

# 129. Maygen Jackson and Walker Morrow: Welcoming New Bulldogs

**Gavin Kelly** 00:00

Hey, everybody, you're listening to Beyond 1894 this is the official podcast of Louisiana Tech University. My name is Gavin Kelly from the Office of University Communications, and this is our, you know, kind of what's become an annual summer episode for us interviewing a couple of our orientation student leaders here on campus. If you're listening at the time of recording, we're in the at the start of the last week of our final orientation of the summer. So we have Maygen Jackson and Walker Morrow here with us, 2 OSLS, who I know are having a very busy summer, who are kind of right in the middle of it, but we appreciate them making time for us to be here on the podcast. Guys, welcome. How are you both doing? I guess is what I'll ask first of all, because again, getting ready for your final. I mean, it might be second nature at this point.

**Walker Morrow** 01:03

Yeah, pretty much at this point. I mean, doing great. I mean, I'm ready for this last week to see what's to come.

**Maygen Jackson** 01:10

Yeah, it's very bittersweet, but yeah, we're excited

**Gavin Kelly** 01:13

So I guess I'll start off by saying it's no small feat to help welcome what is shaping up to be the largest freshman class in Louisiana Tech's history, all the early numbers indicate that that's where we're headed. So tall task, I think, for the OSL to kind of make sure we get all of those students accustomed to life at Louisiana Tech. What kind of made you guys want to take on the responsibility of being an OSL? Because it is a responsibility. You know, these students, their perception of what their life is going to be like here is shaped by what you guys do at orientation and beyond. So Maygen, I'll start with you. At what point in your career here at Tech, did you decide that this was something you want to do? What were your influences there? What drove that decision?

**Maygen Jackson** 01:56

So I came in to tech. I was a four session kid, so I was kind of really like last minute to make my decision.

**Gavin Kelly** 02:02

Where are you from, by the way?

**Maygen Jackson** 02:04

I'm from Pineville, Louisiana, so only an hour and 45 minutes away, so close enough to home, but I decided to have make my decision to come to tech around graduation time. So I was really late, but came to Tech, I went through orientation and fell absolutely in love with it. I had a great OSL

**Gavin Kelly** 02:25

shout out to...?

**Maygen Jackson** 02:26

Sophie Edwards. Yes, she was awesome. It was just a great time. And a lot of people from Pineville do come to tech. And so my main goal was to reach out and, like, meet new people, and that's exactly what I did at orientation. And also I'm a first generation for four year university, and my parents had no idea what I was getting myself into, and neither did I, but came to orientation and watched them lead, and I fell in love with it, and then kind of wanted to get involved as soon as I got on campus, and I had Sophie actually push me to try to be an OSL. And yeah, she, she had something that she, she kept her eye out on me. And so I was like, All right, we might as well, like, give it a shot. And so I gave it a shot this year, and I got it, and it's just been a huge blessing. But I think for me, and Walker, it's just like having OSLs see something in you and then them pushing like, them like it's just like an unimaginable experience.

**Gavin Kelly** 03:30

That's part of your responsibility, though, because you don't, you know you're not just sort of giving these students a list, a checklist. You know, when you get here, make sure you have this, this and this in order you're responsible for, like, getting to know them on a personal level. And like I said, for the largest freshman class in our school's history, that's kind of a big undertaking. But what are you studying?

**Maygen Jackson** 03:48

I'm in sports marketing with a minor in management

**Gavin Kelly** 03:50

Right. Is that something you always knew you wanted to do, or was that also kind of a

**Maygen Jackson** 03:50

that was

**Maygen Jackson** 03:54

that was that was a little bit different. I was first in kinesiology, because I grew up just playing sports all the time, and so I wanted to do physical therapy, and that was like my biggest goal for forever. And then right before I came to orientation, I ended up changing my mind and went into management. And then when I got here, I kind of just fell in love with, like, social media and like using that as a platform, because that's what this generation really uses now. So I was like, wow. Like, I love sports. I love social media, sports marketing, yeah. And so I kind of fell in love with that, and that's what I do.

**Gavin Kelly** 03:55

Sometimes that's all it takes. I know, whenever I started and ended up in sports marketing, my logic was, well, I know I want to be in business, but I know I don't want to be in any of the like numbers based, like, economics and finance and accounting. And I was like, well, that really narrows it down. You have, like, management and marketing and, you know, so sometimes it just, it just takes a little bit of thinking about what you do and don't want to do. But also, plenty of people get one year, two years in and change majors, and that's fine too. You know, your journey.

