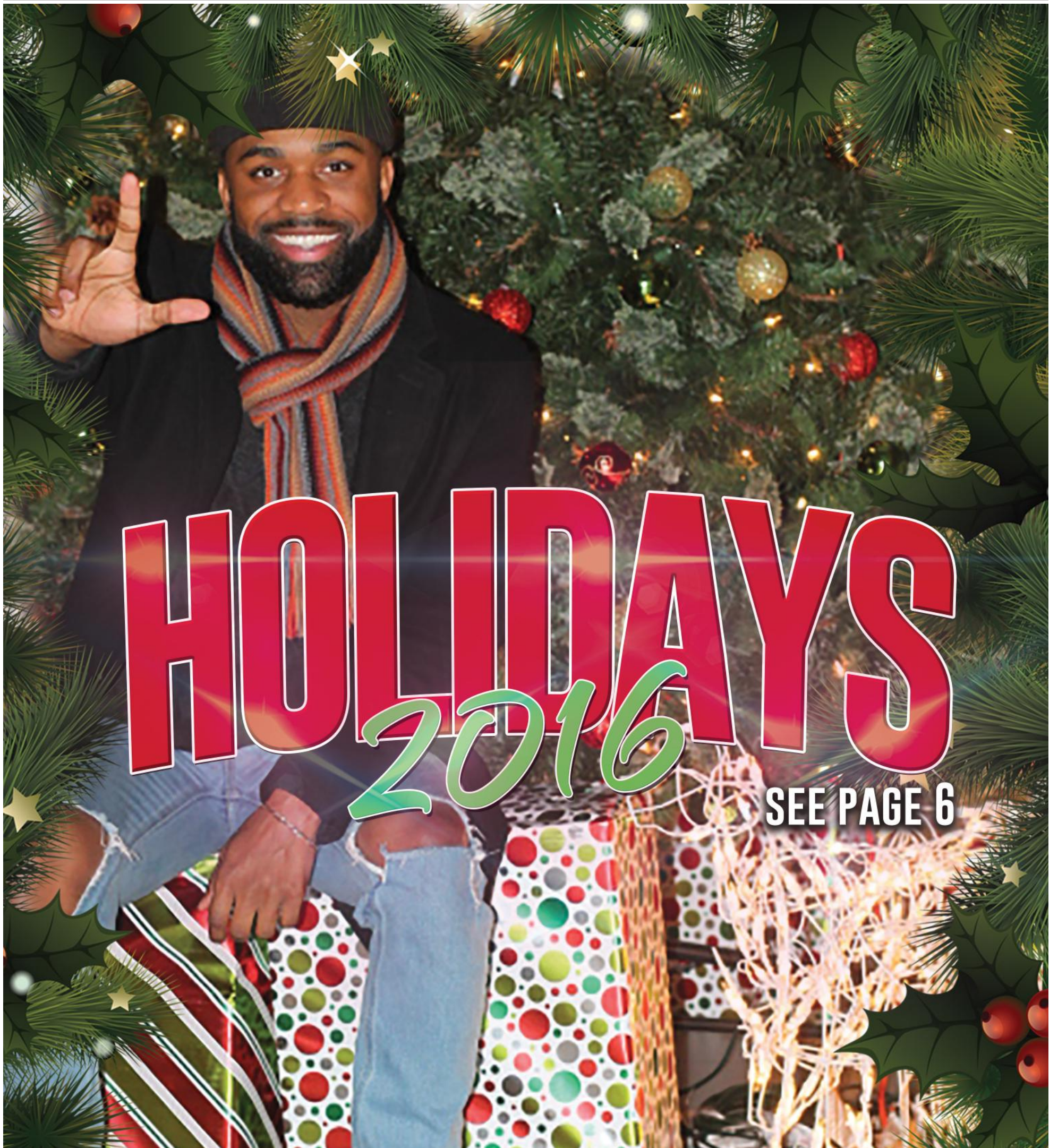


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Fall 2016**

<u>ALL CLASSES STARTING ON</u>	<u>AT THIS TIME</u>	<u>TEST DATE</u>	<u>TEST DAY & TIME</u>
Monday	8 a.m.	Dec. 9, 2016	Friday, 8-10 a.m.
	9 a.m.	Dec. 8, 2016	Thursday, 10 a.m.-Noon
	10 a.m.	Dec. 9, 2016	Friday, 1-3 p.m.
	11 a.m.	Dec. 6, 2016	Tuesday, 1-3 p.m.
	Noon	Dec. 6, 2016	Tuesday, 8-10 a.m.
	1 p.m.	Dec. 7, 2016	Wednesday, 3-5 p.m.
	2 p.m.	Dec. 8, 2016	Thursday, 3-5 p.m.
	3 p.m.	Dec. 7, 2016	Wednesday, 8-10 a.m.
Tuesday	4 p.m.	Dec. 7, 2016	Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.
	8 a.m.	Dec. 9, 2016	Friday, 3-5 p.m.
	9:30 a.m.	Dec. 8, 2016	Thursday, 1-3 p.m.
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ALL Final Examinations for Evening Classes (*beginning at 5 p.m.*), Weekend Classes and other classes not on this schedule will be held at the LAST REGULAR CLASS MEETING.

Final Examination Schedule for all Multi-Section Mathematics Courses on Monday, Dec. 5, 2016

8-10 a.m.	TRIGONOMETRY, ELEMENTARY STATISTICS AND FINITE MATHEMATICS
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA
1-3 p.m.	COLLEGE ALGEBRA
3:30-5:30 p.m.	INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA

Toastmasters to become organization on campus

By **Tori Harris**
Contributing Writer

Do you wish to improve your communication, public speaking and leadership skills? Then Toastmasters International is the organization for you, and it is coming to the Langston University campus.

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization, the world leader in communication and leadership development, according to the Toastmasters website. The organization provides a supportive and positive learning experience for members to develop communication and leadership skills.

"Toastmaster's will officially be chartered (at Langston University) once we have 20 paid members," said KALU general manager and communication instructor Kimberlee Vick.

"According to Toastmaster's International, in order to charter a new organization, it must have 20 paid members that are 18 years of age or older; currently we have 14 paid members," she said.

