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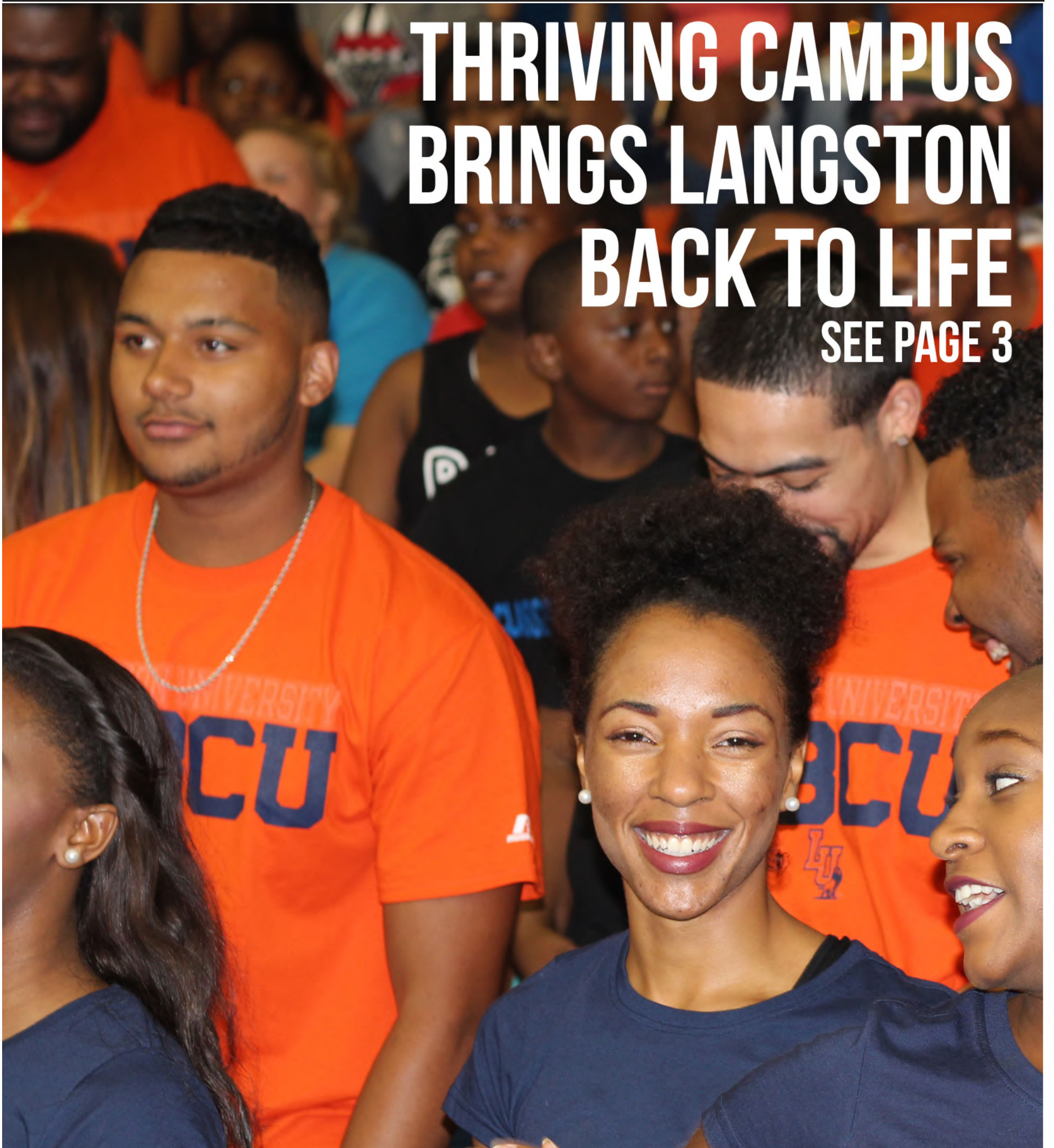
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# Has racism ended?

## Student expresses concern

Racism, specifically between African Americans and Caucasians, is an issue that has plagued the United States for several centuries.

It can be defined as the belief that one's own race is superior to, and has the right to dominate, other races.

One could compare it to a deep flesh wound, a wound that was first ripped open centuries ago, when innocent Africans of all ages were viciously seized from their homes and ultimately sold into slavery.

The wound was continually beaten, like the backs of the enslaved, until it was



Davis

stitched together in 1865, when slavery was officially abolished.

