures are good. This university should also encourage its students to make this campus safer so that the brand name "Langston University" will remain highly distinguished," Clark said.

The Langston University campus police have also raised the standards for their police force.

The Langston University Police Department is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by at least one officer on duty. The police staff currently includes ten certified peace officers that are sworn to enforce federal, state, and local laws upon campus.

"We are serious about protecting our students, and there is no such thing as being too careful," LU Police Chief Michael Storr said in reference to the new safety measures. "At the end of the day, we want our students to get a great education in an environment that is safe and conducive to the learning process."





RAISING THE BAR

ACADEMICS

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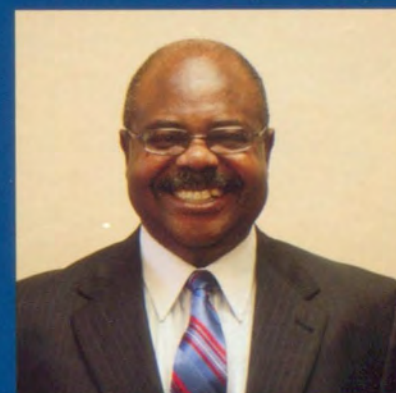


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School of Nursing and Health Professions



Dr. Solomon Smith
Dean
School of Business



Dr. Surya Singh
Dean
Entrepreneurial Studies Center
Langston University- Tulsa



ALLIED HEALTH CENTER



LU Cuts Ribbon on Allied Health Building

The Langston University Allied Health Department held a special ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the opening of its newly renovated 30,000 square feet facility.

On hand for the ceremony were local and state dignitaries, faculty, staff, students and members of the LU student government. Addressing the audience, Dr. Carolyn Kornegay, the dean of LU's School of Nursing & Health Professions, thanked all of those involved who she credits with making the renovation a reality.

Quoting the late tennis legend Althea Gibson, Kornegay reminded the audience that this project couldn't have been accomplished without the cooperation and participation of LU's community of supporters, both past and present.

"Althea Gibson once said: In everything that you do, somebody had to make the stone flat for you to stand on," Kornegay said. "Today we are here because somebody made the stone flat for us; this truly is a celebration of a dream no longer deferred."

Ground was broken for LU's new \$5 million Allied Health building in 2006 under the guidance of the architectural firm of McFarland Davies of Tulsa, and held its first classes in the fall of this year.

According to Calvin Anthony, regent with the OSU/A&M Board of Regents, the opening of this newly renovated facility comes just in time to meet the ever-increasing demand for quality, trained health care providers in the U.S.

"This is the right building at the right time," Anthony said. "As a dentist, I can tell you that there has never been more of a demand for health care professionals than you see today. This really is an opportunity for you to be a part of the solution to this country's growing shortage of health care professionals."

Among all of the faces in the room, it was quite obvious to see that it was the students of LU's Allied Health Department who were touched the most by the opening of their new building. Having a learning annex with additional bathrooms and the proper amount of hand washing sinks is something that Lewis Robinson, health administration senior, credits with boosting student morale and helping to build confidence in the hearts of the department's graduating seniors.

"I am really glad that the new building is completed and we have a new, modern facility to learn in," Robinson said. "LU has always been the type of institution that wants to send out quality, competitive graduates. Now, we are in the position to be the best, and to move forward in confidence as we seek to pursue our callings as health care professionals."







RAISING THE BAR
PEOPLE

BUSINESS STUDENT GETS ON THE FAST TRACK

Confident, focused, and ambitious easily describe Brianna Bolden. The 21-year-old accounting senior secured her dream job before her march to “Pomp and Circumstance.”

Shortly after graduation, Bolden, a first-generation college student, will be employed with top accounting firm Ernst and Young. The company will pay for Bolden to attend graduate school at the University of Virginia. When she is on break, she’ll work in Ernst and Young’s auditing department in Dallas, Texas.

Bolden, a Dallas-native, couldn’t be happier about her recent windfall. She says she has God, a supportive family, and an LU education to thank for her success.

“I feel so blessed to have this opportunity,” Bolden said. “I know that many students still don’t know what they’ll be doing after graduation because the economy hasn’t fully recovered. So, for me to have a chance to go to graduate school for free and to have a job is a major blessing.”

Bolden joined the National Association of Black Accountants in 2007. The same year, she went to a NABA conference in Houston where she was interviewed by Ernst and Young. Shortly after, the company offered Bolden her first internship.

“I was so excited,” Bolden said. “They treated me just as they would any full-time employee. I worked on major accounts like Highland Homes and Idearc. The experience and knowledge I gained that summer was invaluable. Also, I really liked the company’s culture- the people there are very nice and warm.”

Lauren Sheaks, an Ernst and Young recruiter, speaks well of Bolden. Sheaks had the opportunity to interact with Bolden during Bolden’s second internship with the “Big Four” accounting firm.

“Brianna was an excellent intern in our Dallas office this past summer,” Sheaks said. “Due to her hard work, attention to detail, and commitment with Ernst & Young, we extended her a full-time offer with our Your Master Plan program as she will be getting her master’s degree through Ernst & Young’s partnerships to one of two top universities.”

The company partners with both the University of Virginia and Norte Dame University. Bolden chose the University of Virginia.

“I’m a little nervous because Virginia is so far away from home,” Bolden said. “But, this has been a dream come true. I thought I would have to work and pay for school. I am so grateful that this door has opened up for me.”

With an incredible future ahead, Bolden doesn’t forget to encourage others. “You can do it” is her message to her peers.

“Get involved with professional organizations that can help you focus on what you want to do with your degree,” she shares. “And, work hard to compete for some of the best internships- and start before your senior year.”



BIG BUSINESS

LU Business Students Granted Access to Greatness

Two Langston University students are among four who were chosen to receive an entrepreneurial grant through a nationwide search conducted by an organization that supports historically black colleges and universities.

Business sophomore, RaShaun Robinson, and organizational management senior, Rodney "Drew" Brown, were awarded the prestigious Student Entrepreneur Grant by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

The grant, which is a part of the TMCF's national student entrepreneurs program, was designed to encourage young entrepreneurs to develop innovative business concepts. Each recipient received a grant valued at \$10,000 to launch their new business, and a national platform at the 9th

Annual Leadership Institute in New York City.

Robinson's conceptualized business plan, the Billy Goat Ice Cream Company, will work in partnership with LU's well-known E (Kika) de la Garza American Institute for Goat Research program to manufacture high-quality goat ice cream. Serving as the lead in the partnership, the Langston University Goat Research & Extension program will work as an outsourced production entity for Robinson's company, and in-turn Robinson's brand will market and sell the finished product.

Hoping to partner with Mother Nature to help conserve energy, Brown constructed an exhaustive business concept that he calls the B&E Better Energy for the Future Company. With a mission that is centered on providing a more environmentally safe





and economically efficient source of energy, Brown's long-term goal for his company is to create a cleaner environment with the use of renewable resources and wind turbines to harness wind energy.

For TMCF's president and CEO, Dwayne Ashley, it is the innovative young minds of scholars such as Robinson and Brown that help to shape the future and propel our nation towards maximizing its greatest potential.

"The talent that was selected from the program highlights the innovative and creative thinking of young leaders," Ashley said. "Leaders like these young men and women will be critical for creating new businesses that will fuel job growth for our country. The SBA's engagement on this project exemplifies its commitment in our nation's next generation of young entrepreneurs."

According to Robinson, learning that he had been selected as one of TMCF's grant recipients signified the culmination of all of the things that he has learned as a business student at LU. Robinson says that he relishes in the opportunity to spread the word about all of the wonderful, healthy by-products of goat's milk, the most organic ice cream

alternative enterprise in the business.

"I was amazed to learn that I was chosen to receive this grant," Robinson said. "Developing the Billy Goat Ice Cream Company supersedes meeting the requirements of a class project for me. Today marks the beginning of a life-long journey to educate the public on all of the wonderful attributes of goat's milk. I am thrilled to have the financial underwriting to begin this project, and humbled to have been chosen by an organization of the caliber of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund."

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund's Student Entrepreneur Grant program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Faculty from 47 public HBCUs business departments joined TMCF in identifying student candidates from their universities who produced business plans, budgets, expense time lines and marketing plans. A national committee conducted a rigorous review of all candidates and selected the winning business plans.

GRADUATING SENIORS



Tyniesha Adams



Tiffany Afflaw-Williams



Courtney Alexander



Marshall Bailey



Quansha Baker



Damon Beasley



Camille Beaver



Shameka Bennett



Ariel Black



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Samone Cobbs



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Mister Russelle



Edmund Scott



Latosha Scott



Kenyelle Session



Kerry Seay



Euit Sharp



Bethany Sherman



Brandon Smith



Erica Smith



Robert Smith



Dominique Styles



Lacey Summerville



Eddie Taylor Jr



Mirabel Tijinbun



Ashley Tookes



David Waiters



Stacey Walker Jr



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Stephanie Whitehorn



Carlos Williams



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Bridget Davis



Charlotte Davis



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Vivien Adeleye



Edward Berko



Ashira Bowen



Carlissa Boyd



Miriam Buford



Kelsea Carter



Tamara Chandler



Antwaine Clayton



Bridget Davis



Charlotte Davis



Renae Dudley



Henryetta Ejiofor



Jamee Greenwood



Clara Greer



Anedtra Haynes



Joe Hughes



Aysha Iddeen-Wade



Beverly Love



Gwendolyn McGarrity-McCarroll



Tiffany Moore



Kendra Morgan



Jamie Nelson



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Patricia Wyatt



Janice Seard



Lashawna Skipper



De'Shaun Thorton



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Lowell Williams



Ramonia Wilson

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Lakisha Beverly



Jamie Brummett



Gwynette Chaney-Wilson



Jacita Chase



Raquel Dawson



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Sonja Wright



Phylicia Allen



Tristan Allen



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Mackeya Flenoy



Ashley Fox



Jeremy Gaddis



Charis Garrett



Jimmeccia Gillion



Lynita Gist



Mauricio Griffin



Thomas Griffith



Kelvin Hadnot



Amber Harris



Princess Hays



Bernard Herrera



Kim Holman



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Sheena Jackson



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Alexandria Johnson



Demarco Johnson



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Sherron Johnson



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Terrill Jones



Tevin Jones



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Ashley Mason



Kordarien Mathis



Christopher Matthews



Tiffany Miles



Clea Moody



Dajauna Moore



Yarusalem Morgan



Yahmani Moses



David Mustin



Timothy Nash



Megan Nolan



Natasha Nolan



Bruce Palmore IV



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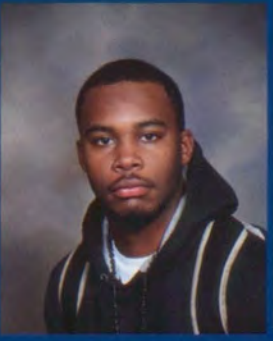
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Tony Walls



Sarah Ward



Christina Washington



Steven Watkins



Sasha Watts



Nicole West



Elisha White



Malika Whitney



Dominique Wilder



Justin Williams



Devin Wilson



Michael Wilson



Sean Winston



David Wright



Edward Wright



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Sue Hart



Vicky Hicks



Charles King



Royce Mack



Ladonna McCune



Jerryme Mitchell



Tuere Murray



Gregory Thomas



Vonnie Ware-Roberts





Just as Langston University's football team wrapped up its impressive season, another promising team formed on Langston's main campus with a simple mission to graduate from college.

Bruce Palmore, IV, twins Tevin and Terrill Jones, and Keymarian Washington make up a dynamic foursome that has been dubbed "The Team" by LU President JoAnn W. Haysbert. President Haysbert met Tevin Jones and learned of The Team's extraordinary story over lunch with a small group of students in the university's cafeteria.

These young men carry a story of inspiration, as they have all overcome adverse personal circumstances to attend Langston University. They have united with a determination to graduate, and to keep one another encouraged and accountable in the process.

"I am so proud of the perseverance, hope, and resilience found in these young men," Haysbert said. "To me, they embody the true spirit of a Langston man; and I will be here, rooting for them all the way."

Voyaging eastward from their homes in sunny Southern California, the members of The Team, three of which are first-generation college students, say they wanted to escape the rough streets of Central Los Angeles, Calif., and viewed LU as a one-way ticket towards a better way of life.

The proud "captain" of The Team is Palmore, an 18-year-old computer science freshman from Pasadena. Crediting the Black College Expo with sparking his interest in LU, Palmore says it only took one-hour and a six-way call between eight graduating members of his junior auxiliary group, Sigma Beta, to turn the spark into a roaring blaze among his crew.

"I knew that we needed to hold each other up, just like we did in high school, if we were ever going to make it through college," Palmore said. "I said to the guys, 'let's go ahead and attend Langston University next fall. The tuition is inexpensive; it offers all the majors we want to go into, and it's in a rural setting so we don't have to worry about getting into any trouble.' I knew that if we could just get here, we'd be okay. I was right."

For 18-year-old Tevin Jones, attending college alone was never a consideration. According to the biology major who wants to become a heart transplant surgeon, he had always envisioned going to college with his twin. Separation just wasn't an option for the duo who used to make a grueling 60-minute round trip trek from the gang-infested streets of Central Los Angeles to Pasadena to attend Blair I.B. Magnet School.

"I knew that I was going to college with my brother, and Bruce was an auxiliary brother from Sigma Beta. One day, Bruce called with a bunch

of our friends on the line, and before we hung up we had all agreed that we would go to school together," Tevin Jones said. "My mother and grandmother thought that it was a bad idea for us to go together because they thought that we would distract each other. I was determined to make up my own mind and honor my promise to my friends; I'm glad that I did."

Jones says that being the first person in his family to attend college carries with it an added responsibility- a cross that he is more than happy to bear.

"I'm proud of the fact that my brother and I are the first in our family to attend college," Tevin Jones said. "We carry the rest of our family on our shoulders, and I am just grateful that God trusted us with this opportunity."

His twin, Terrill, echoes his sentiments. A business management major, Terrill says it is his dream to return to his old neighborhood after he graduates and start a string of restaurants. With a love for cooking and an entrepreneurial spirit, Terrill is sure he has the right recipe for success.

"Being a first generation college student puts a lot of pressure on me, because I don't want to be the first to try and fail," he said. "I have my brothers with me, and with the four of us holding each other up, I know that even during the toughest times, we will make it through... I want the world to remember me as a man who was determined to fulfill all of his goals in life."

The last to join The Team was 19-year-old Keymarian Washington of Altadena. Graduating a year before the rest of the team members, Washington was struggling to get his life on track when he got a call from Bruce. Attending a local community college at the time, Washington says when he received the call from Bruce, he was beyond discouraged.