In order to become a member of Langston University's "Roaring Legacy Toastmasters," one must be interested in enhancing communication, public speaking and leadership skills, attend the next meeting and pay membership dues.

Vick, an active member of Toastmasters International, has been a member for about a year. Vick, as well as others, including Keith Trolinger, James Wall Mr. and Mrs. Meeks, have been instrumental in jump-starting "Roaring Legacy Toastmasters" at LU.

The next meeting starts at 4 p.m., Jan. 24, 2017, in Sanford Hall, Room 311W, and membership dues are \$65. The membership dues include membership booklets

and training instructions.

"I am excited and optimistic that this organization will assist Langston University for generations to come. I invite all interested individuals to visit us," Vick said.

According to the Toastmasters website, the education program is an important part of every Toastmaster's journey and is a critical aspect of every club meeting around the world. The Toastmasters Education Program is based on a proven curriculum that enables people to develop their communication and leadership skills, one step at a time.

The program is built on four guiding principles that have been in place since Toastmasters was founded in 1924:

- **Experiential Learning** — we learn by doing; by giving speeches and fulfilling leadership roles, we practice and improve.
- **Self-paced Program** — we learn best at our own pace and comfort level.
- **Peer Feedback** — through honest and supportive peer evaluation, we grow and improve.
- **Mentoring** — experienced members encourage, guide and support us in our goals and help us to achieve more than we thought possible.

According to the website, the program is comprised of two tracks: communication and leadership. The two tracks are not mutually exclusive; people may participate in both at the same time, if they wish.

Then, members progress through each track by completing a series of manuals that contain projects and evaluation guides. Also, according to the website, there are many opportunities for awards and recognition along the way.