The question is: has racism ended, or has it just evolved? Has the wound healed, or

is it just an illusion? Recent events have led me to believe the latter. Racism may not be as prevalent as it once was, but prejudices and stereotypes have taken their places.

The famous deaths of Trayvon Martin and Tamir Rice, among others, serve as evidence to the fact that humans are flawed, impulsive, judgmental beings.

A broad spectrum of racial stereotypes exists, ranging from harmless, maybe even humorous, to insensitive and ignorant.

Whether or not we want to admit it, everyone has heard or believes a stereotype, no

matter how diminutive it may seem.

Every time the mind of a child of a younger generation is tainted with said stereotypes, the stitches of unity holding the flesh together are irreversibly stressed.

If we continually apply such stress to the stitches, they are going to yield, eventually resulting in further racial division.

Unfortunately, when the long awaited day of healing finally arrives, a large, permanent scar will remain.

*Sharice Y. Davis is a freshman at Langston University.*

## LU study abroad program provides spectacular educational experience

This past summer, I had the incredible experience of traveling to Barbados through the Langston University study abroad program.

The following information is a compilation of what I learned regarding the vast history of the island.

Should one travel to the island paradise of Barbados, he or she would find that beyond the white sand paired with crystal-clear water, beyond the temptation of a delicious roti or serving of flying fish and beyond the festive Caribbean culture, the geography of Barbados is just as unique and fascinating as the role this recently sovereign nation has played in the shaping of the "New World" as we know it.

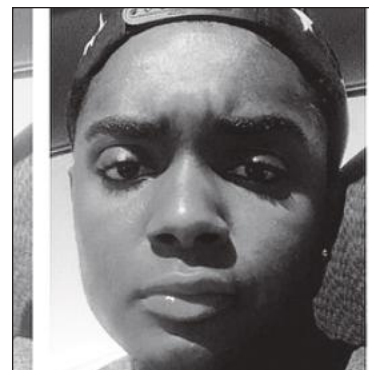
The island, whose bedrock is formed of coral limestone instead of volcanic rock as are most Caribbean islands, was formed by the collision of the South American and Caribbean tectonic plates millions of years ago. Be-

cause of this coral limestone foundation, Barbados has its own natural source of fresh water. Rain water falls and is filtered by the coral limestone for a few miles until it reaches underground caverns where the partially acidic water has dissolved the limestone over millions of years and formed interior caverns where the fresh spring water collects.

Barbados first appeared on a Spanish map in 1511 and visited by the Portuguese in 1536, but it was already inhabited by the indigenous Arawak and Carib tribes. Barbados was left unclaimed by the Portuguese until 1625, when the British rediscovered Barbados and began to colonize.

Upon colonization, the British found that Barbados was capable of producing the finest sugar cane with some stalks growing 10 feet high.

With the production of sugar cane came molasses, which was a discarded byproduct until it was dis-



Garlington

covered that the distillation produced rum. The oldest surviving deed for rum production is held by Mount Gay Rum (1703), which means that Barbados was the first to sell rum. Thus, Barbados was nicknamed the "Jewel of the British Empire."

With this discovery, hoards of slave ships docked in Barbados, unloading precious human cargo. Because Barbados is the most easterly island in the Caribbean, it was the first land upon which enslaved Africans walked after having crossed the Atlantic ocean, though

some did not walk at all. Those who did not survive the Middle Passage were discarded into the Atlantic for the sharks.

However, British slavers did not want sharks on the beautiful beaches of Barbados, so this activity would cease 10 miles before shore.

Those who were not reduced to shark food were buried on the southwestern coast in Bridgetown, the nation's capital. Currently, there are activist groups lobbying for the government's recognition and protection of this area, which is under four feet of asphalt in a parking lot.

Before arriving at any respective final destination in the New World, all slaves were vetted and "processed" through Barbados. The "good slaves" either remained there to work in the sugar cane fields, which covered more than 100 square miles of the island, or they were sent to various desti-

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# High fall enrollment causes slight growing pains for LU

By Jerrod Mitchell  
Reporter

The fall 2015 freshman class is the largest in Langston University history, with almost 700 freshmen, according to university offi-

cials.

There have been issues with classes, rooms and even housing because of the large population, leaving returning students and upper-classmen frustrated.

"I came here in 2012; I love

this school," said Shani'sha Harris, junior psychology major. "I was one of the people affected by the large freshman class, and I'm not sure if I want to return. I had a room in Scholars Inn, and I was forced to move into

Young Hall."

Certain students were moved out of Scholars Inn if they paid their deposit fee after July 17. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Raphael Moffett said there is shared blame on both the university's end and the students' side.