"No one in my family has ever gone to college," Washington said. "Bruce called and inspired me that day; he told me that we were going to go to Oklahoma to attend Langston University and that everything was going to be okay. I don't know why but I just trusted

him, and today I'm a computer science major, and a step closer to my dreams."

Impressed with their story, President Haysbert decided to surprise the four members of The Team by giving them a signed copy of the *New York Times* best selling book, "The Pact," a poignant tale of three young black men from Newark, NJ who made an agreement to support one another through medical school.

Much like the young men of "The Pact," members of The Team know that they are only as strong as their support. For Washington, it is that support that sustains him through the unfamiliar and sometimes scary territory that goes along with pursuing one's dreams.

"These guys aren't just my friends, they are my family, my brothers, and I know that I wouldn't make it if it wasn't for them and their belief in me," Washington said.

The Team had the opportunity this year to travel back home and encourage students at their alma mater, Blair I.B. Magnet School. Treated like celebrities, hundreds of students gathered to hear their words of wisdom, and cheer the Team on in their future endeavors.

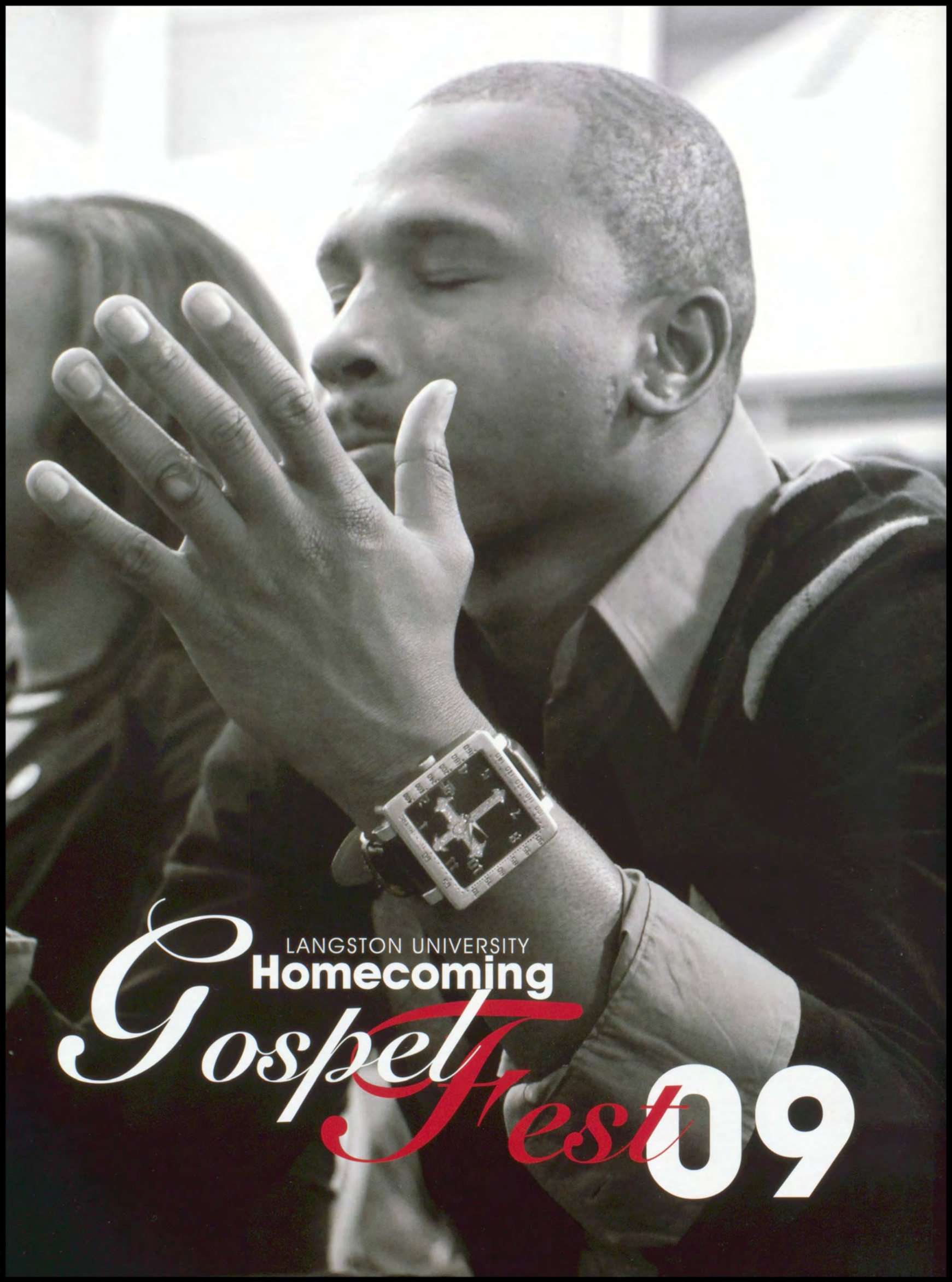
The story of these focused four gentlemen was featured in *The LA Times*, *The Pasadena Star News*, *The Oklahoman*, and *The Tulsa World*, bringing a surge of refreshing positive publicity to Dear Langston.







RAISING THE BAR
STUDENT LIFE



LANGSTON UNIVERSITY
Homecoming

Gospel Fest **09**



ISAIAH 54:10 FOR THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS SHOULD DEPART AND THE HILLS BE SHAKEN OR REMOVED, YET MY LOVE AND KINDNESS SHALL NOT DEPART FROM YOU, NOR SHALL MY COVENANT OF PEACE AND COMPLETENESS BE REMOVED, SAYS THE LORD, WHO HAS COMPASSION ON YOU.

THE 2009 HOMECOMING GOSPEL FEST PROVED TO BE YET ANOTHER JOYFUL DAY FULL OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE. THIS YEARS GOSPEL FEST FEATURED LANGSTON TALENT AND SEVERAL PRAISE GROUPS FROM ACROSS THE STATE.

THIS YEARS ACTS INCLUDED:

EVAN HOPKINS

KYLE REESE

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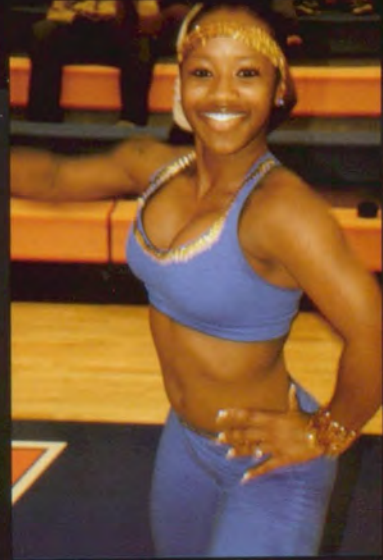
THE LU VIP GOSPEL CHORALE





HOME COMING 2009 BONFIRE & MIDNIGHT MADNESS







Fashion Show

HOME COMING 2009

What's homecoming without a little bit of fashion?! This year's Fashion Show featured more than 30 LU students and yet again proved to be one of the most anticipated events during the homecoming week. Producers of the show were Evan Hopkins & Frank Christon of ReVyze Productions. Model Director Candace Porter. Makeup Artists Carrie Tribulski and Cynthia Ajanwachukwu. Fashion Designer Tiki of Tiki Doll Clothing Line. There were several stores featured in this year's show which included: 15 Caliber (Edmond,OK), Pac Sun and Express (Penn Square Mall), Chaos (Quail Springs Mall) and Panopoly (OKC).





HOMECOMING
Comedy Show 09

featuring:

RODMAN | HOWIE BELL | LUENELL



HOSTED BY:



Behind The Laughs

WITH RODMAN

Where are you from?

Atlanta, GA, Shawty.

How's the pay?

The pay is great except tonight.

What is one of the most challenging things about being a comedian?

The most challenging thing is making the crowd laugh at my jokes, and getting them to believe that I'm funny.

What is your motto in life?

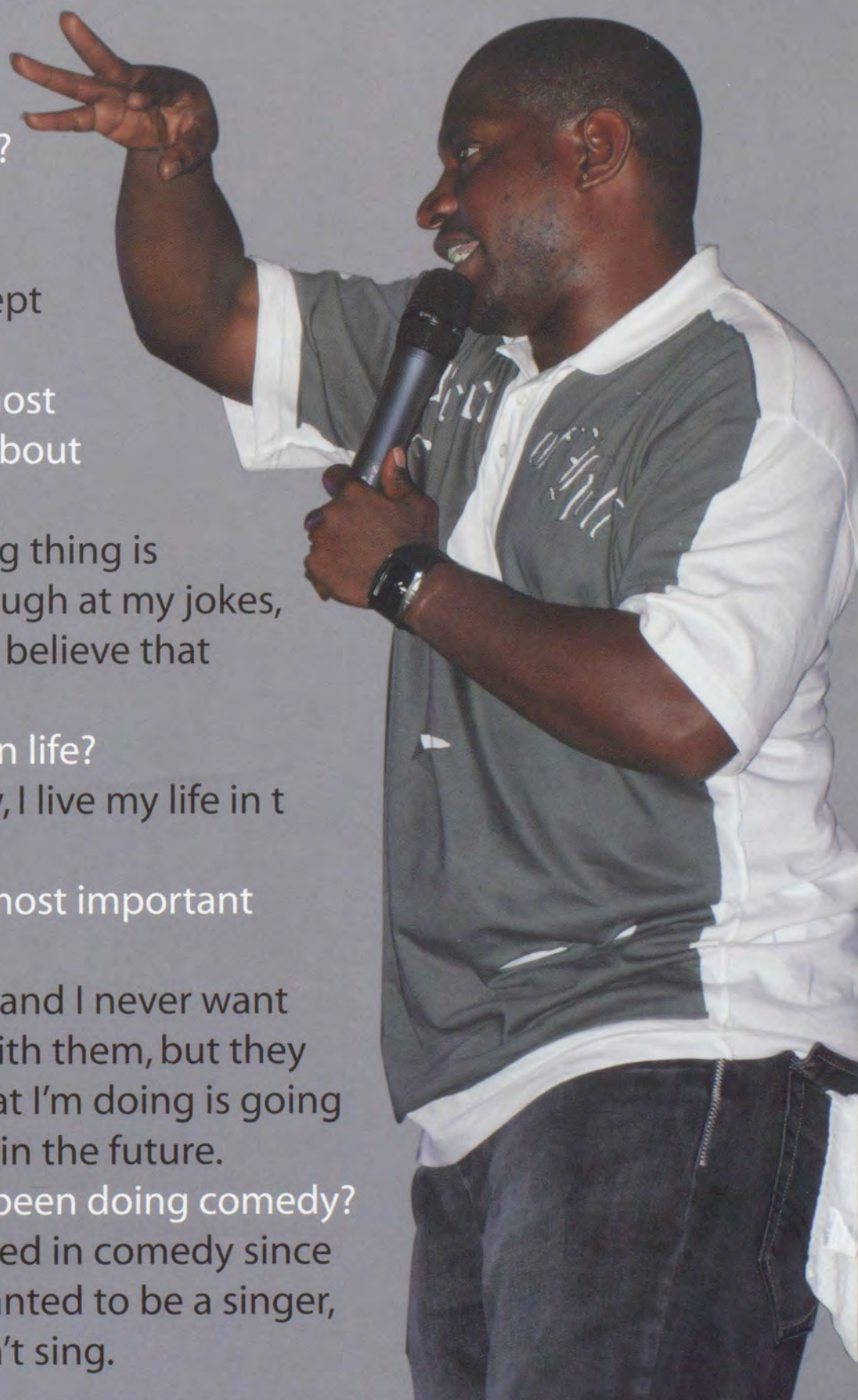
Today not Tomorrow, I live my life in the present.

What or who is the most important thing in your life?

I've got 2 daughters and I never want to miss a moment with them, but they understand that what I'm doing is going to benefit their lives in the future.

How long have you been doing comedy?

Well I've been involved in comedy since birth but I always wanted to be a singer, only problem is I can't sing.



ONE ON ONE

WITH LLOYD

What inspires you as an artist?

Faith

When did you start singing?

I started singing at the age of 10, in church with my mother.

What do you feel is your biggest challenge as an artist?

Remaining grounded and enjoying Change

How long have you been growing out your hair?

I've been growing out my hair since high school.

How old are you?

I am 23 and a Capricorn. I was born January 3, 1986.

Where are you from?

New Orleans

How many siblings do you have?

7 brothers and sisters

What are some things that you enjoy?

I love to travel, get out of the house and see what the world has to offer.

What was all the controversy about you calling Alicia Keys out of her name?

I didn't call her out of her name; the media has a way of turning things around. I made a statement about people changing and getting caught up in the Hollywood life.

Who inspires you?

Anyone who does their own thing, and are passionate about it.

What gets on your nerves?

People who think they know me.

What is the name of your upcoming EP (extended play)?

"Like Me" and it will feature 5 to 7 songs

Who discovered you?

I was discovered by a woman by the name of Joyce Irby while I was in elementary.

What was your first gig?