LU students attend conference in Tulsa

By **Kimberly Thompson**
Reporter

Biology majors represented LU science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) departments at the 19th annual Women in Science Conference.

The conference was held Oct. 11, at the Mabree Center in Tulsa. The goal of the Women in Science Conference is to show students in grades sixth through 12th grade that careers in STEM are exciting, attainable and rewarding. More than 1,000 teachers and students from 80 schools across Oklahoma attended the event last year.

This year, Langston University was able to lend a helping hand in showing young ladies that there are multiple STEM-related courses that are available to them, and LU students got to enlighten young minds about the courses the university offers.

At the event, LU students were able to have breakout sessions that engaged the younger students in fun, interactive science and engineering challenges designed to promote teamwork, critical thinking skills and self-confidence. Breakout sessions this year were presented by Girl Scouts Western Oklahoma and The University of Tulsa's School of Urban Education.

"This event allowed Langston the opportunity to showcase LU's STEM departments and to ensure that LU was represented at the career fair so that prospective students would learn about our STEM programs," said Dr. Gnanambal Naidoo, associate professor of biology.

The event also gave the middle-school and high-school students numerous hands-on science activities that helped them discover pathways to STEM careers and gave them opportunities to interact with college and university representatives from dozens of Oklahoma institutions.

LU students were able to represent not only their STEM departments, but they also were able to encourage young ladies to continue working in STEM departments.

"I have always been a huge advocate for community service and trying to get people out and learn new things," said Halina Garraway, senior mathematics major. "I think the thing I took back from it the most was that I was able to play a part in young girls wanting to be involved in STEM fields and to actually see that it can be fun, interesting... and, yeah, it's challenging, but you can make the best of it."

Alpha Phi Alpha prepares for 2017 Miss Black & Gold Pageant

By **Danielle Watson**
Contributing Writer

The 2017 Miss Black & Gold Scholarship Pageant, under the leadership of the Beta Kappa chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., is underway with the theme of "A Golden Night in Harlem."

The pageant will take place in the I.W. Young Auditorium on Feb. 2, at 7:06 p.m. There will be a modern spin on the pageant theme this year that will be exhibited throughout the show by us-

ing music from today's generation. However, it will still reflect the Harlem vibe from the '20s.

Ten contestants are in the running for the crown this year.

"I want this pageant to help me grow as a woman and gain more confidence," said contestant Keshiel Hudson, sophomore broadcast journalism major. "It's not about being the best; it's about being better than you were yesterday."

Each contestant will show-

case her talent and beauty through a series of categories. The contestants will answer questions about current events and political issues.

Being judged per tier and on the basis of scholarship and scholastic ability, a winner will be crowned and will move on to the district level of the competition.

"I am truly excited to see how the pageant unfolds," said Miss Black & Gold 2016-2017 Kyara Little, junior accounting major. Little also offered some advice to this

year's contestants.

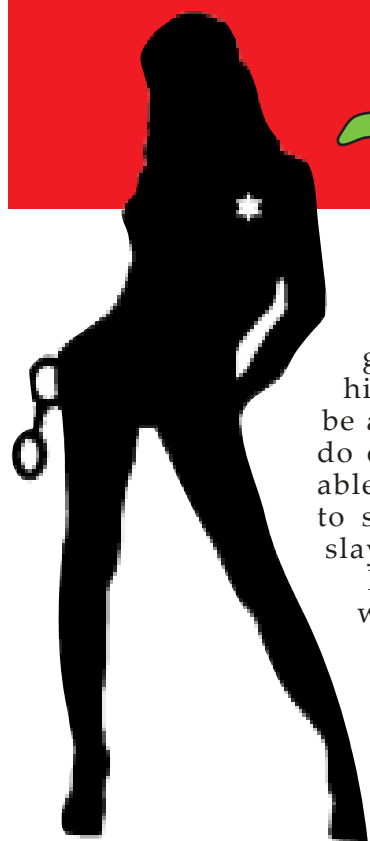
"The crown is heavy, but you are more than capable," Little said.