"The university owns the fact that there were some rooms given away that shouldn't have been," Moffett said, "but on the flip side, I think our students will put themselves in the best position to succeed as far as having a space on campus if they pay their fee by the deadline and their balance."

He said there were planned systems that were not followed. A staff member detoured from what was planned and university officials take responsibility for the mishap.

"The students could help by making sure that they

have a zero balance and that they have paid their housing deposit," Moffett said.

Other consequences of the large enrollment involved classroom scheduling conflicts and lack of classroom space.

Dr. Clarence Hedge, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, said school officials prefer smaller-sized classrooms because it enhances students' learning, and it allows instructors to be more attentive to students.

However, classroom conflicts could also be avoided if students pre-enrolled.

"If we could make sure all our students pre-enrolled, things would go smoothly," Hedge said. "Growth is wonderful, but growing pains can be actually that—pains—but we adjust and that's what we're here for. We're really proud of the work our recruiters have done," he said.

## BARBADOS

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nations on the North American and South American continents.

The "bad slaves" were sent to Jamaica to be "cultured" so they would be fit for serving a master. The effects of British colonization have no stronger lasting effects in any Caribbean island than those apparent in Barbados. This is clear in its nicknames "Little England" and "Bim." While "Little England" is self-evident, "Bimshire" was a name given to Barbados by its colonizers, where "-shire" refers to an English county.

Since Barbados' recent independence in 1966, there is still a 4 p.m. tea time, cricket is the major sport and Bajans even pledge allegiance to Queen Elizabeth.

Nonetheless, Barbados strives to prove to the world its worth and strength as an island whose 93 percent black population is largely due to its people's ancestors who were freed slaves. With an efficient government, education system and exciting Caribbean culture, as well as its unique geographic composition, Barbados is certainly capable of producing productive citizens for the global community. It's already given the world rum and Rihanna, so it can expect more great things to come.

I urge any fellow student to seize the opportunity of studying abroad. Trust me, it will provide a spectacular experience that you won't forget.

*Marcus Garlington is a junior broadcast journalism major.*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dress for Success Workshop**  
hosted by  
**Men's Warehouse**  
5 p.m.  
Thursday,  
Sept. 17  
Atrium

**"We Real Cool People"**  
**A Poetic Opera**  
by **Dr. Wright**  
7-10 p.m.  
Thursday,  
Sept. 17  
LU Opera House  
(Atrium)

**Langston University Career Fair**  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Wednesday,  
Sept. 23  
Atrium

**Maroon Café**  
hosted by  
**Women of Purpose**  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Thursday,  
Sept. 24  
SSC Alley



# Langston dominates Battle of the Bands



**Far Left:** Diondra Ross leads a section of the Langston band during its performance at the Battle of the Bands between Langston and Lincoln on Sept. 4. Though not formally announced, many students said Langston dominated the battle.

**Middle:** Lincoln University band members perform during the Battle of the Bands.

**Right:** Mark Barber Jr. leads the Langston percussion section at the battle between the LUs (Langston and Lincoln).

Photos by Kimberly McKnight

## Campus Question

What do you think of this year's Battle of the Bands between Langston University and Lincoln University?



Brian Hall—Junior Psychology Major

"It was real cool. I wish more of the student body would have supported the band, but overall, it was a good experience."



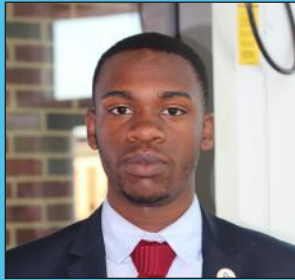
Alessandra Wheeler—Sophomore Biology Major

"As a member of SASS, it was dope. We had way more backstage footage. It was the first time we had a legitimate student section."



Breonna Johnson—Junior Broadcast Journalism Major

"We could've had more support from the student body, and it could've been a little more organized. The cost of it pulled students away from coming."



Jamorie Matthews—Junior Business Management Major

"For it to be the first time, it was great. It started the weekend off with a bang, and they should definitely have it again in the future."



# BRINGING THE T



## Latest News in Black Hollywood

By Jerrod Mitchell  
and Indy Nelson  
Reporters

Black Hollywood is thriving. Black actors, directors and writers are having massive success on the small screen.

Kerry Washington in "Scandal," Viola Davis in "How to Get Away with Murder," Terrence Howard in "Empire"—all of these shows are led by not only black actors, but by black writers Shonda Rhimes and Lee Daniels.