**Gavin Kelly** 03:55

I'm starting I need to pick something kinda thing

**Maygen Jackson** 04:56

We tell the freshmen that all the time, yeah, exactly,

**Gavin Kelly** 04:59

because they. You know, it's easy to think, to maybe feel guilty or worried about, I'm not gonna graduate in time. I'm gonna I wasted money, blah, blah, but having an OSL to lean on makes a big difference. Walker, let's talk about your journey. Man, speaking of journeys, tell us about kind of where you're from, and then what made you decide on the major that you chose, and kind of what made you decide on being an OSL.

**Walker Morrow** 05:19

So I'm kind of actually from Alexandria, so literally, right across the river from Maygen. Actually, now live in Pineville, but so I just graduated.

**Gavin Kelly** 05:30

You're gonna have a different story from her, right? We're not,

**Walker Morrow** 05:32

I gotta. Mine is very unconventional, like it is very different from her story. But so I came here. I graduate just actually, recently graduated with a degree in Marketing, and I just started my graduate degree in marketing as well. And so that's been kind of fun to do the same time as orientation this summer, I bet. But it's been a lot of work, but I love doing it. That's marketing has literally been my passion for the past four years now. But yeah, like I said, my story is a little bit unconventional. I didn't go to orientation as a freshman.

**Gavin Kelly** 06:09

Oh, oops.

**Walker Morrow** 06:10

And so I worked at a camp, summer camp, so the past four actually, this would have been year six or seven, but that year was my first year doing a camp counselor there, so I couldn't make it to orientation, but I decided to be or try out for and to become an OSL, because I ended up becoming friends with a bunch of OSLs without even realizing. So then once I started become friends with all of them. They were like, Oh my gosh, you should try out for OSL. Oh I was like, Well, I'm going to my masters. I don't

know if that's gonna work this and that. I was like, You know what? Let's do it. Sure. Why not? And so I just, I applied, went through the interview process. It was probably one of the most fun interview processes I've ever done on this campus. But it, I mean, not just saying it kind of was like spur of the moment, but, I mean, that's kind of what happened. It worked out for the best. And love my staff.

**Gavin Kelly** 07:11

Something about some OSLS, you said, you know, you didn't go to orientation, you didn't have an OSL, but you ended up being friends with them. They kind of did that on purpose. You think, like they were, like, this kid, something about, something about our buddy here, he didn't go to orientation. We're gonna be his OSL,

**Walker Morrow** 07:25

yeah. I mean, I mean, one thing I've, like, always said going into is like becoming the OSL that you wanted as a freshman. And, like, I never had one,

**Gavin Kelly** 07:33

yeah that's interesting

**Walker Morrow** 07:34

So that's just kind of wanting to, like, be the person that you never got to have for those incoming freshmen.

**Gavin Kelly** 07:39

Makes sense. Makes sense. Very interesting. Well, for what it's worth, I mean, if you're listening and you're coming here, go to orientation. But also, Walker turned out all right, and he missed orientation. It's okay. We have resources in place for you if you happen to not be able to make it. So I asked this too, because I'm interested, because I My background is in marketing too. What is the plan? I typically don't like this kind of talk because it freaks me out. But what is the plan for after the MBA, after graduation, like, what is kind of the future? What do you want out of your future? Megan, go first.

**Maygen Jackson** 08:15

So I want to go get my MBA as well and continue that one, because I don't want to leave tech yet, and I'm like, scared of the future, not really, but like, at the same time, like, it can be nerve wracking, but after my MBA, I'm really wanting to kind of get into, like the sports field, so maybe something higher up, like another college, or even for this university, or go into like the NFL or the MLB and like try to do marketing for them. It takes knowing people, yeah, and I know a couple people out there that are doing something around the similar type of what I want to do, but I think that's kind of what I want to strive for, but working for a higher level sports team and doing maybe marketing and ticket sales, or something along the lines of that has been starting to be like the real goal, yeah, and it's getting realer every single year, so

**Gavin Kelly** 09:10

Well, lock in. I'm sure you can do it. I know. I'm not telling you anything you don't already know, but you have to love it. You know, you have to love sports is a very kind of cut throat industry, where if you're

not eat, sleep, breathing, it, it's you're not going to make it. But I have faith in you. So, Walker, what about you? Man, what's the after the MBA? What comes next?