The Beta Kappa Black & Gold Scholarship Pageant is a nationally recognized event that takes place in the spring semester of each academic year and provides the participants with an opportunity to showcase their talents and be honored for their high scholastic abilities, hard work and commitment to service on their campus and at-large, according to the Al-

pha Phi Alpha website.

Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Paul Pugh, senior broadcast journalism major, said Miss Black & Gold is an outgrowth of the long tradition of Alpha chapters designating outstanding young ladies to serve as "Chapter Sweethearts."

The fraternity recognizes the valuable support rendered to it by the many friends of Alpha Phi Alpha, and this endeavor serves as one mechanism to applaud such support," Pugh said.



LU Fashion Police

It is officially winter in the town of Langston. Although there may not be snow on the ground, the wind is definitely high on top of the hill. There may be a police scan for fashion, but we do care about you staying comfortable and warm. Here are a few tips to stay warm and ensure you still slay during this windy winter.

For my ladies, accessorizing with a nice hat and/ or scarf, gloves and a stylish coat will add warmth and flare to your outfit of the day. Also, leg warmers or long, stylish socks will keep your legs warm and chic.

As for the gentlemen, long-sleeved tops or a button-

down with long sleeves are "in" right now. And you can add it with a nice pair of dark or black denim jeans, maybe even khakis, and a nice pair of Timberland boots to keep you looking sleek and warm at the same time.

Another idea for the guys who like to stay suited and booted during the cold weather, look into men's ankle boots. Never know what you'll like if you don't take a risk with fashion.

Now that Thanksgiving is behind us, Christmas will be here before we know it. I mean, we only have ONE week left of this semester! Black Friday sales may be over in the stores, but cyber shopping is the next best thing. Check out specific sites, such

as fashionnova.com, jackthreads.com and more. You never know what great holiday sales will be going on when you're looking for that warm gift to give to someone special.



This photo is from the YouTube blog, "FashionByAlly." Check it out for some great style tips.

LU student models in 'curvy' fashion show

By Brittni Logan
Contributing Writer

During the weekend of Thanksgiving break for Langston University students, I had the opportunity to attend "A Curvy Affair" Fashion Show at Studio XII in Oklahoma City on Nov. 19.

The affair consisted of a fashion show and an after-party, which was organized by the CEO of Pretty Plus Modeling, 19-year-old NaKayla Derritt.

"A Curvy Affair" is one of the many fashion shows held to showcase clothing made specifically for plus-sized women. Derritt was inspired to begin this modeling agency to create an opportunity for curvy women.

"Being a plus-size model myself, I know the struggles that come with it," Derritt said. "Pretty Plus Modeling Agency LLC was made to let you know that it is okay to feel comfortable in the skin you're in."

Before the fashion show began, there were vendors set up along the walls of the studio, such as RaginGlam Fashion, Ms. G's Traveling Boutique, Elegance by De-

sign and Kita's Desserts, as well as several others.

This fashion show catered to women who have more curves than most, and Bri'an Grant, sophomore psychology major, slayed to perfection as one of many of the Pretty Plus Models.

"I was very giddy, excited and still in shock that I had received the opportunity to be a model to build this platform, and now I'm strutting the runway," Grant said. "It's the most amazing feeling in the world to feel beautiful and to help someone else feel beautiful, too."

Pretty Plus Modeling Agency LLC has a motto to that states, "GET UP! GET HEALTHY! GET FIT!" With this motto, the agency tends to help build confidence in every model that hits the runway. Once the show began, the models showcased grace, elegance and sass in every collection presented.

"My favorite clothing collection would definitely have to be 'Volume,'" Grant said. "They had this black jumpsuit that I thought was incredibly beautiful and [I] couldn't stay away from."



Photos by Brittni Logan

Top: Bri'an Grant, sophomore psychology major, strikes a pose as she models in "A Curvy Affair" Fashion Show on Nov. 19, at Studio XII in Oklahoma City.