The Lee Daniels blockbuster show, "Empire," will return to Fox on Sept. 23. After a successful first season with skyrocketed viewings, the TV show will premiere its second season with new celebrity guest appearances.

Mariah Carey, Chris Rock, Kelly Rowland, Pitbull and most recently, veteran actress Vivica A. Fox, have been announced to star in the musical drama.

According to [variety.com](http://variety.com),

Daniels said that Fox's decision to "put black people on TV is changing the face of television."

At BlackNews.com, there are black and minority top 10 back-to-school scholarships available.

You must be a senior in high school or enrolled in college as a full-time student. The scholarships are available for the 2015-2016 academic year.

The top 10 scholarships include: Tom Joyner Foundation "Full Ride" Scholarship, Ron Brown Scholar Program, Coca-Cola Scholars Program, Apple HBCU Scholarship Program, Amazon Student Scholarship Program, Gates Millennium Scholars Program, CIA Graduate Scholars Program, Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship, United Negro College Fund Scholarships and Buick Achievers Scholarship Program.



## LU Fashion Police



The more people who come to Langston, means there are more personalities with different styles that will walk across this campus. Though there are many aspects of fashion in this world, the topic of today is business attire.

Everyone on the LU's campus knows about "Business Tuesdays," but not everyone understands what business attire *actually* is.

What would be considered accept-

able in the corporate world would be a button-down blouse or shirt, a pair of slacks and a nice pair of shoes.

Ladies, let's admit it—when it comes to Business Tuesdays, the men either participate 100 percent or not at all.

And ladies, the "Absolute Don'ts" for Business Tuesdays would be considered wearing a crop top with a blazer, a pencil skirt and a pair of four-inch heels with a two- to three-inch

platform. Even doing too much for this day of the week could either make you or break you.

Wearing a pair of heels does not make it business casual, nor does slapping on a blazer. Searching for looks that work with your frame and complimenting your canvas is what can make you stand out with Business Tuesdays. Some like their outfits bold and some like them to be classy, yet simple.







# Know your college budget

## *Helpful tips to keep track of your expenses*

*Special from  
Oklahoma Society of CPAs*

College is expensive, but are you sure you know exactly how much it will cost you?

You're aware about paying for tuition, room and board, of course, but there are many extra costs you'll face on the way to graduation day. The Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants highlights some unexpected charges you should anticipate and offers advice on how to deal with them.

### 1. Hitting the Books

Knowledge clearly doesn't come cheap. The average cost of just one new textbook is hovering around \$80, according to the National Association of College Stores, and prices are clearly rising quickly.

Books were going for an

average of \$57 as recently as 2007. However, required course materials, both purchases and rentals, cost students an average of \$313 in 2014, and those that were necessary but not required added up to \$358, according to NACS.

The good news is that used books—which are averaging around \$60—can lower your outlay a lot, as can renting a book online. If you're tight on cash, remember it is possible to use federal student loan money to cover books, supplies, equipment and even rental or purchase of a computer.

Another idea is to share books and/or supplies with classmates, but work out in advance scheduling times so conflicts don't come up later, especially during midterms and finals.

### 2. Dining Right

The cost of a meal plan will vary greatly depending on the school and the kind of plan you buy, but expect the cost to range from a few hundred to as much as a few thousand dollars.

A plan that includes all meals and access to an unlimited buffet will likely be the most expensive, so consider re-evaluating your meal plan after the first semester to determine if you're making full use of your plan. If you grab breakfast on the go instead of going to the dining hall or often share a pizza with friends on weekends, find out if you can scale back on your plan.

### 3. Getting There and Back

Many students live at home and commute to college to save on campus living expenses, but it's smart to check out transportation costs in advance so you're not unpleasantly surprised

by how high they can be.

Expenses for driving to school will include the cost of the car as well as gas, insurance, tolls, parking permits and regular maintenance.

The costs of using public transportation can also add up. Keep in mind, too, that while you can use federal student loan money to pay for transportation costs, you will incur a penalty if you cover them by dipping into a 529 college savings plan.

### 4. The High Cost of Participating

Joining a team, club, fraternity or sorority can be an exciting part of campus life, a chance to make new friends and a way to feel a closer connection to your school.

However, it can cost hundreds of dollars to pledge a fraternity or sorority and pay member dues, and don't forget the costs of social activities.

Team membership can also mean paying for equipment, uniforms, travel and various other expenses.

Before you become involved in an activity, be sure to ask about all the related expenses so you can decide how many interests are realistic.