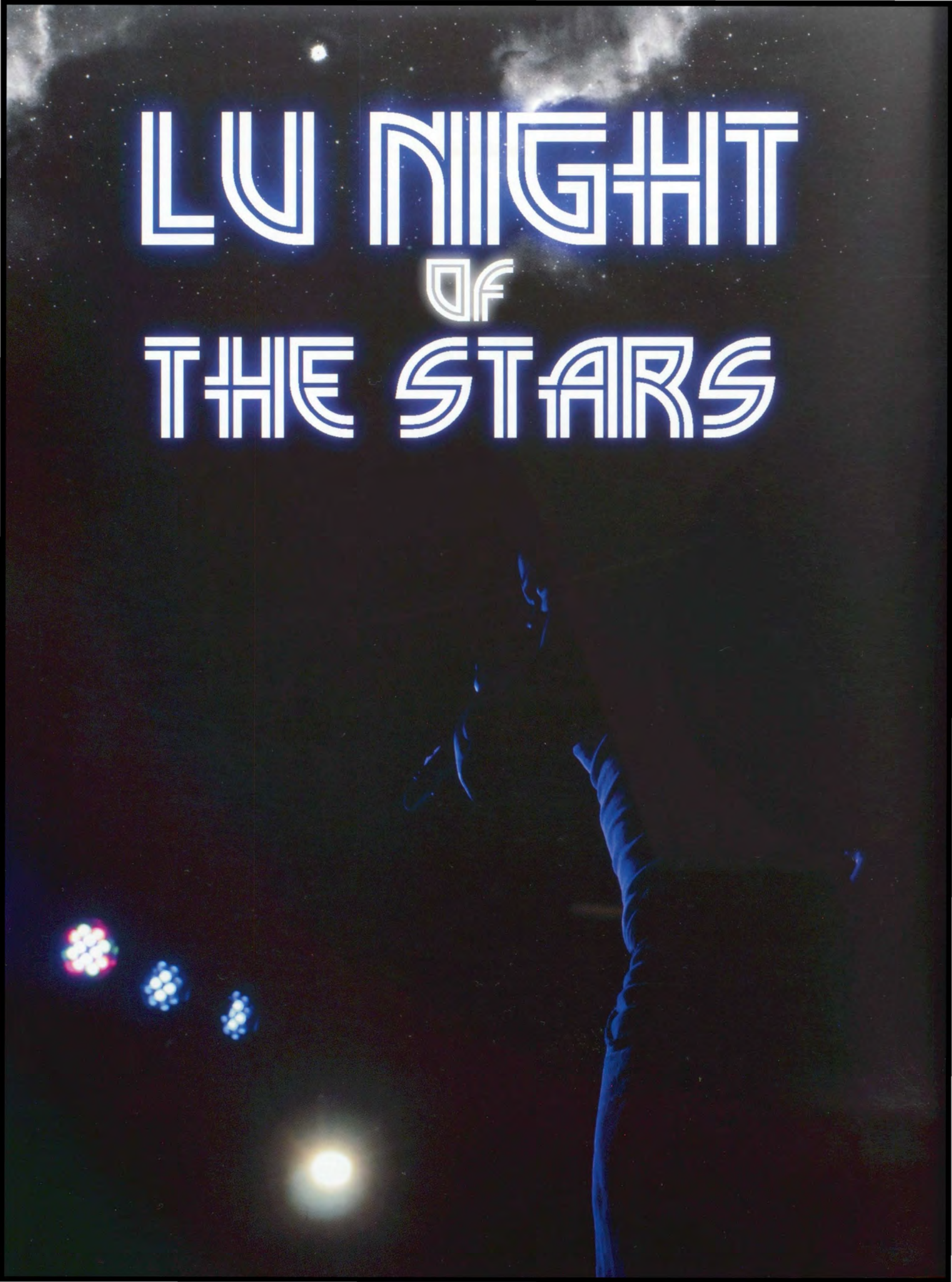
I was a member of the group N-loon where we faced-off against another group, No Authority, on Nickelodeon's Double Dare. We were signed by DreamWorks records.

BLACK
& White
PARTY





LUNIGHT OF THE STARS







HOME COMING
STEP 09
SHOW







Over 20,000 people made their way to Langston University's homecoming festivities and football game that included the traditional tailgate. The football game is by far the most anticipated event of the LU homecoming where students and alumni join to cheer against rival Texas College. The lions exploded into the first half with 21 points coming off of a Kor'Darien Mathis 10 yd run and two early TD passes by Darrion Lewis to Senior Tight end Tony Cotton. The Lions then solidified the game with a TD runs by Darrion Lewis and Jermaine Carter followed by a TD pass caught by Tyrone Dunkley. Domanique Turner and Christian Torres both led the Lions defense with 4 tackles each holding the TC offense to only 6 points until the 4th quarter. The Lions amassed 491 yards of total offense in the 53-20 win over Texas College.





HOME COMING 2009





Sasha Watts
Miss Langston University



To my family, my friends, and fellow Langstonites;

Wow! I cannot believe the time is already here to crown the 64th Miss Langston University. It seems like just yesterday I was awarded this coveted title. I am honored, humbled, thankful and privileged to have had such an esteemed position at our dear University.

This past year has been simply amazing. Never have I experienced as much throughout the past nineteen years of my life than I have within this past year alone. The most important element of my reign is knowing I was able to touch at least one person along my journey.

This is an experience that happens once in a lifetime. The laughs, the smiles, the tears, and the many, many sleepless nights make it all worth it. I have developed an unconditional love for my Dear Langston University. This university is my home away from home. Here, I have found lifelong friends and family. I am very grateful for each and every person that has crossed my path.

To President Haysbert, you are an inspiration to the future generation. I thank you for your kind words of encouragement and your continued support. You are successful, beautiful, and very strong-minded. You go girl! I have truly developed a bond with you.

To Office of Student Affairs and Student Life, thank you for your scholarship opportunities and publications. You have given me that extra boost to accomplish many of my dreams. Your support is always appreciated.

To my Oklahoma Star, Miss Cobi Reeves, I love you! We had so much fun together. Shine like the star you are. Also, to Mr. & Mrs. Busby, thank you for being there with us every step of the way.

To the beautiful ladies of the Delta Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma, your support will not go unrecognized. You all have been there with me from day one. When I felt down, you all have picked me up. I would also like to thank my family, the Langston University Marching Pride Band, for their continued support. They have shown "enthusiasm, devotion, knowledge, technique, discipline, and a strong respect for the high honor of the group." I love you all and thank you.

To the 2009-2010 Student Government Association, I must say you guys are making big changes at Langston University. I cannot wait to see what you all have planned for this institution. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your vision. I am looking forward to working with you soon.

To the my royal court, the "Elite-Connection," Tempest West, Jancee Culpepper, Aleshia Richardson, Ja'Nay Johnson, Kim Holman, Jermaine Gunnells, Ritchie Cherry, and Dontavious Robinson, this has definitely been a hilarious year! So many times we have turned some of the worst situations into the best. I don't think there will ever be another group like us. Thank you all for the memories, but most of all, Thank You for sharing this experience with me.

No, I didn't forget about you. To my Mr. Langston University, Eric Harris Jr., this past year has been the most memorable year of our lives. We can only share this experience with one other person, and I would like to thank you for sharing this past year with me. Even though I may not tell you much, you have touched my life in so many ways. I wouldn't share this past year with anyone else. You have brought me so many smiles. I appreciate everything you have done. You are a phenomenal Mr. Langston University. You have truly set the standard for future Mr. Langstons. Thank you, once again.

To my parents, John and Evelyn, without you none of this would be possible. You both have always pushed me to try my hardest and to do my best. I am forever grateful to you both. You are my world. Thank you both for attending every single production I have been a part of; your support is what helps me make it through every day. I love you.

To Mr. Deshnick Lewis, I accredit my success to you. In 2007, you took me under your wing as the second Miss Orange and Blue. Even after that year I still didn't have it all together, but you worked with me and molded me into the woman I am today. You have helped turn my dreams into a reality, and you and I both know that when I dream, I dream in color! Your professionalism is admired. Thank you for taking care of me just like I was your own child. You will NEVER be forgotten.

Finally, to the 64th Miss Langston University, take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way. You will not get to experience it ever again. Remember, to always keep your university first and hold it dear in your heart. Don't worry you, will have a whole crew with you every step of the way. This year will be one you will never forget. Just hold on tight, it's going to be a fast ride. The support of your university will be enough to get you through the year. Be humble and be thankful.

Langston University will remain always and forever in my heart. I will never forget this experience. There is one thing I have learned from this journey:

"Dream big!... and when you dream, dream in color."

With love always and forever,

Sasha M. Watts

Sasha Michelle Watts
Miss Langston University 2009





Eric Harris
Mr. Langston University





Meshia Richardson
Miss Black Langston University
&
Miss Black Oklahoma.



Dear Friends, Family, and Fellow Langstonites:

I want to thank My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the blessings He has given to me, and the unique opportunity I have had to make an impact for his Kingdom. I find it impossible to believe that it is time for my year of service to come to an end. I will never forget the excitement I felt this time last year. Little did I know that I would be playing a much bigger part of the Miss Black Oklahoma Pageant Organization than I had expected.

I thank God for this opportunity that He has given me. Many times I have been brought to tears when I think about the overwhelming love and support that has come my way. I have gained so much from this experience...unwavering faith, a sense of purpose and immeasurable confidence. I hope I have made a lasting impact on this great institution and the people of Oklahoma. I have had the opportunity to bring attention to an issue that is very dear to my heart, Heart Disease Awareness. I extend the most sincere gratitude to all of the individuals who participated with me in the National Go Red for Women Heart Disease Awareness Day event, "I HEART You My Sister."

I can't begin to express how difficult it is for me to say good-bye. My life has been forever changed. And, I must thank those who I believe make the world go 'round. I begin with Dezz Lewis. Dezz, you are so much more to me than a director. I felt like I was your daughter for the year. You took me under your wing and showed me the ropes. You loved me for me, and helped me embrace my little quirks and use them to my advantage. Thanks for the sacrifices you made to ensure that I showed up to Miss Black Oklahoma ready to "TAKE HOME THE CROWN." To Courtland Powers, Taylor Byrne, Janee Cullpepper, David Smith, Dominique Brown & Brittany Stoutermire and Dr. Alonzo Peterson: Thank you so much for always keeping me grounded, level-headed and being my #1 fans- I could not have done any of this without your constant love and encouragement. To the Beta Kappa Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity Inc.: Thank you for giving me my pageant start as your Miss Black & Gold and your continued support throughout all the years.

Last, but not least, I want to thank my family. I truly believe that I'm the luckiest girl in the world. To Grandma, Aunt Katherine, and Daddy: you have each played a huge part in raising me to be the woman I am today. Thank you for pushing me along the way, believing in me, altering your lives for me, and helping make all of my dreams come true. I love you all more than I can ever express. I thank God for putting you in my life, and for the unique relationships I have with each of you.

This has been the best year of my life, and I'm so thankful you all played a part in it!

Aleshia Richardson

Aleshia Richardson

Miss Black Langston University 2009
Miss Black Oklahoma 2009





*Mr. & Miss
Orange & Blue*



*Mr. Orange & Blue
Dontarvious Robinson*



*Miss Orange & Blue
Janay Johnson*



MR. LANGSTON UNIVERSITY 2009
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LU FOOTBALL QUEEN 2009
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ESCORT - MARIO MCCOTTRELL

MISS LU 2ND ATTENDANT
JANAE CULLPEPPER
ESCORT - KIM L. HOLMAN

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TEMPEST WEST
ESCORT - HERMAINE GUNNELLS

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MISS BLACK OKLAHOMA 2009
ALESHIA RICHARDSON
ESCORT - RITCHIE CHERRY

MR. ORANGE & BLUE 2009
DONTAVIUS ROBINSON

MISS ORANGE & BLUE 2009
JA'NAY JOHNSON

Coronation

LANGSTON CROWNS ROYALTY



Langston University's royalty all gathered in their best evening wear to crown Mr. Langston, Eric Harris, Jr., and Miss Langston, Sasha Watts.

The C.F. Gayles Gymnasium was full of decorative scenery to help set the mood for this honorable event. Langston is known for this annual event. This formal gathering was the ultimate coronation ceremony for the 2008-2009 Mr. and Miss Langston University and their inner-court. Campus royalty put on their finest gowns to honor them.

After all the royalty arrived at coronation, Mr. and Miss Langston were given presents from organizations and other royalty. Mr. and Miss Langston were showered with gift cards and certificates.

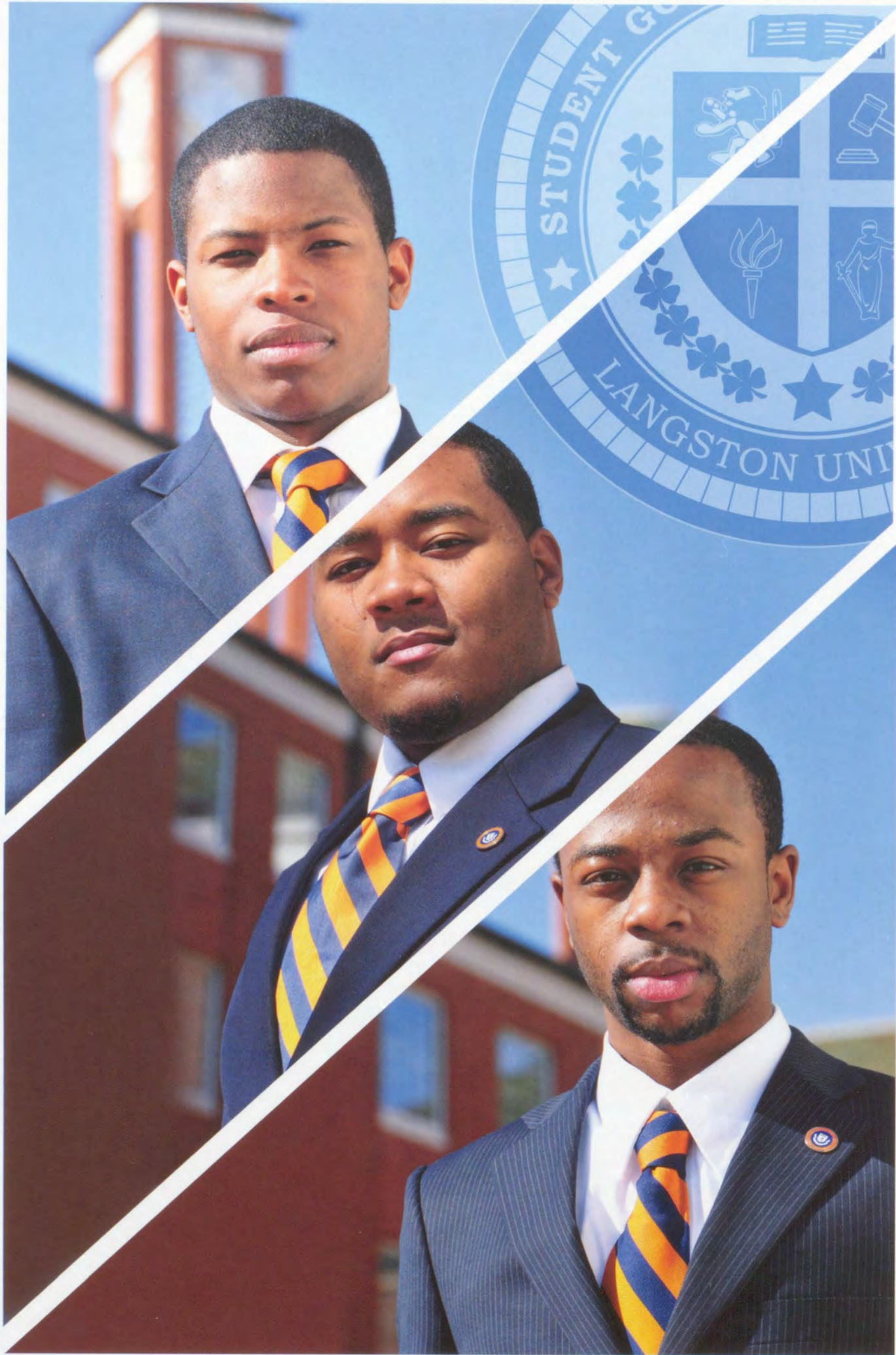
Later, President JoAnn Haysbert honored all royalty and congratulated Mr. and Miss Langston for achieving such a proud and noble title. A reception honoring Mr. and Miss Langston and her inner-court was hosted immediately following the coronation.