**Walker Morrow** 09:28

So after the MBA is actually Law School. Hopefully, I'm planning to do law school, and I want to stick with the sports theme, so I want to do the sports entertainment law. And so, I mean, that's contract law. But I mean, sports entertainment is the one thing I've loved from the very beginning. Like that is one thing I've always been like, that's what I'm doing. No matter what major I'm in, I'm ending up in sports entertainment somehow, yeah, and I know that's what I want to do after law school or after MBA.

**Gavin Kelly** 09:56

Well, much, much like Megan, I think, I think you'd be all right. So good luck there, both of you mentioned careers that you kind of need to be passionate about, but like, you can't be an OSL like, they don't hire, quote, on quote, hire osls that aren't passionate. So, you know, that's kind of like built into your personalities. Anyway. Let's talk about this summer, four major orientation sessions, right? And we're coming in up on the fourth one this week. What? What was kind of walk me through the first one, like, where your head was at before the very first one, the honors orientation session, up to kind of where you are now going into your last one. I mean, obviously the confidence builds. You get used to the routine and the schedule of it, but talk to me about the difference between you a couple months ago versus you now. Megan, go ahead.

**Maygen Jackson** 10:40

I feel like I could say this for like, majority of the OSLS, we were very nervous for the first session. We like to tell Jacob and Elton that we weren't nervous, because they ask us, and we just kind of stare at them, but I think that says a lot in itself. We were very nervous, because really, you don't know what to expect, because we so many freshmen come into one, even one session, and we don't know how our groups are gonna go, like, we don't know what freshmen is gonna have, like, a bunch of questions. Like, we don't even think we know all the answers to the questions. But then, as time has gone on, we know almost every single question now, and we knew from the get go. We knew it. We just weren't really confident yet. And I think the competence in every single one of us has grown so much, and I think a lot of people can see that as well. And I feel like I see it. A lot of myself too is just growth from confidence, and that has just been the main thing, I guess, for like all of us.

**Gavin Kelly** 11:41

Yeah, Walker, what about you? How have you changed?

**Walker Morrow** 11:43

Uh, like she said, Jacob and Elton have asked us every single time we do something, are you nervous? And we're all like, no, no, not at all.

**Gavin Kelly** 11:50

Now you mean it,

**Walker Morrow** 11:51

but yeah, I mean we actually mean it now, because, I mean, they've prepared us for everything we've need, needed to know throughout all the orientations. But that first session was a little scary. Because, I mean, I'll say, like, I still was confused about a lot of stuff, but like, it all comes with time you learn by doing it. That's with everything in life. But that first session came and I was just like, this will be interesting. Let's, let's give it a try. And so first session went through all the way through, we finally get to present, and I think that's whenever we all, like, finally look to each other right before that song plays it all, yeah, that just scares us, but, but the song plays before we go up on stage, and we all kind of had a moment where we looked at each other and we were like, Okay, I think we can do this. This is something we all love. This is something we want to do. And so I think that's where we all finally were, like, we have this in the bag. Yeah, we can do this.

**Gavin Kelly 12:46**

And I imagine, too, it's not just the nature of the job that's expected of you, but like, it's responsibility too, because it's, it's parenting in a way, like you don't want to mess up, you don't want to feel responsible down the road for negatively shaping a freshman's experience, but it's such a careful and intentional selection process for OSL so that they they know when they put you on that team that you're going to, you're going to be all right, and you're going to be able to, even if you don't know it yourself, or first on Elton, Then Jacob, and what you know, whoever's in that position at the time that team is good at, at knowing, kind of knowing you better than you know yourself, in A way. So let's go through kind of a typical quote, on quote orientation session week. The actual meet of the orientation is about three days, maybe, give or take, maybe two full days. So talk about kind of what it's like from start to finish, because we're not getting this group of kids here till what, Wednesday. Yeah, but you guys are probably as early as this afternoon tomorrow, getting ready tomorrow,

**Walker Morrow 13:46**

yeah, getting ready for the last session.

**Gavin Kelly 13:47**

So So walk me through, kind of what a week of orientation's like

**Maygen Jackson 13:50**

so on. I guess tomorrow we have our transfer orientation, which only happens twice during the summer. But after that, we kind of all stick together, go eat lunch. And then we'll go practice presents again, because that doesn't stop, and the fun never stops when we're doing that. So we get to go do that, and then we go and get ready for the next day, which is like, Go setting up our dorms, which is always fun for us, because we don't really stay on campus anymore. So we'll go to our dorms, like, hang out, and then Wednesday, we wake up and we get ready for the freshmen. We have them starting right at like 12 o'clock, and

**Walker Morrow 14:32**

it's like 12, bright and early 12. They see me outside dancing and jumping around.