Left: Shateria Tindall (left) and Bri'an Grant pose for a photo shoot before they walk the runway and model for "A Curvy Affair Fashion Show." The fashion show was sponsored by Pretty Plus Modeling, whose CEO is a 19-year-old young lady, NaKayla Derritt.



Campus organizations spread holiday cheer

By Michael Watts
Reporter

With the Thanksgiving behind us and Christmas just around the corner, organizations across Langston University are finding ways to spread holiday cheer.

One organization donated food and handed out coats for the winter season to those in need.

"The Women of Purpose is spreading holiday cheer by donating canned food goods to the Guthrie Food Bank," said Doristina Monciffe, founder of Women of Purpose.

"We are also collecting winter clothes for the upcoming season," Monciffe added. "For the students on campus, we are making final exam

packages so that students can pass their finals. Also, we recently fed Thanksgiving dinners to the elderly."

Another organization decided to cook up some holiday cheer by hosting a potluck dinner.

"The purpose of the potluck dinner was to be used as a last formal meeting for Warriors for Christ to bring people together since this week is dead week and final exams are coming up next week," said Jamie Jenkins, sophomore business management major and member of Warriors for Christ. "We thought it would be a great way to close out the semester with food."

A dance team on campus decided to shake it up and get its groove on with a classic winter holiday jam.

"The dancing dolls are doing a 'Twelve Days of Christmas' dance performance," said Shaunsa Strand, graduating senior business major and member of the dance squad. "The performance is supposed to be a secret, and it starts on Dec. 13," she added.

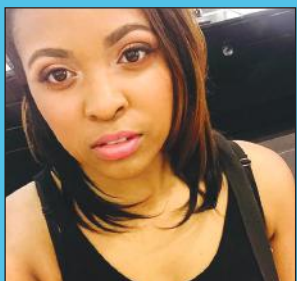


Courtesy Photo

The ladies of Women of Purpose visit the Senior Community Center in Oklahoma City and help serve a Thanksgiving meal to the residents. The ladies visited the center Nov. 19, during Thanksgiving break. They also helped sack Thanksgiving meals to take to families in need.



Campus Question



De'Ja Hurte,
Junior
English Major

"Happiness because I'm not seeking anything material this year. [I] just want to be around family and friends that make me happy."



DeAngelo Young,
Junior
Computer Science Major

"I want good grades for Christmas so I can keep my McCabe scholarship."



Raymond Cannon,
Freshman
Criminal Justice Major

"Getting my license is on my Christmas wish list so I can stop asking my friends for rides and having to give gas money."



Erin Richardson,
Sophomore
Chemistry Major

"I want more scholarships because I work extremely hard to have a 4.0."

Moffett leaves legacy on LU students

By Maya Jackson
Reporter

It is not unusual for Langston to see a beloved faculty member depart. In recent discovery, Dr. Raphael Moffett, vice president of student affairs, announced that he will be continuing his journey in higher education as the vice president of student affairs at Texas Southern University, an HBCU in Houston.

Moffett has been a member of the Langston family for four and a half years, just around the time President Kent J. Smith Jr. was inaugurated. In his short time, he has donated plenty of patience, time and heart into the institution that will forever be implanted in its spirit.

"It's been an exhilarating ride. A lot of great work has been done across the institution," Moffett said. "I think we brought a lot of infrastructure to the vision, a good budgeting model, and Homecoming has gotten some good visibility."

According to Reggie Culpepper on HBCU Connect, Moffett's research primarily focuses on factors that impact African-American student retention in higher education. He focuses on the educational experiences of African-American men and raises awareness about the importance, relevance and

legacy of HBCUs and access to higher education for underrepresented communities.

His journey in higher education has taken him amidst a variety of institutions, including Clark Atlanta University, Spelman College and Morehouse College.

As the first institution that he was able to serve as vice president, he looks forward to opening the new door in his career, but in leaving, he won't forget the profound effect Langston has had on him.