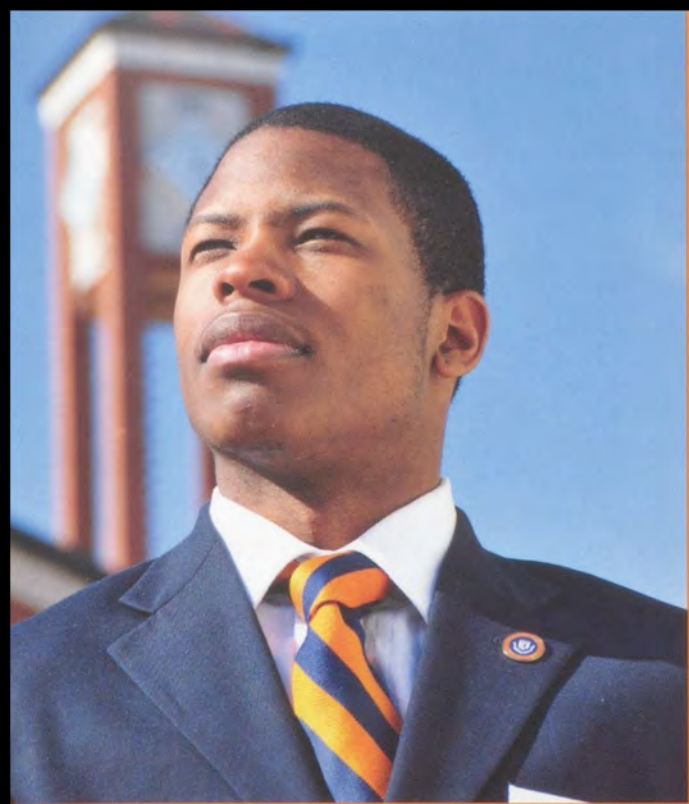




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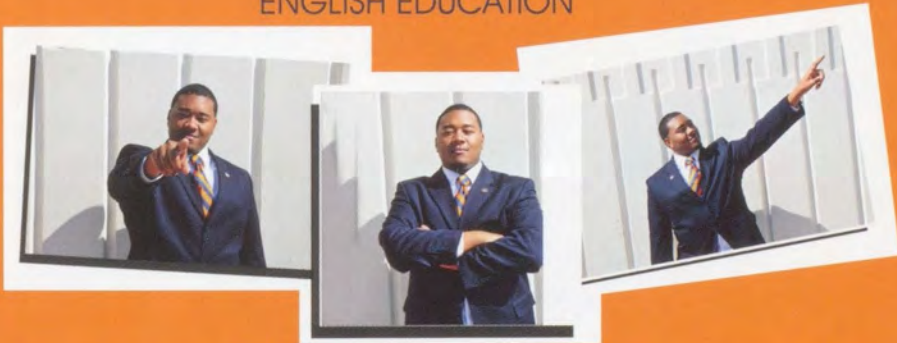


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The Student Government Association Of Langston University

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Langston University Student Government Association is to make certain that all students' needs are being met by acting as a student voice for the campus community, serving as an outlet for student concerns, promoting student participation in campus life, and investigating solutions to various issues that affect the campus as a whole. The SGA is an advocate for the Langston University student body, and acts as a liaison between students and the Administration, Faculty, Staff and the Alumni. The SGA supports unity, teamwork, diversification, acknowledgment of excellence, and mutual respect and dedication to the positive development of each and every individual. The SGA acts with vision not only to meet the needs of current Langston University students, but to also meet the needs of future Langston University students. The work of the SGA is performed in the spirit of change; however, it recognizes the contributions of its predecessors. The SGA takes pride in the past, present, and future of Langston University.

OUR PURPOSE

- To advocate change in the campus community
- To continue an open line of communication between the students, administration, and executive board of SGA
- To challenge ourselves collectively to continue to open our doors to students in new, creative and innovative ways
- To help promote cultural tolerance, awareness, and participation in everyday lives of the LU community
- To enhance our *Passport to the World*





LANGSTON UNIVERSITY AMBASSADORS



The Langston University Ambassadors are known as the campuses' most elite student organization. Spearheaded by LU's 15th and first female president, Dr. JoAnn W. Haysbert, this group formed in 2006 shortly after President Haysbert realized a need for more student leadership on campus.

Ambassadors are hand-picked by administrators because of their keen leadership abilities and academic achievements. Their primary purpose of the organization is to aid the university in the recruitment of potential students, to assist in the orientation of news students, and to advise all students on the rules, regulations, traditions, and different aspects of university life.

As noted by the president, the Ambassadors are responsible for introducing "new students to Langston's timeless human values of leadership, life-long learning, service to others, and exemplary character."

They are also responsible for promoting spirit and unity among Langston University students and providing general service to the Langston University scholarly community.

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**Collegiate
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English Club



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**National
Association
for the
Advancement
Of Colored
People
(NAACP)**



**Minorities
Agricultural
Natural
Resources
Related
Sciences
(MANRRS)**

**National
Council of
Negro Women**



Nutrition & Dietetics



**Pre-Alumni
Council**





**Residence Life
Council**



Scholars' Club



**Student Support
Services
Advisory**

**LU-Tulsa
Sociology
Club**



**Health
Admin.
Club**



COLLEGE



It is not uncommon for young black men in America to themselves being depicted as the source of many of the woes that currently face our nation. However, as with any widespread negative stereotype, there remains a counter-revolution of like-minded individuals vigilant about changing that stigma. On the campus of Langston University, that crew goes by the name of College M.E.N.

College M.E.N., which is an acronym for College Men Ending Negativity, has emerged on LU's main campus as a one-of-a-kind organization that is content upon influencing the university's black male population to walk the line.

Founded in the fall of 2008 by Joshua Clark, Randall Barnes, Mark Duncan and Malcolm Jones, College M.E.N. has worked hard at create a positive front by hosting uplifting campus activities and through their community service projects.

"There was an obvious need on campus to rally men together and get them more involved with the issues facing Langston University," said Joshua Clark, president of College M.E.N. "We wanted to use this small organization as a calculated tool that could help to eliminate some of the negativity associated with black men on Langston's campus."

Creating a name for his organization, Clark said that it was important to the founders of the organization that they produce positive leaders who were equipped to forge a trail towards greatness.

"Working hard, possessing a standout attitude, building a successful image, having a dedication to scholarly pursuits, and believing that following is failure are all parts of our organization's core values," said Clark. "We take pride in the fact that we don't force our members to fit into a box, we celebrate individuality at all times. Our motto is: Why follow when you could lead?"

Growing to 11 members this past year, Clark says that his main concentration as the group's leader is to get the word out about his organization and expand its membership numbers.

"Recruitment and expansion will be one of the main focuses for the 2009/2010 school year," continued Randall Barnes, vice president of College M.E.N. "There will always be a need to empower the men on Langston's campus, we plan to continue to be on the forefront to meet that need."



JOSHUA CLARK
 Kansas City, MO
 Economic Management
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 President



RANDALL BARNES
 Houston, TX
 Business management
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 Vice President



MALCOLM JONES
 Taft, OK
 Ag-Natural Resource
 Minor in Agri-Business
 22
 2nd Vice President



MARK DUNCAN II
 Kansas City, Ks
 Business
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 Secretary



MICHAEL SIGNATOR
 Chicago, Ill
 Business Administration,
 Minor Spanish/English
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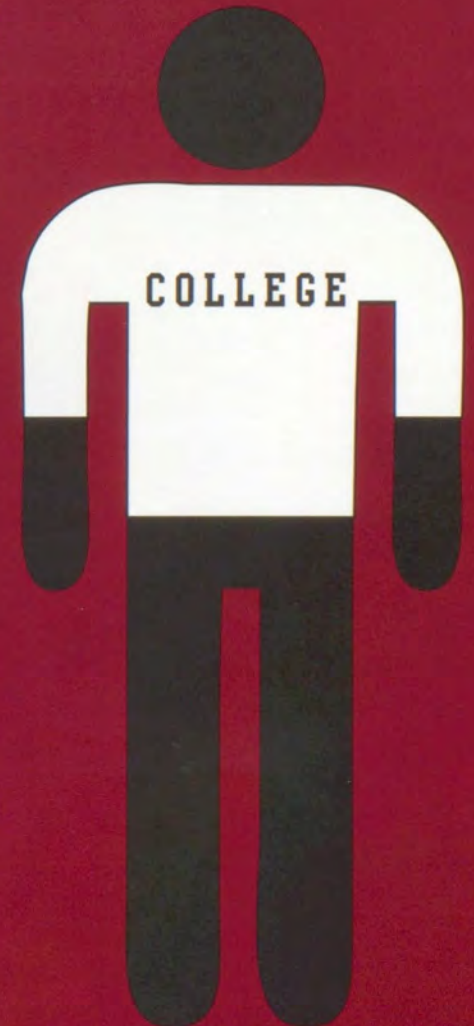
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 Industrial Technology
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 Community Service Chair



LAMAR MADISON
 Oklahoma City, OK
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 Parliamentarian



C. DUNN
 Houston, TX
 Accounting & Finance
 21
 Chaplin



THE LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL



The Pan Hellenic Council stands as the governing body for the Pan Hellenic Council Fraternities and Sororities on Langston University's campus. Our members are Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

GREEK LETTER ORGANIZATIONS

Purpose On Campus

The main purpose of Greek-letter organizations at Langston University is to assist in achieving the objectives of the University. In terms of students, these objectives are (1) encouraging scholarship and academic excellence, (2) personal and social development, (3) career and vocational attainment, (4) fostering high moral and ethical standards and (5) exemplifying the ideal college student. Sororities

and fraternities have much to offer to their members in the way of developing leadership ability, social maturity, scholastic achievement, a moral concern for others and a concept of service to others.

The activities of Greek-letter organizations should show evidence of contributions to (1) personal and scholastic growth of the members individually and collectively, (2) service contribution to the University, (3) leadership development, (4) social contribution to the University, (5) knowledge of the member's Greek-letter organization in general, and (6) development of a fraternal spirit.

PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

The Pan-Hellenic Council shall be composed of one member and one alternate from each of the existing fraternal groups. This council shall act as the parent group of each Greek-Letter Organization. It shall provide an atmosphere where Greek-Letter Organizations may discuss policies and problems and evaluate campus activities of the Greek groups. It shall serve as a clearing house for groups desirous of setting up a court of appeals for problems involving Greek-letter organizations.



SORORITIES

The following are the local sororities having chapters on the Langston University campus.
Membership is by selection.

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Founded in 1908, its colors are Pink and Green.
- Delta Sigma Theta Founded in 1913, its colors are Crimson and Cream.
- Zeta Phi Beta Founded in 1920, its colors are Royal Blue and White.
- Sigma Gamma Rho Founded in 1922, its colors are Blue and Gold.

FRATERNITIES

The following are the social fraternities that have chapters on the Langston University campus.
Membership is by selection.

- Alpha Phi Alpha Founded in 1906, its colors are Black and Gold
- Kappa Alpha Psi Founded in 1911, its colors are Crimson and Cream.
- Omega Psi Phi Founded in 1911, its colors are Purple and Gold.
- Phi Beta Sigma Founded in 1914, its colors are Blue and White.

AΦA



Since its founding on December 4, 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African-Americans and people of color around the world.

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of Brotherhood among African descendants in this country. The visionary founders, known as the "Jewels" of the fraternity, are Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy.

The Fraternity initially served as a study and support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially, at Cornell. The Jewel Founders and early leaders of the fraternity succeeded in laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of humanity.

Alpha Phi Alpha chapters were developed at other colleges and universities, many of them at historically black institutions, soon after the founding at Cornell. While continuing to stress academic excellence among its members, Alpha also recognizes the need to help correct the educational, economic, political, and social injustices faced by African-Americans...



Kim Holman,
President



Malcolm Jones,
Vice-President



Detrick Watson



Mister Russelle



Keivin Hunter



Miles Kelly



Marshal Bailey



Edwin Bryant



Roderick Foster



Javon Brame



Antwon Watson



Darrion Lewis



Tyler Plunkett



Rickey Freeman



Antjuan Walker



Sean Barry



Ronald Gaddis



Reggie Perkins



Jamal Williams



AKA

In 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority became America's first Greek-letter organization established by Black college women. The sorority was founded with the belief that sisterhood and service go hand in hand. Her roots date back to Howard University, Washington, D.C., where the idea for formation was conceived by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of St. Louis, Missouri. She viewed the Sorority as an instrument for enriching the social and intellectual aspects of college life by providing mental stimulation through interaction with friends and associates. Through the years, however, Alpha Kappa Alpha's function has become more complex. After her incorporation as a perpetual body in 1913, Alpha Kappa Alpha grew from one undergraduate chapter to an international one with a membership of more than 200,000 college trained women in 950 chapters in the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa.

Alpha Kappa Alpha is a sisterhood composed of women who have consciously chosen this affiliation as a means of self-fulfillment through volunteer service. Alpha Kappa Alpha cultivates and encourages high scholastic and ethical standards; promotes unity and friendship among college women; alleviates problems concerning girls and women; maintains a progressive interest in college life; and serves all mankind.

Over the past 100 years, Alpha Kappa Alpha has used the power of the founders' concept to transform actions into a proud history of supporting academic achievement, combating disease, broadening career opportunities, and fighting for human rights in local communities and around the world. The next 100 years already begun.



Danielle Brown



Rebakah Jones

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KAPPA ALPHA PSI

Kappa Alpha Psi was founded on the night of January 5, 1911, on the campus of Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana, to sow the seed of a fraternal tree whose fruit is available to, and now enjoyed by college men everywhere, regardless of their color, religion or national origin.

It is a fact of which KAPPA ALPHA PSI is justly proud that the Constitution has never contained any clause that either excluded or suggested the exclusion of a man from membership, merely because of his color, creed, or national origin.

The Constitution of KAPPA ALPHA PSI is predicated upon, and dedicated to, the principles of achievement through a truly democratic Fraternity.