**Maygen Jackson 14:36**

But right at 12 o'clock, they're coming in, and we're saying welcome, and we start giving them all the information of the day. And this is where you start to see all their faces. And like seeing your freshmen, I love to always walk over to the table and see what freshmen have picked up their name tags, because I'm just really eager to meet them. And some of the ones like you can see like just they were. So scared look in their faces. But there's some that just have pure excitement or just ready to talk to you. But we go through check in, and then we have our group meeting one so it's where we finally meet them. And this is where you really have to break the ice. And I think all the OSLS have learned that

**Gavin Kelly** 15:17

usually out in the quad, right? Yeah. So summer heat, oh yeah,

**Maygen Jackson** 15:22

we've actually had some moments where it's been raining, so we've been going inside. But that doesn't stop us from talking to these freshmen, and so breaking the ice with them, which has been really fun to learn about them, because it takes a person to try to read every single freshman. And so us being able to do that is really fun. And then Dog Days, yeah, always a great time. And then Thursday is just like a full day of

**Walker Morrow** 15:49

just my favorite day, really, I love Thursday.

**Maygen Jackson** 15:52

Full knowledge you go to og browse, do you learn about work day, you're just kind of running around everywhere. And I think our main job that day is just to talk to people and see how everyone is feeling, because it's all about them in that moment, especially on Thursday, because they're learning about everything at Tech.

**Walker Morrow** 16:10

That's really the day where we try to get them connected to campus itself, and not really a lot of information, information, yeah, we have our group meeting, but like, that's the day where you really, you're trying to get them, that's the day you get them to get involved on campus, and that's the day where you get them to say, Okay, this is the place I want to be.

**Maygen Jackson** 16:28

And it's very rewarding when you do have students come up to you and they're like, Guess what I did? I went up to so and so's table, and I loved it. And I was like, Okay, now I know what they're going to be doing whenever they get here, which is very special, and then we go to dinner and get ready for presents, which is our best moment, I guess, for all of us to say. And it's so fun seeing all the freshmen right after it too, because they are full of excitement. And they're like, that was so funny. I'm like, we're like, yeah, we kind of made a fool of ourselves.

**Gavin Kelly** 16:58

It humanizes you to them. It really does, because they've, you know, for a lot of people, not every freshman, but I imagine a lot of freshmen, they see their OSL is like, these official all known. I mean,

you guys are friendly from the jump, but yeah, it's, it can be intimidating when you're in a new place and it's new people,

**Walker Morrow** 17:13

that's where you see where the ice actually breaks. Yeah, you do icebreakers throughout orientation, but right after, whenever you walk outside. That's the moment where you have almost every single freshman like talking you, saying, I love this about presents. I love this about presents. And that's where the ice completely breaks, yeah?

**Maygen Jackson** 17:31

And I think that's where it makes lamb bright party so fun, because right after we get a lambright party

**Gavin Kelly** 17:35

Everybody loosened up from

**Maygen Jackson** 17:36

yeah But it's a great time. And then Friday is a farewell, not a goodbye, because we get to see them later, but very, very fun, because we get to give them a little tour, and we hang out afterwards, take a bunch of pictures, and it just kind of gives all the freshmen, like, excitement that, like, we get to come back here in the fall, and that's kind of like a normal week for us. And then sometimes we have late nights. But

**Gavin Kelly** 18:00

yeah, of course,

**Maygen Jackson** 18:06

it's like very, very fun. It's all worth it

**Maygen Jackson** 18:08

Yeah, early mornings

**Gavin Kelly** 18:09

and early mornings

**Gavin Kelly** 18:09

that's a very stereotypical element of orientation is being having your door slammed on by an OSL at 730 in the morning. Yeah, getting a wake up call. I you know you talk about, we get all types of freshmen in terms of, like, personality and interest and majors and how your groups are divided up. But I'm curious to know kind of what your approach is when you do sort of sense. I mean, you've mentioned kind of the student that might be a little bit nervous, intimidated or not know what they want to do, or a little shy. How do you kind of get through to them by the time the orientation is over, you've already seen it changing them, and you know that once they start school, they're going to be a little bit better off, because they've kind of come out of their shell a little bit in that sense. Walker, how do you kind of approaches a student like that?