"This is the first opportunity for me to work the job I wanted to do. LU gave me the opportunity to do that and to learn and grow with the institution and offer some of my expertise that I've picked up over the years," Moffett said. "I'll miss the students. I'm a student-centered administrator, so I'm going to miss the students and a lot of my colleagues. We spend more time at work than we do with our family, so some of the good and tight relationships."

Senior English education major Eugene Buckman Jr. has cherished the personal bond that he and Moffett have shared over the years. They were first introduced after Buckman won the title of Mr. Orange and Blue.

"There's this thing called

the game, and it's one thing Moffett taught me at an early age, the game. It's how to carry yourself on campus," Buckman said. "Coming on an HBCU campus and seeing Dr. Moffett, it was like, 'dang,' that moment made it clear to me – we are strong black men. He gave me different ties and shirts, which was basically the start of my business attire collection freshman year; [he] taught me how to code switch, be yourself and blaze your own trail. He helped me figure out my individual path."

Moffett has been a stake in the ambassador organization as well, heading the newly pinned classes in leadership training. Students would learn about the SSeven C's, mentorship and how to serve in a way that not only helps them become better leaders, but helps them guide others in being better as well.

"Dr. Moffett is literally my pops. He's personally seen and contributed to my personal and spiritual growth as well as my leadership development," senior mathematics and electronics technology dual major Halina Garraway said. "He's always been an advocate for education and has helped me a lot in preparing me for life after Langston."

Buckman referred to a conversation he had with Mof-



Moffett

fett that had a motivational effect on him.

"We were talking about the super bowl and he said, 'How did the Broncos win the super bowl with first downs? Payton Manning just throwing first downs, so doing nothing big, but doing what you're supposed to do,' Buckman said.

"When I got the title of Mr. Langston, [Dr. Moffett] said that's what you want to do, you want to get a couple first downs, make your points, make your cues, have your impact and leave your legacy based on that. Do the

little things – that's going to make the biggest impact," Buckman said. "He's like the older brother on campus that wants to see everybody be successful."

Moffett charges students to maximize their full potentials. He wants us to understand that graduation is not a finish line; it's a spring board on to greater things.

"Maximize your potential and test it," Moffett said. "Get into Langston, get through Langston, and get into whatever this big, big, old world has for you beyond Langston University and Oklahoma."

Financial aid counselor finds passion in guiding students

By Jasmine Franklin
Contributing Writer

"I feel education is the best way," said Sue Hart, a financial aid counselor at Langston University.

Working for LU for the past 12 years, Sue Hart has helped students review and accept awards year after year.

Hart graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in medical sciences, but working in education has been her calling.

"Education is important — that's why I wanted to stay in the educational field," Hart said.

The Office of Financial Aid can be found in the Student Success Center on campus. There are financial aid counselors for students to go to

"[The financial aid office] could use more people like Miss Hart, [someone] who goes out of her way to make sure that I am well taken care of and has patience with me."

— Walter Harris,
junior broadcast journalism major

for financial guidance and advice.

"I wasn't even aware we had financial aid counselors, and I personally think that it is beneficial to have while in college," said Anastasia Winstead, senior psychology major.

If awarded, 90 percent of students

use financial aid, according to the Big Future website.

"Most students need financial aid, and you get to know them during the guidance process," Hart said.

The main point of financial aid is to make sure the student is financially stable until he or she receives

a diploma, according to the LU website.

"[The financial aid office] could use more people like Miss Hart, [someone] who goes out of her way to make sure that I am well taken care of and has patience with me," said Walter Harris, junior broadcast journalism major.

Hart suggests that one of the most important parts of guiding students is to point them in a direction that best fits their needs.

"The purpose is to assist them, not tell them what to do, but to suggest options," Hart said.

Students can get financial aid guidance any time during the school year. The Office of Financial Aid is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Harvard graduate launches small-business video website

Special from PR Newswire

BusinessTown, a website featuring more than 700 free how-to videos designed to help people start and run a business, launched in December.