Demarco Johnson



Dominique Wilder



Jeryme McCrary



Stacy Williams, Advisor



Dequarius Simmons



John Hayes



Shawn Caine



Ω Ψ Φ

On Friday evening, November 17, 1911, three Howard University undergraduate students and one faculty adviser, gave birth to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the first national African-American fraternity to be founded at a black college. This event occurred in the office of biology Professor Ernest E. Just, the faculty adviser, in the Science Hall (now known as Thirkield Hall). The three liberal arts students were Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper and Frank Coleman. From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, “friendship is essential to the soul” the name Omega Psi Phi was derived. The phrase was selected as the motto. Manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift were adopted as cardinal principles. A decision was made regarding the design for the pin and emblem, and thus ended the first meeting of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

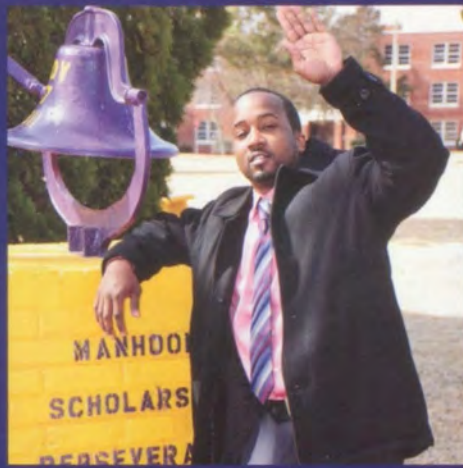
The next meeting was conducted on November 23, 1911. Edgar Love became the first Grand Basileus (National President). Cooper and Coleman were selected Grandkeeper of the Records (National Secretary) and Grandkeeper of Seals (National Treasurer), respectively.

Eleven Howard University undergraduate men were selected as charter members.





Courtney Muhammad



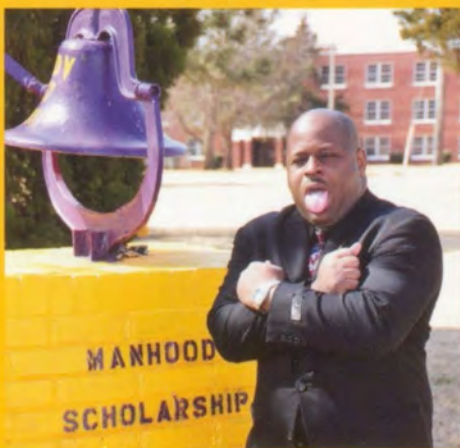
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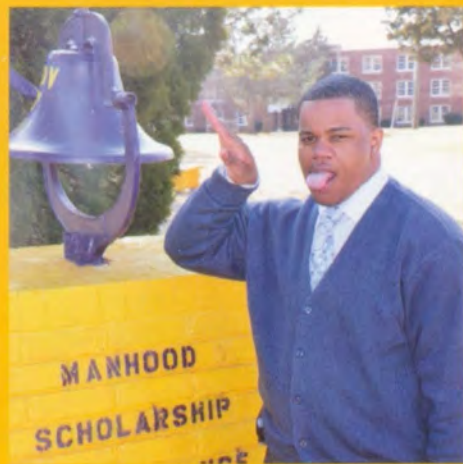
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Yaun Perry



Malcolm Muhammad



Myrone Smith



Everett Bledsoe



Eric Harris



DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. BETA UPSILON CHAPTER



First row from L-R: Angela Wright, Brianna Bolden, Erica Smith, Jennifer Jones, Erika Holman
Second row from L-R: Jamilla Harris, Lou McCullough- Advisor , Phylicia Roberts, Shauntae Fields

Members Missing: Tatiana Reed, Shay Woods, Dominique Holt and Carolyn Jones

Advisors Missing: Vonnie Ware Roberts, Tami White, Beatrice Lawrence,
Willa Barker, Crystal Barker, Kimberlee Flannigan, and Cynthia Buckley

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 200,000

predominately black college educated women, the sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Thrust of:

- Economic Development
- Educational Development
- Physical and Mental Health
- International Awareness and Involvement
- Political Awareness and Involvement

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University. These young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities.



ΦΒΣ

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded January 9, 1914 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. Founded by the three most honorable and distinguish brothers: A. Langston Taylor, Leonard F. Morse, and Charles I. Brown and nine charter members. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded on the principles of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service. The motto that this respected fraternity live by is “Culture for Service, Service for Humanity.” The achievements of this international band of brothers are as diverse as its membership. With partnerships with such entities as the American Red Cross, Urban League, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, March for Babies, and many more, Sigmas continue to make a difference locally and abroad.

Since its establishment on May 6, 1947, the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. has been a driving force on the Langston University Campus. In light of the Fraternity’s motto “Culture for Service, Service for Humanity”, the distinguished brothers of Beta Epsilon continue to be active patrons and supporters of the development of our culture, our people, and our community.



Anthony Crawford



Kavaris Sims



Joshua Busby,
Primary Advisor



Leonard Smith,
Secondary Advisor



Brandon Haddox



Clemmon Bridges



Derrick McCullem



Eddie Taylor



Erik Reed



Euitt Sharp



Glen Whitaker



Jay Wakefield



Joshua Russell



Julius Koger



Kariem Allah



Marquies Holden



Matthew Jones



Michael Pulliam



Nico Vaughn



Paoli Wognakou



Matthew Jones



Rashard Hutchins



Rashawn Mance



Rodrick Jenkins



Sean Price



Stacey Walker



William Moses



Willie Felder

ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC. LAMBDA ALPHA CHAPTER

ZΦB



Front Row From L-R: Quinnchella Jackson, Daniele Loftis, Jenissa Harris, Erica Broner
Back Row From L-R: Tegen Robinson, Princess Nahjid Hays, Jennifer Datewood, Robbie Gober, Bethany Sherman



It was in January of 1920, when Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was founded. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was founded on the simple belief that sorority elitism and socializing should not overshadow the real mission for progressive organizations – to address societal mores, ills, prejudices, poverty, and health concerns of the day. Founded January 16, 1920, Zeta began as an idea conceived by five coeds at Howard University in Washington D.C.; Arizona Cleaver, Myrtle Tyler, Viola Tyler, Fannie Pettie and Pearl Neal. These five women, also known as our Five Pearls, dared to depart from the traditional coalitions for black women and sought to establish a new organization predicated on the precepts of Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love and Finer Womanhood. It was the ideal of the Founders that the Sorority would reach college women in all parts of the country who were sorority minded and desired to follow the founding principles of the organization. Founder Viola Tyler was oft quoted to say “[In the ideal collegiate situation] there is a Zeta in a girl regardless of race, creed, or color, who has high standards and principles, a good scholarly average and an active interest in all things that she undertakes to accomplish.”

A nonprofit organization, Zeta Phi Beta is incorporated in Washington D.C. and in the state of Illinois. The dues and gifts of its members support the sorority.

Over the years since the sorority's inception, Zeta Phi Beta has chartered hundreds of chapters and initiated thousands of women around the world. Zeta has continued to thrive and flourish while adapting to the ever-changing needs of a new century. Despite the Great Depression, discrimination and segregation and a host of other challenges, Zeta has continued to hold true to its ideals and purpose, for, as stated by one of the Sorority's founding members: “I believe that no [other] organization could have been founded upon principles that were so near and dear to all of our hearts.”
(Founder Myrtle Tyler)



SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC. IOTA CHAPTER

ΣΓΡ



From L-R: Rose Cooper, Amanda Steele, Paige Prince, Tanisha Dews



Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was founded November 12, 1922 on the predominately white campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. The sorority was founded by seven school teachers: Mary Lou Allison Gardner Little, Nannie Mae Gahn Johnson, Vivian White Marbury, Bessie Downey Rhoades Martin, Cubena McClure, Hattie Mae Annette Dulin Redford, and Dorothy Haney Whiteside.

The Iota chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was founded on the campus of Langston University on April 5, 1941 by seven charter members. Sigma Gamma Rho, Inc.'s colors are royal blue and antique gold, the french poodle is their mascot, and the yellow tea rose is their flower. Some of the Sorority's national projects include Operation Big Book Bag, Habitat for Humanity, Project Reassurance, and Wee Savers. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.'s motto is "Greater Service, Greater Progress."



From L-R: Amanda Steele, Paige Prince, Dr. LaDonna McCune- Advisor, Rose Cooper



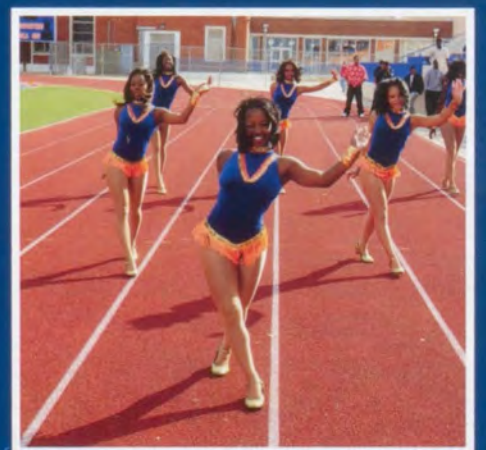


RAISING THE BAR
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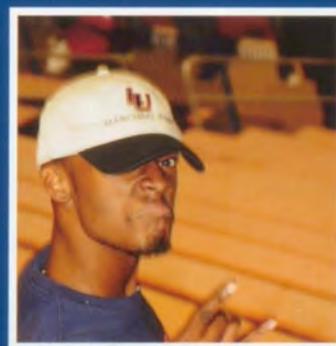
"GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE I DON'T KNOW WHEN, BY THE WAY, WE AR

L.U.M.P.

LANGSTON UNIVERSITY MARCHING PRIDE BAND



THE LU MARCHING PRIDE BAND, AND WE ARE THE BEST BAND, THE BEST BAND IN THE LAND..."



KKΨ

Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity was founded on the campus of Oklahoma State University in 1919 to serve the College and University band programs.

Kappa Kappa Psi operates primarily as a student service and leadership recognition society whose chief aim is to assist the Director of Bands in developing the leadership and enthusiasm that is required of his/her band. Our goals are to provide the band not only with organized and concentrated service activities, but to give our membership valid and wholesome experiences in organization, leadership and social contacts. The honorary nature of membership is based on our premise that "it is an honor to be selected to serve" this band, its department of music, its sponsoring institution, and the cause of band music in the nation's colleges and universities.

The Fraternity is presently located at over 200 colleges and universities with 5,000 active members each year. Since 1919, more than 50,000 interested bandmembers have devoted their efforts to strengthening their bands through group and individual service projects. The Fraternity's program of continued service to Music has attracted the attention of the best in American band tradition. We number among our ranks John Philip Sousa, Karl King, Frank Simon, Herbert L. Clarke, Harold Bachman, William D. Revelli and many other contemporary composers, conductors and music educators.



TBS

Tau Beta Sigma is a co-educational national honorary band sorority dedicated to serving college and university bands. The Sorority, headquartered at the historic Stillwater Station in Stillwater, Oklahoma, numbers 3,000 active members in 140 active chapters, and over 40,000 alumni. Since 1947, Tau Beta Sigma has recognized Kappa Kappa Psi as "an equal affiliated organization with a parallel purpose, function and role in the college and university band setting", and the two organizations hold joint conventions and Tau Beta Sigma administers an alumni association open to members of both organizations.

Tau Beta Sigma was founded at Texas Technological college (now Texas Tech University) by Mrs. Wava Banes Henry.

In addition to the close relationship with Kappa Kappa Psi, Tau Beta Sigma has historical and current relationships with several other organizations. One such relationship is with Sigma Alpha Iota, a professional international fraternity for women with a strong interest in music.

In 2005, multiple joint statements were issued by the leadership of Tau Beta Sigma and Sigma Alpha Iota, along with Kappa Kappa Psi and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, affirming "that there are equally important roles for Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota, Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma to fulfill on any campus where our chapters mutually exist, now or in the future. Each organization possesses a distinct mission and, as a result, fulfills a unique and vital role in the musical environment of a college campus" and that "A member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia or Sigma Alpha Iota can hold simultaneous membership in Kappa Kappa Psi or Tau Beta Sigma, subject to his/her own interests and the eligibility requirements of the other organizations. The same holds true for a member of Kappa Kappa Psi or Tau Beta Sigma with regard to membership in Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia or Sigma Alpha Iota.



LANGSTON UNIVERSITY CHORALE



ΣΑΙ

SIGMA ALPHA IOTA WAS FOUNDED ON JUNE 12, 1903 AT THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN.

INCORPORATION PAPERS, UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, WERE SIGNED DECEMBER 1, 1904, AND RECORDED DECEMBER 15, 1904.

INCLUDED HERE ARE BIOGRAPHIES OF OUR FOUNDERS, INFORMATION ABOUT OUR ARCHIVES, AND OTHER HISTORIC MATERIAL. IN ADDITION YOU WILL FIND GUIDELINES FOR ORAL AND CHAPTER HISTORIES TO ASSIST IN TELLING THE STORY OF SAI.

* TO STUDY AND PRACTICE THE GOODNESS OF LIFE, THE BEAUTY OF ART, THE MEANING OF MUSIC.

* TO SING THE SONG OF SINCERITY AND UNIVERSAL PEACE.

* TO SPEAK THE WORDS THAT BUILD, THAT BLESS AND COMFORT.

* TO PLAY THE HARPSTRINGS OF LOVING KINDNESS, TOLERANCE, APPRECIATION, AND GENUINE GRATITUDE.

* TO STRIVE FOR THE JOY OF SIMPLICITY, FOR THE NOBLE, TO BE FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS.

* TO LISTEN, TO BE STILL AND KNOW THE HARMONY FROM WITHIN.

* TO FALTER NEVER IN SEEKING LOVING SERVICE, WISDOM, AND UNDERSTANDING.

* IN A WORD, TO BE LOYAL TO SIGMA ALPHA IOTA AND HER TEACHINGS; TO FIND JOY, HOPE, INSPIRATION; TO REMEMBER THAT "EVERY GOOD GIFT AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE" AND "WHATSOEVER YE DO, DO IT HEARTILY AS TO THE LORD, AND NOT UNTO MEN."

* AND AGAIN TO PRACTICE.

* THIS IS TO BE OUR SYMPHONY.







RAISING THE BAR
SPORTS

LION FOOTBALL



A-Vel McLamb



Aaron Thomas



Andrew Casteal



Anthony Fernandez



Anthony Nelson



Anthony Stewart



Antjuan Walker



Antonio Dennard



Ayrron Polk



Blake Rowland



Brandon Flanagan



Brandon Lee



Bredan McDonald



Cardell Berry



Carlos Ross



Casey Williams



Cayetano Hingle



Chad Miller



Christian Torres



Clarence McDonald



Darius Wilder



Darrion Lewis



David Smith



Derrick Butler



Dominique Barnes-Carn

LION FOOTBALL



Dominique Turner



Dominique Tyler



Donald Berryhill



Dulani Stephens



Edward Wright



Frank Young.



Greg Brooks



James Kilpatrick



Jeremy Anderson



Jermaine Carter



Jonathan Bonner



Jonathan Solomon



Jordan Sennett



JR Moore



Justin Robinson



Justin Williams



Kendrick Rice



Kor'Darien Mathis



LaMarcus Ross



Lee Langston



Mark Brown



Marquis Holden



Michael Goodlow



Michael Wilson



Nico Mauney

LION FOOTBALL



Omar Hill



Ra-Kwouna Khepra



Remington Cooper



Ricky Shearin



Robert Thomas



Rodney Flowers



Rodney Gooden



Rodrick Jenkins



Ronald Burgess



Ronnie Celestine



Salvador Guerrero



Shaquille Roberson



Shawn Cain



Stephen Kemp, Jr.