Also, find out about possible scholarship programs or payment plans that can minimize expenses or make them more manageable.

For any of your money management issues, feel free to talk to your CPA. He or she can help you with your financial questions and concerns.

If you don't have one, get a free referral and free 30-minute consultation at <http://www.FindYourCPA.com>.

For more information on family finances, tips on money management or financial calculators, visit <http://www.KnowWhatCounts.org>.

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## Create a campaign video for a chance to win \$750

*Special from  
Keep Oklahoma Beautiful*

End Litter Video Contest and End Litter 5th Grade Plastic Bottle Cap Art Contest are programs of Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB), designed to engage Oklahoma's students to take action against litter. Registration for these programs opened Aug. 24.

End Litter challenges high school and college students to tackle litter and illegal dumping in a 30-second video clip that conveys that littering is costly, harmful and downright wrong.

After all entries are judged, the top four high school and college videos will be uploaded to the KOB contest website where the public will

vote for their favorite video.

The winning high school and college video clips are published on the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful website and YouTube page sparking a campaign to encourage personal responsibility as the foundation for keeping Oklahoma's environment healthy.

In addition, winners from each category will receive a \$750 cash prize and will be recognized at the 2016 Environmental Excellence Celebration.

Interested students must register through the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful website, <http://www.keepoklahomabeautiful.com/end-litter-registration>, no later than Nov. 15.

Completed video submis-

sions may be made online anytime after registration until 11:59 p.m., Dec. 31, 2015.

"I couldn't be more excited about this new program. What a clever and fun way to engage our youth in recycling," said Jeanette Nance, KOB's executive director. "I look forward to all these children have for us!"

For more information on End Litter Contests and sponsors, visit <http://www.keepoklahomabeautiful.com>.

This year Keep Oklahoma Beautiful is celebrating 50 years as a statewide nonprofit with a mission to empower Oklahoma citizens to preserve and enhance the state's natural beauty and ensure a healthy, sustainable environment.



# Lions start season at 1-1



**Above:** Langston running back Kenrick Robinson, No. 13, attempts to gain yardage, just as Lincoln's defense makes contact.



**Top Right:** Langston wide receiver Isaiah Shaputis breaks away from a tackle as a Lincoln defensive player attempts to tackle him.

**Bottom Right:** Langston wide receiver Sheldon Augustine waits in anticipation during the home game against Lincoln University. Langston has started this season at 1-1, losing to Lincoln during the Battle of the LUs by three points, 35-32. However, the Langston Lions won their second game, 33-14, against Bethany College.

Photos by Josh Howard



## LU hires new volleyball coach

By Indy Nelson  
Reporter

The first-time freshmen weren't the only new faces on campus this year. Jacob Rodriguez began his journey at Langston University at the end of May as the new head volleyball coach.

Rodriguez has been coaching for eight years.

"I love to coach; it's my passion and what God wants me to do," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said the transition to a new location has not been difficult, but learning a new system has

been more challenging.

Before coming to LU, Rodriguez was an assistant coach at Southwestern Assemblies of God University for four years and a head coach at Bacone College for another four years.

"The first home game was a wonderful experience, along with a great crowd," Rodriguez said. "It was a lot of fun to be a part of, although we lost."

The game was a close win and ended in 11-25 set.

Rodriguez said the team is receptive to him as a new coach.

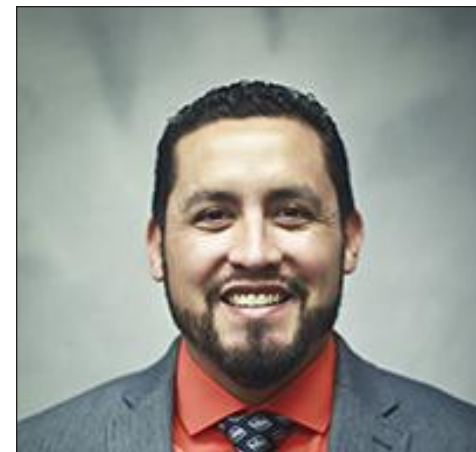
Kori Williams, sophomore edu-

cation major, said Rodriguez has brought a lot to the table, not only for their physical game, but for their mental game as well.

"I believe over time he will shape us to become champions," Williams said. "Being here at Langston is a total cultural shock for him, and I do believe he has adjusted well to us, and we have adapted to him."

The next two home volleyball games are Oct. 2, one at 2 p.m. against York College and one at 6 p.m. against University of the Southwest.

Go to <http://www.langstonsports.com> for a full game schedule.



**Rodriguez**