The videos cover every aspect of business from "7 Keys To Starting a Successful Business" and "The Best and Worst Businesses You Can Start" to "How To Ask Friends and Family to Finance Your Business" and "Cheap Marketing Tricks that Work."

"BusinessTown is like the Netflix of business," said founder Bob Adams. "We offer an extensive library of business videos that takes viewers through every aspect of building a successful business. We kept the videos short, usually three to four minutes, offering how-to advice that business founders can put to use today. I know all too well that entrepreneurs are busy as

can be and want to very quickly find new ideas that they can immediately adapt for their businesses."

While much of the content was based on Adams' myriad business experiences, 45 other business experts also offer their advice on topics, such as "Turning Your Idea Into a Business," "How to Gain Market Share With Limited Resources," "Master Email Marketing Metrics" and "4 Alternatives to Traditional Financing."

There's also the "BusinessTown Today" show, featuring business owners sharing their trials and tribulations, along with Q&As, a short advice segment called "Steps to Business Greatness," "Offbeat Business News" and "Rant & Rave."

Adams thinks that "anyone can succeed in business." In the video "5 Myths About Starting Your Own Business," Adams claims that you don't need a lot of

money, a lot of time, a lot of experience or even a great idea to build a thriving enterprise.

However, Adams acknowledges that there is no guarantee of success in business. He claims obvious ingredients for success, such as having lots of money, are overrated. Instead, he emphasizes the importance of such factors as choosing a likely-to-succeed business idea, having a truly differentiated strategy, having a great business plan and having a nimble and clever approach to marketing.

Adams is a serial entrepreneur who turned a \$1,500 investment into Adams Media Corp., one of the largest independent book publishers in the U.S., before selling it to F+W for \$40 million.

Adams has written numerous business books and holds a master's of business administration from Harvard.

Family reopens historic theater, shows classic Christmas movies

Special from Centre Theatre

When Shawn and Kristen Grandi thought about expanding their business, they always thought the next natural step would be opening a store.

The Grandi's own Junk Hippy, Oklahoma's original vintage shopping event and mecca for DIY and antique lovers since 2012, also named one of *Country Living* magazine's top seven flea markets. They never would have dreamed that they would be led to open their own theater.

In October 2016, Shawn and Kristen leased the historic, art-deco style Centre Theatre in downtown El Reno.

With their daughters' and family's help, they are transforming the recently renovated theater into the destination it deserves to be. The Centre will host live music, comedy, classic films and live performances. The theater is also available for rental for private events, such as weddings, parties, conferences and company events.

The Centre will host classic Christmas

films throughout December. "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," "Elf" and "It's a Wonderful Life," respectively, will play each weekend in December leading up to Christmas.

Parking is free and admission is only \$5 and includes hot chocolate. Concessions will be available as well. The Centre is located at 110 S. Bickford, Downtown El Reno, Oklahoma.

Please book large groups in advance. Follow the theater on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for more details.

Showtimes:

• Friday, Dec. 2
"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"
7 p.m. & 9:15 p.m.

• Saturday, Dec. 10
"Elf"
11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

• Friday, Dec. 16
"It's a Wonderful Life"
6:45 p.m. & 9:20 p.m.

Investigation of LU's Early Childhood Lab proves to be inaccurate



Special from LU Office of Public Relations

You may be aware of an investigation into the operations of the Langston University Early Childhood Laboratory.

Langston University received a report from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services summarizing its recent investigation into allegations at the Early Childhood Laboratory on the Langston campus. Of the four complaints investigated, only two were found to be substantiated, and both will be immediately addressed with additional training for center staff.

The investigation yielded no evidence that members of the staff ever struck any children or used force. The Department of Human Services recommended training to address the allegations related to behavior and guidance of staff.

A recent story in the local media portrayed the Early Childhood Laboratory unfairly, using incomplete information and misrepresenting the response from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services to develop a news story. Unfortunately, the coverage by the media was inaccurate.

The university is committed to providing high-quality childcare to the children of our students, faculty and staff. We recently hired a new director, Sonya Moore-Davis, who brings more than 25 years of experience in the field to the position. Moore-Davis began her appointment as director of the Early Childhood Laboratory on Nov. 14.