Tarey Sparks



Thomas Johnson



Timothy Gates



Tony Cotton



Travis Walker



Troy Derrick



Tyrone Dunkley

LION COACHING STAFF



Greg Johnson -
Head Coach



Jahmikal Edwards -
Student Assistant



Joe Simmons -
Defensive Line



Jonathan Mallard -
Student Assistant



Kevin Starr -
Outside Linebackers



Michael Pizinski -
Offensive Coordinator



Mickey Joseph -
Wide Receivers



Monterio Witherspoon -
Offensive Line



Nathan Skelton -
Quarterbacks



Orlando Rayfield -
Inside Linebackers,
Special Teams



Quinton Morgan -
Defensive Backs

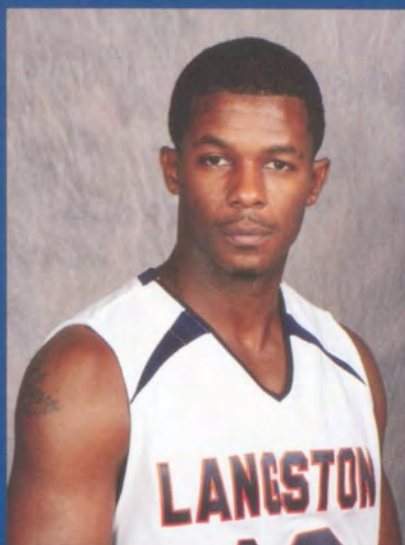


Timothy Murphy -
Student Assistant

LION BASKETBALL



LION BASKETBALL



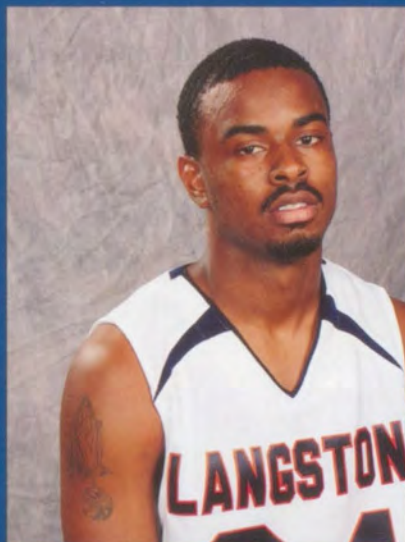
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Babs Somoye



Catrell Curry



Charles Burns



Chris Higgins



Chris Tyler



Eric Harris, Jr.



Isaiah Johnson



Shelby Coursey

LADY LION BASKETBALL



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Ashlea Gray



Brandie Sandy



Courtney Clayborne



Danyel Moses



Jazmine Smith



Jenissa Harris



Latesha Calton-Woods



Reyven Osborne



Sanetra Jackson



Sharnelia Johnson



Shonderlette Paul



Stephanie Madden



Tela Wilcox



Jerome Willis-
Head Coach



Natasha Doh-
Asst. Coach



Arnita Session



Ravenn Rudel



Ashley Reynolds



Jhantae Bloomer



Stacey Walker



Jessica Brown



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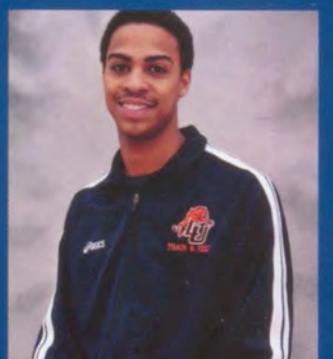
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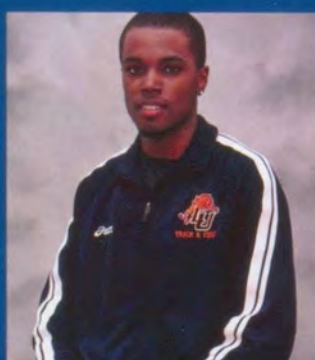
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Derek McCullom



Amanda Steele



Deondra Rattler



Dawn Atkins



Charlesha Lightbourne



Juron Woods



Lashunna Jimmerson



Warren Roberson



Chrishana Olds



Willie Felder



Ray Brenson



Clyde Young

LANGSTON TRACK AND FIELD 2010

*Not Pictured: Joshua Clark and Princeton Summerville

LION SOFTBALL





LION CHEERLEADING

DOUBLE TEAM



Transferring from Redlands Community College, Brandie Sandy along with her twin sister Bobbie, double-teamed the Lady Lions Basketball program with hopes of snagging a National Championship. With Brandie playing the guard position and Bobbie assisting as a manager, the two both bring a twist to the Lady Lions 2009-2010 season. The witty duo is from Perry, Oklahoma and says at the end of the day, they're "just country girls!"



BOBBIE

BRANDIE

Age: 21
 Major: Business Management
 Height: 5'5
 Lady Lions Assistant Manager
 Weight: 120
 High School: Perry High School,
 Perry, Oklahoma

Age: 21
 Major: Business Management
 Height: 5'6
 Position: Shooting Guard
 Weight: 135
 High School: Perry High School, Perry Oklahoma

Awards received in High School: All-State Senior...
 Various All-Tournament honors... Honors Society all 4
 years... Avg. 17 pts/game

Why did you choose Langston?
 I chose Langston because it was close to home and plus my
 sister was offered to play ball..lol

Why did you choose Langston?
 I have always thought Langston had a lot of talent, and I
 thought it could be my chance at winning big.

What are your hopes for the 2009-2010 season?
 I hope that the team wins a National Championship.

What are your hopes for the 2009-2010 season?
 I hope to win a National Championship.

Who is your favorite WNBA player?
 Candice Parker

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What is your ultimate goal?
 To graduate with a high GPA

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 To graduate with a high GPA and get a
 National Championship

Other than basketball, what is your favorite pastime?
 Living at the lake with my grandparents

Other than basketball, what is your favorite pastime?
 Riding ATV's and water sports

What is your favorite kind of food?
 Mexican food

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Who is your role model?
 My role model would have to be my grandma. I love
 everything about her.

Who is your role model?
 My family because they set a high standard and
 make you work for what you want.

What is something that people may not know about you?
 That I have to work for everything I have. I don't get things
 handed to me.

What is something that people may not know about you?
 I am a country girl and I haul hay, do construction work,
 and I have my own landscaping business.





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NEW ORLEANS
STATE UNIVERSITY



RAISING THE BAR

LU GOES GREEN

Langston University administrators recently announced that the Energy Management Plan they implemented in the 2007-2008 fiscal year has yielded some extremely positive results.

"We are currently experiencing a reduction in our annual energy costs of \$130,000 - \$160,000 since we implemented this project," Ruben Oliver, Sr., LU contract manager and physical plant director, said. "And no matter how you cut it, for a university the size of Langston, that is, and will remain in my book, an extremely positive thing."

Boasting a savings margin of between 15- 25 percent in energy costs for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, Oliver says that these results are the by-product of stringent planning and hard work.

"Langston has been working since 2002 to ensure that we do our part in conserving energy. From adding centrally-monitored Environmental Quality Control Units campus-wide, to doing something as simple as changing our light bulbs, my team has worked around the clock to help put LU in the driving seat when it comes to energy conservation," Oliver said.

Oliver estimates that the direct digital controls that LU has installed in phases since 2003 have contributed to 8-12 percent savings in air conditioning costs. The controls, which allow the air temperature at all three of Langston's campuses to be controlled from one office on the university's main campus, have helped eliminate energy waste and regulate monthly energy expenses.

Another notable energy saver of the project was the decision to have the LU- Tulsa campus designed with more windows. The endeavor was designed to help the university capitalize on nature's most fundamental of resources, Oliver said.



"Just something as simple as choosing a design for our new facility in Tulsa that utilized more natural sunlight helped us save close to 15 percent in energy costs," Oliver said. "Building the Tulsa facility allows my team the opportunity to ride the wave of all of the new energy-saving technology that's out there today- technology that we get to reap the positive effects of on a daily basis."

Some of the new energy saving features that the design team were able to add into the Tulsa facility include energy-efficient light bulbs that illuminate the same lighting quality of the energy guzzling T-12 bulbs, with a fraction of the energy tax; office cubicles, that allow staff members to share one open space with universal lighting (both natural and artificial) and centrally monitored climate control; 1.6 GPF energy efficient water flow regulators for staff and public toilets to help cut-down on water usage; EEU instantaneous water heaters that produce hot water on demand, and lighting sensors that light public spaces, corridors and rest rooms when alerted by infrared motion sensors.

With annual energy cost for all three campuses cresting the million-dollar mark, Oliver says that anything that LU can do to stay on the offensive when it comes to energy conservation is always going to end-up a win-win scenario, especially while simultaneously reducing the institution's carbon footprint.



HISTORY

LANGSTON UNIVERSITY AWARDED PRESERVATION GRANT BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service recently awarded a \$500,000 grant to Langston University to restore cottages on the campus that are more than 70 years old.

The NPS, which is a division of the United States Department of Interior, offered the grant in compliance to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Stimulus Bill), to assist LU in preserving its Cottage Row Historic District.

Located at the southern entrance of the campus, the cottages were built in the 1930s to house faculty members, and later went on to double as office buildings until 2006. With one of the cottages being destroyed by a fire, four of the remaining five cottages were converted back into private living quarters in 2006 at the request of current LU president, JoAnn Haysbert.

Nancy Alexander, author of the grant and LU project director for the rural business development center, is elated about the upcoming renovations.

"I think it is wonderful that the National Park Service realizes the critical role and rich history found on the campuses of historically black colleges and universities," Alexander said. "We are very appreciative of this grant. The cottages were hand-built

in the 1930s by Langston students in an effort to provide housing for faculty members. The fact that they have weathered and survived several ice storms and tornadoes shows the love and care from which they were originally built."

The cottages are scheduled to undergo a significant face-lift including roof repairs; window replacements; porch updates that will make them compliant with ADA standards, and bringing plumbing and HVAC up to state code.

Thought to be among some of the oldest buildings on LU's main campus, renovations on the historic cottages will culminate in the fall of 2012.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, abbreviated ARRA, is an economic stimulus package enacted by the 111th United States Congress in February 2009. The Act of Congress was based largely on proposals made by President Barack Obama and was intended to provide a stimulus to the U.S. economy in the wake of the economic downturn. The Act includes federal tax cuts, expansion of unemployment benefits and other social welfare provisions, and domestic spending in education, health care, and infrastructure, including the energy sector. The measures are nominally worth \$787 billion.





COMMENCEMENT 2009

Faculty, students, guests, and keynote speaker Tavis Smiley braved the high winds and chilly temperatures at the W.E. Anderson Stadium on the main campus of Langston University in celebration of the institution's 109th commencement exercises.

Kicking off the ceremony was JoAnn Haysbert, president of Langston University, whose rousing introduction of Smiley even impressed the seasoned media personality himself.

"I have to thank President Haysbert for such a great introduction. I think that was the second best introduction I've ever been given in my life," chuckled Smiley. "The other introduction, I made myself in Chicago when the guy who was suppose to introduce me failed to show up."

Addressing the audience on the virtues of authenticity and self-definition, Smiley admonished the 572 graduates not to begin the marathon of their ensuing careers misdirected.

"I think it's ironic that we are here on a track, because my best advice to you would be to not begin your race in the wrong lane," Smiley said. "You've established the 'what' by earning your degrees, now you must endeavor to figure out the 'who'. Who do you want to be and what is it that you really want to do with your life? Your goal in life should be to find your vocation, and not to just get a job."

Using the *New York Times* best-selling book entitled, *Living*

in the Age of the Unthinkable, by Joshua Cooper Ramo as his basis, Smiley encouraged his audience to always pursue progressive possibilities and to remain in the driver's seat in their personal and professional lives. Acknowledging those present who were instrumental in providing him with the support needed to shape him into the man he is today, Smiley told the crowd that it's important to retain the mind set of service to others in everything that they endeavor to do and/or become in life.

"Benjamin Mays said that the tragedy of life is not in reaching your goal, but in not having a goal to reach," Smiley said. "It's not failure, but low aim that keeps most of us from winning... Always remember that you can't lead if you don't love, and you can't save if you can't serve. True leadership is about loving and serving."

Inspiring the audience with his signature brand of humor and intellect, it was Smiley, himself, who was the recipient of the day's biggest acknowledgement of inspiration when he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree for his work as a political pundit and media personality.

Receiving his degree in a special presentation that was led by President Haysbert and Regents Andy Lester and Fred L. Boettcher from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Smiley was noticeably moved by the honor being bestowed on him.





CONVOCATION

2009

Attorney Robert H. Alexander, Jr., served as keynote speaker at Langston University's Formal Opening Convocation. The convocation, a long-standing tradition at Oklahoma's only historically black university, commemorates the official opening of the institution's academic year.

Speaking in correlation with this year's university theme, "Building a Future of Greatness, Fortifying Our Legacy of Excellence," Alexander addressed an audience of students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and the general public.