**Walker Morrow** 18:55

So the student like that, I kind of do the same thing when I'm giving tours for student recruiters. Is you don't really want to, what you try to stay away from is like, throwing the information at them, yeah, and not trying to, like, just, oh, this and that and this and that, just broad. You want to, like, actually, like, like, if you have time, you like, pull them to the side and really talk to them and get to know more about them, because that's what it's about. It's like, we're not they're not here for us. They're here for orientation and, like, for them to find their ways in, like, the college life. And so, like you really, you get to know more about them. And once you kind of pick out those little niches and everything about that, that's kind of where you start to see where, okay, I know that they're going to want to do rush or they want to do a like church life and stuff like that. And that's kind of where you start to figure out what like a shy student would like, yeah, as well. But I mean, every student is completely different. There's, I would say there's not a single student this summer that has been the exact same. That's what I love about it. Because every orientation session you're getting to meet completely brand new freshmen, yeah, like, you may have one session where they're very quiet and kept themselves, but then you get to presents and they finally open up. But then you may have one group that's completely open up the whole time and they're just watching.

**Gavin Kelly** 20:18

It's probably a spectrum, right? Honors orientation,

**Walker Morrow** 20:22

more and more loosen up. Yeah,

**Gavin Kelly** 20:25

that's I figured, Megan, what is that like for you? Kind of trying to get through this, kind of those students that may as out of their shell from the jump

**Maygen Jackson** 20:32

I feel like, for me, I am reading people like all the time, so I try to have those, like, open ended questions, obviously, it's like the basic orientation questions, like, where are you from? What do you like to do? What did you do? Like, growing up? What were you involved in in high school? But sometimes freshmen actually, like, don't answer at all. Like, they'll just sit there. And so, like, I remember one time this, it was actually my second session. I had a freshman who was kind of like that, and I was like, You know what? Let's go have fun. And so I had a bright party. We took him bowling, and I think I had the time of my life with him. And he it's kind of like you have to find things that could make them branch out. And it doesn't even just have to be a simple conversation, but we went bowling, and then after bowling, he ended up sitting and talking to me for a while, just about the most random things. So it's just finding those like niche moments with them that they'll want to be able to open up. Because it doesn't have to always start with a conversation. It can always just be something fun, and that's what I always end up doing, is some people have a conversation with those freshmen that really don't talk as much, but I kind of get them active and get them going so then they'll be comfortable enough to do that. That's kind of like how I approach it, and how I've been approaching it all summer.

**Gavin Kelly 21:55**

Well, it's kind of it kind of speaks to the one of the selling points of Louisiana Tech is like, and you guys, I'm sure, harp on this as student recruiters, as OSL is like, the sort of personalized family feel of campus. It's like when you come into a university and you're not sure what to expect, and you have someone that, like, has one on one interactions with you from the get go, that alone can make a difference. And that's kind of one thing that you guys are really responsible for right?

**Walker Morrow 22:19**

Yeah, that's I have a I'm always in hell Hall because I do tours all the time, and I always talk with Emily Pool, and one thing that I love, that she always says is we're here to we sell the experience. We don't sell the college. And I feel like that is a great, like, way of putting exactly what all three of us just said. And that's kind of how I go through, like orientation and tours and everything is selling the experience instead of selling the college. Yeah, I think that's a great way to put pretty much what we both just said,

**Gavin Kelly 22:50**

because you know, there's obviously, like, different levels of prestige, different degrees at different universities, but like a lot of people can pick and choose somewhere else, so you have to want make them want to be live their life here, not just study here, but live their life here.

**Maygen Jackson 23:04**

And that's like, I guess, one of my favorite things about tech and like, because I have friends all over the state, some go out of state for college, some are just right in the boot. And so I love to be able to talk to them about, like, the connections I've made at Tech and how special Every moment has been, because it truly is different here than like anywhere else, in my opinion. And I can kind of realize that, like, I have more stories to tell with maybe that's a conversation with my professor, or maybe it is like the conversation with my freshman, or even when I was a freshman as well, and so like being able to express that and show that and share the stories, it just makes me more and more grateful of how much this university is with connection and relationships and more of the experience.