Professional development courses and additional training opportunities for staff have been scheduled to maintain the high expectations of the center.

Should you have any questions, please contact Moore-Davis via phone at 405-466-3465 or via email at sydavis@langston.edu.

Corrections from Nov. 11 issue:

On page 7, the photo of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. had a headline that stated: "DTS 'Strolls to the Polls.'" It should have stated: "DST 'Strolls to the Polls.'"

Augustine to play pro football in Germany

By Jasmine Mayes
Contributing Writer

It's not often that a football player from Langston University is granted the opportunity to showcase his talent at the next level, but for a former Langston Lion, dreams are turning into reality.

Sheldon "Ju" Augustine, a New Orleans native and a spring 2016 graduate with a bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation, has received an opportunity to play professional football in Germany.

Augustine is a graduate assistant for the Langston Lion football team, where he assisted and coached the wide-receivers, punt returners and kick returners for the past season, which ended 7-2.

As an undergraduate Augustine played wide-receiver, defensive back and kick

returner where he accomplished numerous amounts of records. During his senior year, he finished first in the nation in all-purpose yards, he was a three-time First Team All-American, four-time First Team All-Conference and he received Most Valuable Player in 2015 at the FCS Bowl held in Daytona Beach, Florida.

According to the NFL Draft Diamonds website, Augustine has a good football IQ and has great acceleration getting in and out of his routes.

Augustine signed a two-year deal with the Ingolstadt Dukes, a professional team located in Germany, where he will be playing wide-receiver and punt returner.

"It is a blessing that I get the opportunity to play professional football; it was always my goal and dream, and now it's happening,"

Augustine said.

Junior physical education major and former teammate Isaiah Shaputis described Augustine as a leader.

"During my first season on the team I was young and didn't know much," Shaputis said. [Augustine] guided me and showed me the things I needed."

Shaputis said Augustine also showed him the right way on and off the field and taught him that it's not about where you're from – it's about where you are going. He expressed that he was happy for Augustine because not many get the opportunity to go to the next level.

Augustine heads to Germany in March 2017, and his season with the Dukes starts April 2017. Augustine said he plans to sign a max deal with the NFL after his two years with the Germany team.



Augustine

Dallas Cowboys have huge winning streak this season

By Charles Harvin III
Contributing Writer

With the Dallas Cowboys in the lead to win the NFL championship, do Langston University students think the Cowboys will make it all the way, or will they be defeated by another team?

"The Dallas Cowboys will take the win this year, and, because they are America's team, it will be a huge event," said Daylon Baker, junior psychology major. "The Cowboys have been trash for so long, this will be there time to shine."

America's team has won 10 straight games this season, and fans are beyond excited. According to the ESPN website, the Cowboys have won 13 games two other times, in 1992 and in 2007. The Cowboys have won the NFL championship five times.

ESPN's NFL power ranking has placed the Dallas Cowboys as the No. 1-ranked team in the NFL right now.

"I am from Dallas, Texas, and people don't understand how big this is for us," said Kend-

ell Copeland, senior business management major. "Anything anyone does from our state puts us on the map. The Dallas Cowboys will win the championships this year, and I have been saying this for a while."

While some students are elated about the Cowboys' success this season, others are unimpressed.

"I am not a Cowboys fan; I am an Oakland Raiders fan," said Kidan Hull, junior broadcast journalism major, "and we are the second-ranked team in the NFL," she said. "I hope we make it to the championships and defeat the Cowboys."

Others, though not necessarily fans of the Cowboys, are impressed with America's team's triumph.

"It's amazing they are doing good this year because they have not been doing well in the past years," said Jordan Harvin, sophomore computer science major.

"I am not a huge fan of the team, but it is interesting to see them at the top. I also would like to see the two rookies make the championships," he added.



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Dak Prescott and teammates celebrate a touchdown during the game against the Washington Redskins on Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day.