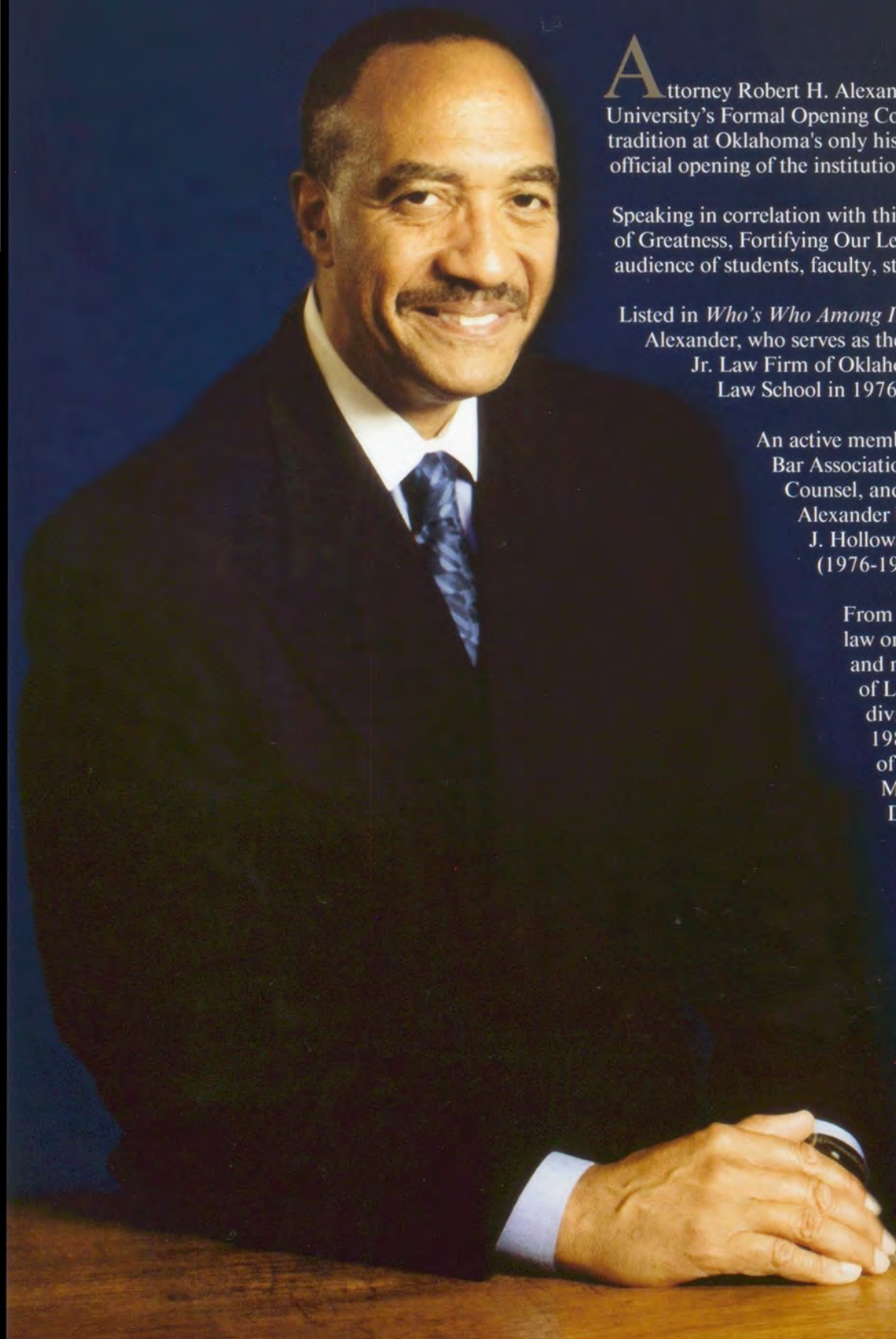
Listed in *Who's Who Among International Product Liability Defense Lawyers*, Alexander, who serves as the principal partner for the Robert H. Alexander, Jr. Law Firm of Oklahoma City, earned his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1976.

An active member of the Oklahoma, American, and National Bar Associations; International Association of Defense Counsel, and the Product Liability Advisory Council, Alexander began his career as law clerk to the Hon. William J. Holloway, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit (1976-1977).

From 1978 to 1980, he served as special lecturer in law on appellate advocacy and on constitutional law and minorities at the University of Oklahoma, College of Law. He was called to serve as judge, temporary division, for the Oklahoma Court of Appeals in 1982, and served as municipal judge for the City of Forest Park from 1984 to 1986. In 1986, Mr. Alexander was a finalist for a United States District judgeship.

Alexander is a sought after speaker and presenter for national professional seminars, corporate law departments, corporate events, and has spoken twice at his alma mater, Harvard Law School. His September 17th appearance at LU marks the second time that Alexander has addressed the LU student body.

Robert H. Alexander, Jr. Esq., resides in Edmond, Okla with his wife Annita Bridges-Alexander. The couple has two adult daughters, Blake and Blayne.





LU Announces \$800,000 HBCU Grant from HUD

Langston University, Oklahoma's only historically black university, received an \$800,000 HBCU/HUD grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

"We are thrilled to receive this grant," Linda Tillman, author and director for LU's HUD/HBCU (historically black colleges and universities) grant, said. "It will allow us to continue making wonderful changes in our communities."

The monies will fund the Community Partnership and Revitalization (CPR) Initiative. It will cover the construction of a regulation size softball field in the town of Langston; the expansion of the Business Resource and Incubator Center (BRIC) in the town of Langston; community revitalization in the Empowerment Zone of Oklahoma City; and home ownership and loss mitigation workshops in partnership with faith-based organizations in Langston and Oklahoma City.

The Empowerment Zone of Oklahoma City refers to the Northeast Quadrant of the city. Members of the community will receive job training and placement; assistance in organizing three neighborhood associations and aid with planting three community gardens.

"These projects require the help of everyone," Tillman said. "You can help us by standing up at the Capitol for issues that will affect the Northeast Quadrant...we need all of you and we want to partner with you to restore the Empowerment Zone. We're going to save our community."

Jerry Hyden, director for the Oklahoma State HUD field office, says the grant speaks well of the university and President Barack Obama.

"One thing I can say is that our President [Barack Obama] is for real about making serious changes in HUD," Hyden said. "The rubber is meeting the road, and the money is going where it's needed most. When HUD gives Langston University one dollar, Langston turns that dollar 18 times. President Haysbert is to be commended for this...I think I need to invest some of my money in Langston!"

LU President JoAnn Haysbert charged the HUD organization to use Langston University as a model for institutions across the nation.

"I am excited about these endeavors made possible for Langston University through Ms. Tillman's hard work," Haysbert said. "It has always been a priority for our university to positively impact the communities it serves. As other universities receive HUD funding, they can look to Langston as a solid example of how they can best use their monies."

History

Cumulative total of HUD/HBCU Funding Received by Langston University: \$2,154,471.00

2009:	\$800,000
2006:	\$587,806
1999:	\$466,665
1996:	\$300,000

The initial 1996 HUD/ HBCU funding allowed LU to establish the Community Development Corporation, which led to subsequent funding in 1999 to pave streets, perform historic preservation to a one-cell jail and build a 10,000 sq. ft. Retail Plaza in the town of Langston.

The 2006 and 2009 HUD/HBCU funding established a 1,200 sq. ft. business incubator, empowered a grass root organization to place 250 individuals in livable wage jobs, place 16 first-time home buyers in homes, empowered the town of Langston to annex land to contract 63 single family homes on 1/2 acre lots, secured more than \$400,000 in stimulus funding for energy efficient improvements for City Hall, and street lighting in the town of Langston.

Langston University has leveraged HUD's \$1.8 million from prior grants by turning the funding over 18 times to total \$10 million.

LU STUDENTS

AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS
THROUGH

The
tom joyner *Foundation*

Eighteen fortunate Langston University students garnered the distinction this year of being named Tom Joyner Scholars. The scholars, who were awarded scholarships ranging from \$1,500 - \$2,500 as part of the Tom Joyner School of the Month fund raising initiative, were required to meet stringent requirements that included exemplary personal performance in the classroom, in the community, and on campus.

Langston University was named the TJF's *School of the Month* in July 2009. As the foundation's *School of the Month*, LU received scholarship aid resulting in several scholarships during its one-month reign.



The Tom Joyner School of the Month Campaign was designed to help HBCUs, like Langston University, raise money for student scholarships. As part of his commitment, Tom Joyner recognized Langston University throughout the month of July on his syndicated morning show, which aired on 115 radio shows across the country.

Eric Reed, Student Government President for Langston University, was among four other students who received the Tom Joyner Foundation's prestigious Hercules Scholarship; a distinction reserved for full-time male students with a minimum of 3.50 GPA, who are actively involved in student organizations, community service and student government.

All Hercules Scholarship recipients were awarded a \$2,500 cash scholarship, and had their names announced on a Tom Joyner Morning Show broadcast. For Reed, the entire experience was a bit surreal.

"I'm still kind of in shock that I was chosen to receive the Hercules Scholarship," Reed said. "It's so nice to be rewarded for my hard work, and to have my achievements acknowledged before millions of listeners was definitely a moment that I'll never forget."

Hoping to raise more than \$300,000 in scholarship dollars, the foundation will be awarding 18 scholarships in all, including five - single parent scholarships in the amount of \$1,500; four - TJF Scholars scholarships for \$1,500; five -Hercules scholarships for \$2,500, and four- Budweiser scholarships for \$2,500.

Grateful for the opportunity to partner with the TJF, Roderick Smothers, vice president of Institutional Advancement & Development for Langston University, says that it is organizations like the Tom Joyner Foundation that have become the lifeline for Historically Black Colleges and Universities throughout the country.

"It is a privilege for Langston University to be partnering with the Tom Joyner Foundation to raise funding for college scholarships," Smothers said. "Through the generosity of this foundation, our school is able to sustain our commitment to greatness for our students that began more than a century ago, and having this type of undergirding enables us to better equip the leaders of tomorrow."

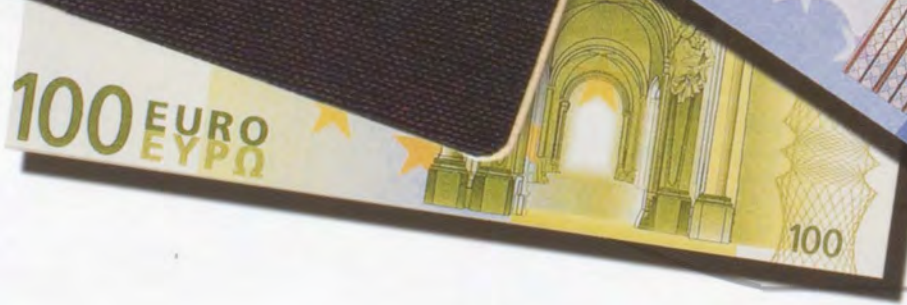
The Tom Joyner Foundation started in 1998 for the purpose of supporting African American students in need at Historically Black Colleges and Universities with scholarship assistance. To date, the foundation has successfully raised and given away more than \$50 million, supported over 100 colleges, and assisted thousands of students.

This was Langston University's second time being name the TJF School of the Month.

The Tom Joyner Scholars for the 2009-2010 school year are: Tiffany Miles, Shanae Stallworth, Sharhonda Pickett, Takeena Cochran, Micah Byrne, Eric Reed, Eric Harris, Rhema Leverett, Masoomah Mohammadi, Javon Brame, Sean Price, Melinda Allen, Courtney Clark, Angela Glander, Sara Babakhani, Victoria Young, Andrea Randle, Phoebe Lewis, Aleshia Richardson, LaToya Smith, and Tamara Smith.

Featured below are three of the Tom Joyner Scholars: Eric Harris, Courtney Clark, and Javon Brame.







Her Passport To The World

When Carolyn Ashley Jones heard LU's popular marketing mantra: Your Passport to the World, she, like many other students, thought the phrase would be more applicable after graduation.

However, the teacher education junior discovered quite the contrary. The Board of Regents for the Oklahoma State University and A&M Colleges named Jones a Brad Henry International Scholar for the 2009-2010 academic year. The distinction came with the opportunity to study abroad for 3 ½ months at Swansea University in Wales, United Kingdom. "Initially, I was both nervous and anxious about traveling to a foreign country all by myself, but with the support and encouragement from my family, friends, and LU mentors, I finally departed- looking forward to a new and unknown educational journey," Jones said.

Set in rolling parkland overlooking the majestic sweep of Swansea Bay, Swansea University is less than three hours by train from London. The new location, along with some cultural differences such as tea instead of coffee, driving on the left side of the road instead of the right, and using public transportation instead of personal transportation, all made for an unforgettable experience for Jones, a Peoria, Ariz. native.

Now back at LU, Carolyn recalls that another one of her most memorable experiences includes living in a house with ten individuals from various parts of the world such as India, Ireland, England, and Sudan. She enjoyed learning about their unique and diverse cultures, and had the chance to sample authentic cuisines prepared by students from Australia, Austria, Nigeria, Sweden, Thailand, Germany, and Canada.

"Swansea renewed in me a sense of determination and will to succeed as an individual," Jones said. "I learned so many life lessons, and I have grown academically and personally."

Traveling to some of the oldest and most popular cities in France, Belgium, Holland, Italy and England left an indelible impression on Jones. Those trips included visiting the historic Stonehenge; navigating through an old 400-foot-underground, non-functioning coal mine in Wales; and touring castles and other buildings that were built in the 12th and 13th centuries.

"I am so thankful and feel indebted to Governor Brad Henry, the OSU and A&M Colleges Board of Regents, President Haysbert, and several others in the LU family," she continued. "This opportunity turned one of my many dreams into a reality, and has truly been my passport to the world."





URBAN CAMPUS LIFE

LU-OKC & TULSA CAMPUSES

GRADUATING SENIORS



Kimberly Cardwell



Zelma Craig



Jacqueline Fipps



Donna Gibson



Reginald Harding



Jacqueline James



Xavier Jones



Grace Jordan



Tenesha Mullins



Emma Pena-Crook



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Edmund Scott



Gerald Skinner



Bonesha Tiger-Bruner

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Kenyotta Cross



Carole Hardeman



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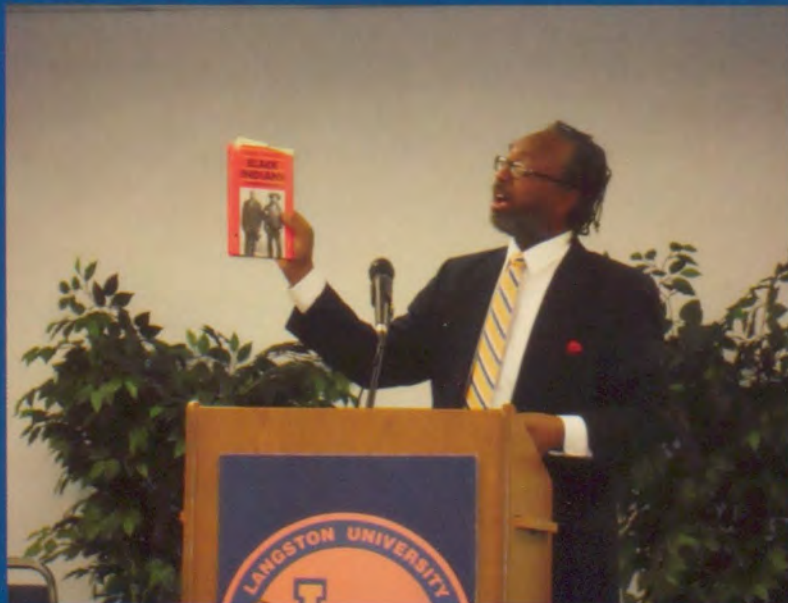
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WOMENS FORUM



LU-TULSA JOINS

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARADE



LU-TULSA HOSTS

ORGANIZATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELING ASSOCIATION
MEET & GREET



LU-OKC CELEBRATES CHI SIGMA IOTA INDUCTION

The LU-OKC campus held a pinning ceremony for this year's inductees into the national honor society, Chi Sigma Iota.