**Gavin Kelly 23:51**

Yeah and, we've talked to plenty of people on this podcast who were students here, whether or maybe they're just faculty or staff, but they've they've been here for a while. They all kind of echo that idea of the feel of campus is unique. Feels like home. We hear a lot. Family feel we hear a lot. So it's just like that constantly, constantly echoed. But like then you talk to people who are responsible for creating that environment, like you guys, and it shows why you know that that's such a prevalent thing. Here I have, I have one more question before I let you guys go, we've talked kind of about how you see the freshmen that you're responsible for kind of change over the course of orientation. And I'm sure even like, if we happen to talk to you guys about it, a year from now, you will be able to talk about, oh, I this was my freshman orientation. Now I've seen them get a whole year under their belt and how much they've changed there. But talk about how you guys have changed. Talk about how maybe the broader Tech experience, but specifically being an OSL. I mean, we've talked about kind of finding confidence in the nature of your work, but from a personal standpoint, what has being an OSL and being involved in this way at Louisiana Tech done to you?

**Maygen Jackson 24:57**

I feel like, for me, I've become a lot more grateful for the experience. And like I said, first generation and then going through college not having any idea what was going on, I think I truly understand it now, and I truly understand that college is supposed to be a moment for you to grow by yourself, even without, like, your family. And so I think the experience has, like, just broadened my like, expectations and everything for tech, and you learn a little bit more and more over time about the university while you're in this process. And it just makes you more grateful every single time. And so, I mean, leaving, like, orientation about to be over, it's just like gratitude is everywhere. And just like, has been, like, exploded into all my heart, everything. So, um, I think going in, I was very, very, like, I was like, Oh, yeah. Like being an OSL, like, that'd be fun. Yeah, no, like, being an OSL is, like, extremely, like, grateful, like, it's just like an impact, like, like, literally no other but I think learning about tech and experiencing more, and also just getting to show your side of campus, because everyone has a different perspective of campus, and I think showing your side and then showing the freshmen, and the freshmen having their own side later on, I think it's just creating a story and creating a movement all throughout the campus, and I think that's something that I've just become more grateful for.

**Gavin Kelly 26:34**

What do you think, Walker,

**Walker Morrow 26:36**

one thing that you just said that really just stuck with me is like showing your side and like, I think that's the number one thing about our staff as a whole, is we are all completely different. And I think me being able to, like, work with all 19 other people who are completely different from me, because we have everyone from our extroverts to our introverts to our involved on campus to not so involved on campus. But you need all of those different things to make an OSL group, yeah, a good OSL group that is there for the freshmen and not for the name. And, uh, what's that one saying? We have it's uh,

**Walker Morrow 27:17**

play for the name on your

**Maygen Jackson 27:19**

the front of your jersey, not the name on the back

**Walker Morrow 27:21**

Yeah, play for the name on the front of your jersey, not for the name on the back of the jersey. And that's one thing that we kind of that is our, like, main motto that we go by. And so, like me personally, like how it's changed me is being able to come together and work with these 19 different people has been a fun experience, and not something I ever would have thought that Walker Mara would have done. But because I'm more of like, I'm an extrovert, like, I'm like, let's go do this. I will do something at the spur of the moment. I don't care. But being able to like kind of tone all of like, me myself into those 19 other people, and being able to, like, share everything that I've done to those people, and them share their things to me, and being able to put all of it together as one has been my favorite moment. And like, I feel like that's really what's changed me, and so now I know how to work with a whole bunch of other different people and their personalities and everything like that, and tone it all into myself, and

kind of just go from there, yeah? And I think that really is, like, really what I've learned throughout this whole experience. And not, oh, Walker, do it this way. Sure, do it your way. We got to work with 19 other people, and that's kind of how I've changed a little bit

**Gavin Kelly** 28:36

Yeah, a big, a big group project, and

**Walker Morrow** 28:38

I love group projects

**Gavin Kelly** 28:39

but it's a fun challenge. I mean, like, that's the it's supposed to it's going to be challenging because, like, we talked about this whole episode, the nature of what you're doing is challenging, but it's also supposed to be fun. So it's clear from talking to you guys today that you you're both having a lot of fun with it. Thank you again for making time, not just in a busy summer, but in at the start of an orientation week. I know you guys have a busy week ahead. Enjoy it. It's I know that you guys your last night of presents. So it's gonna be save your tears, I guess is what I'm saying. Yeah, I'm sure they're coming. But enjoy your last session and keep doing what you're doing. Because again, it's not the last orientation, isn't the end of it. You're gonna have a relationship with these freshmen for a long time. So thank you again. Thanks for all that you're doing this summer. Thank you.

**Maygen Jackson** 29:24

Thank you for having us.

**Gavin Kelly** 29:40

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