"We are very proud of our newest members of this prestigious society," Blayne Hinds, associate vice president for the LU-OKC campus, said. "Their hard work and diligence has paid off tremendously, and brings honor to both the inductees and Langston University."

Inductees received pins, certificates, and several words of encouragement from various faculty and staff members at the Oklahoma City campus.

"We love to see our students succeed," Gertrude Harris, LU-OKC special assistant, said. "They stay focused all year long and this is the time when they can exhale and enjoy the fruits of their labor."

According to their web site, Chi Sigma Iota

is dedicated to promoting excellence in the profession of counseling. Because common usage of the term "counselor" can be misleading, professional counselors are distinguished by their preparation at the graduate level in pursuit of both Masters and doctoral degrees. One's highest or terminal degree in counselor education is considered evidence of desire to identify with the profession and through membership to support the mission of the Society.

For purposes of clarity among helping professionals who use counseling as a method or its techniques, the graduate education of members of the profession of counseling are defined by the national standards of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Individuals whose programs of study in counselor education were accredited by the Council of Rehabilitation Education (CORE) also are eligible for membership.



LU-OKC HOSTS

ANNUAL FAMILY JUBILEE





LU-OKC

AWARDED HALF MILLION DOLLARS TO ASSIST GRADUATE STUDENTS

The U.S. Department of Education awarded Langston University a grant totaling a half million dollars to assist graduate students in the university's Department of Rehabilitation Counseling and Disability Studies.

The \$500,000, which was awarded through the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) of the U.S. Department of Education, will be dispersed over the next five years and will be used to assist RSA Scholars as they pursue their graduate studies at the university's Oklahoma City campus.

The grant, known formally as the Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment (VEWA) grant, served as a financial support system for students selected under LU's graduate Department of Rehabilitation Counseling and Disability Studies traineeship program.

With 75 percent of LU's VEWA grant being earmarked for paying tuition, fees and monthly living expense stipends (approximately \$450 per month), Dr. Corey L. Moore, department chair and RSA program director says that the motivating factor behind this grant is to provide students with the resources needed to make starting

and completing their graduate studies an attainable goal. "I was pleased to learn that we had been awarded this grant because I knew that deserving students would now have the resources necessary to focus -wholeheartedly on their graduate studies," Dr. Moore said. "It has always been my desire to see more students chose careers as rehabilitation counselors, vocational evaluators and work adjustment specialists, and now we possess the element that has kept that from happening for so long - adequate financial support."

Program participants (RSA trainees) are given the most updated professional development training and certification to become Rehabilitation Counselors. Candidates who are selected for and accept LU's RSA traineeships are required to obtain and maintain employment as a rehabilitation professional with a State/ Federal rehabilitation entity for two years for every year that he/she studied under the program.

LU's VEWA project began August 1, 2009.





LU DUBBED

"MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL"

G.I. Jobs magazine named Langston University a "Military Friendly School" for 2010. The list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools that make great strides to embrace America's veterans as students.

The list is compiled through exhaustive research, during which *G.I. Jobs* polls more than 7,000 schools nationwide. Methodology, criteria and weighting for the list are developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Committee (AAC) consisting of educators and administrators from Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Toledo, Duquesne University, Coastline Community College and Lincoln Technical Institute.

Schools on the list range from state universities and private colleges to community colleges and trade schools. According to Rich McCormack, *G.I. Jobs* publisher, the common bond of all the schools chosen for their list is their shared priority of recruiting students with military experience.

"We are proud to say that veterans have always made up a big percentage of our non-traditional student population at LU," Dr. Angelia Jones, vice president for Student Affairs, said. "Being recognized for our ability to embrace our nation's bravest population is an honor that we take great pride in."

Criteria for making the "Military Friendly Schools" list include efforts to recruit and retain military and veteran students, results in recruiting military and veteran students, and academic accreditations.

A full story and detailed list of "Military Friendly Schools" was highlighted in the annual "Guide to Military Friendly Schools" and on a poster, both of which are distributed to hundreds of thousands of active and former military personnel in September.

G.I. Jobs is published by Victory Media, a veteran-owned business headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pa. The company also publishes *The Guide to Military Friendly Schools*, *Military Spouse* and *Vetpreneur* magazines and annually rates the nation's "Military Friendly Employers," "Military Spouse Friendly Employers," and "Best Corporations for Veteran-Owned Businesses."





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LU-TULSA CAMPUS

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LU-OKC CAMPUS

ANEDIRA HAYNES

Langston University

TRADITION

Tradition is a word often echoed through the hallways of Langston University. Lion pride and school spirit are the backbone of this great institution, which have instilled a sense of loyalty and camaraderie in the hearts of all Langstonites. Tradition is defined as the transmission of knowledge, beliefs, and customs through successive generations without written instruction. No one has to instruct LU students to have pride in and rally to Langston. For decades, Dear Langston has led by example and as *we strive on with courage to move from excellence to greatness*, our traditions

remind us to

Keep Raising The Bar!

1. Singing of alma mater after football games.
2. Orange & Blue Spirit Day- every Friday students and faculty wear school paraphernalia.
3. Homecoming traditions- parade, tailgating, battle of the bands, step show, and bonfire etc.
4. School chants- "We are the lions, don't take no mess, get mad in a minute, jump in your chest."

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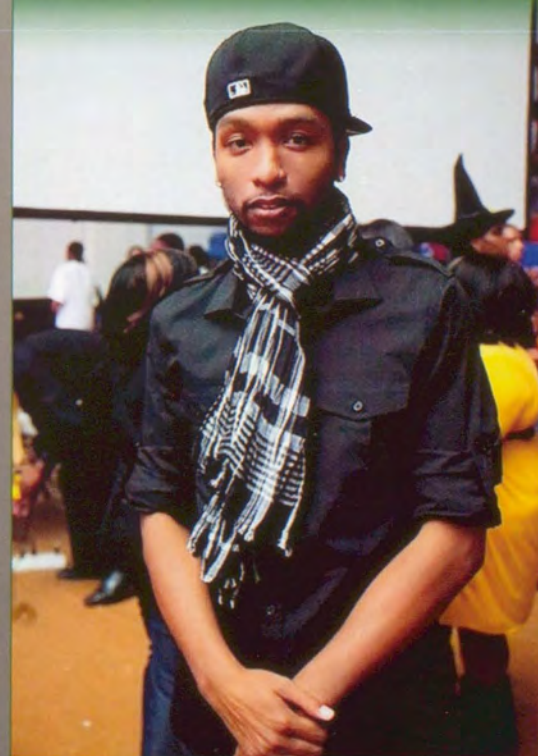
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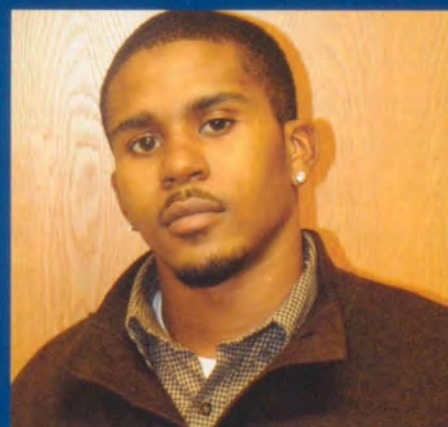
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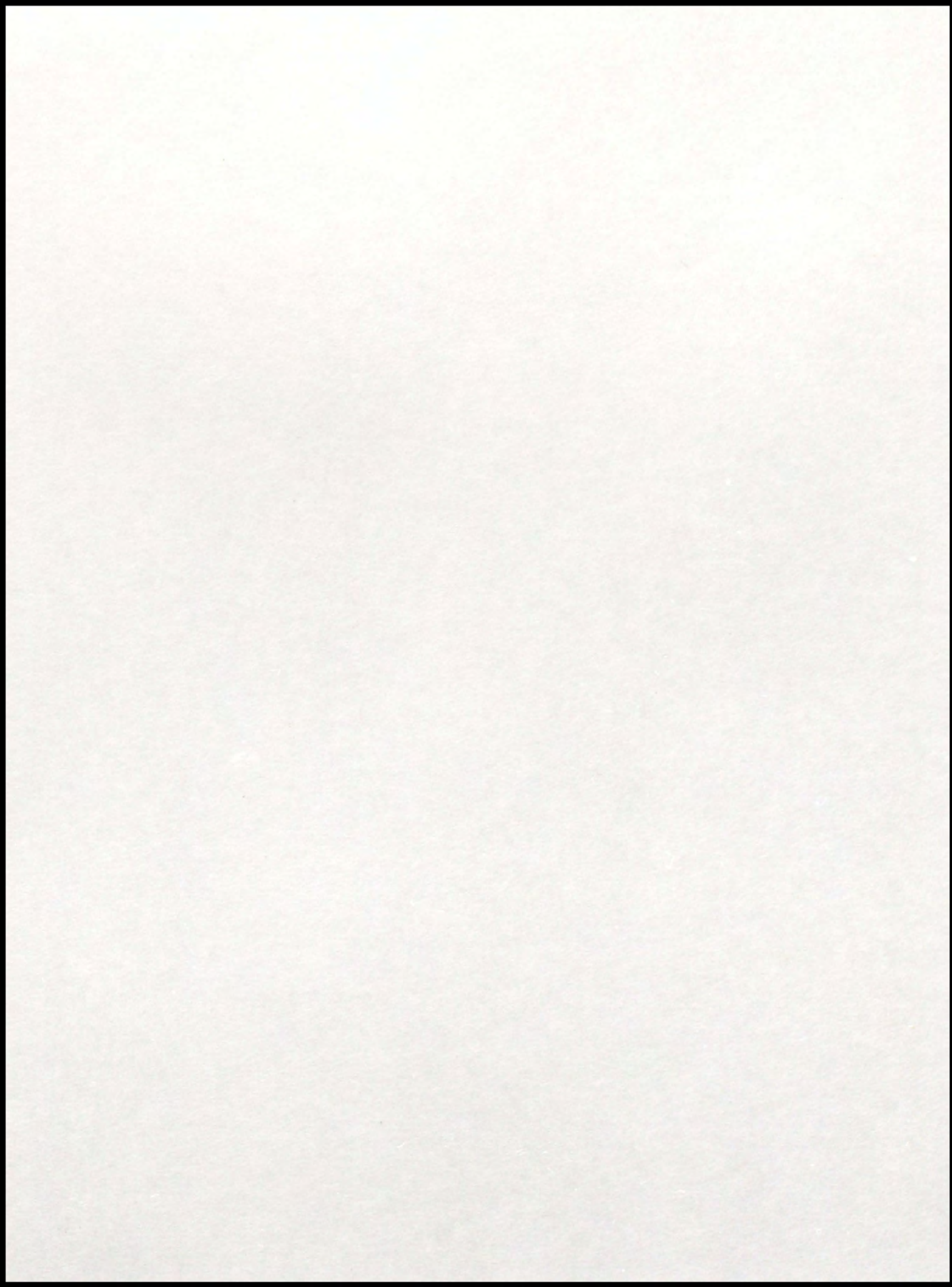
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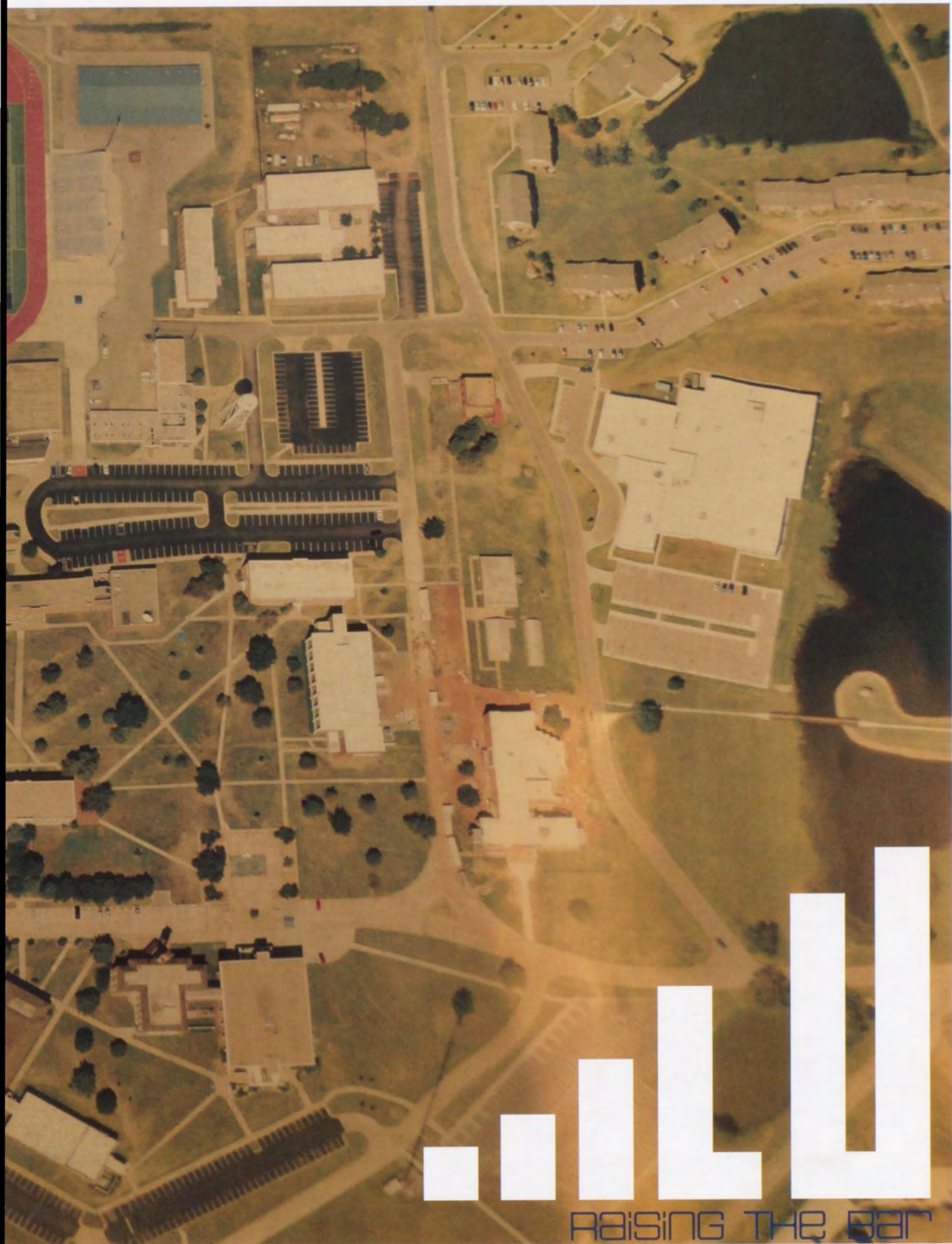
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