

155. Sarah Freeman and Tason Lawrence: This is Home

Gavin Kelly 00:18

Hey everybody! You're listening to Beyond One Thinty Four. This is the official podcast of Louisiana Tech University. My name is Gavin Kelly from the Office of University Communications, and we are joined today by two OSLs. It's become sort of a summer tradition here for the podcast to bring a couple OSLs on to talk about their journey today. Tason and Sarah join us. We are happy to have them. They are coming off of the busiest part of their summer, I think OSLs do not get any breaks as the year goes on. But we're happy that they're making time for us. Thank you both for being here today.

Sarah Freeman 00:52

Thank you.

Gavin Kelly 00:52

So we have y'all at a fun time, I think, because in the past when I've had OSLs on the podcast, they have been, you know, they've had the first session, maybe the second session, but you guys have wrapped up the four big sessions of the summer, so you kind of get to look back at the whole history of the summer and your experience being student leaders. So before we get into kind of your background and all that, let's talk about the summer. Let's talk about being an OSL. So now with four big sessions under your belt, what can you say about the experience of being an orientation student leader? What has it sort of taught you about yourself? Maybe even a few months ago to now, like what have you learned about the experience? And maybe what are some things that you assumed about the experience that were different when it came time to actually participate in those sessions and be a student leader? Sarah, why don't you go first?

Sarah Freeman 01:42

Wow, I really looking back on it, the person who I was six months ago is not the same person who I am now. Orientation has given me so much and has taught me so much about who I am. I feel like it is definitely. I was somewhat loud. Like I'm, I'm very loud. That's the one personality trait about me. I'm very loud, but in a room with 19 other people who are just as loud and like also hold so many different leadership roles, it's kind of made me realize that sometimes I need to take a sec, take a step back and listen and not always have to lead. And that's been very, it's been very heartwarming getting to see like how others lead so loudly and just getting to follow each one of them because they all are so like amazing in their own different ways. It has definitely also shown me that you have to be very, very intentional with the way you interact with people. Very careful about what you say because you want to make sure that this impression is this is their first impression of Louisiana Tech. We're showing them around campus, giving them their first glimpse at what college life is going to be like, and we really want to set that tone and make it really good for them. I know that's big part of why I became an orientation here is because orientation sets such a good tone for the rest of my college years. But yeah, something I kind of didn't expect. I didn't expect that the 19 other people and my exec and my directors and my

leaders just were going to be some of my favorite people. I knew that this experience was going to make us close,

Gavin Kelly 03:11

right?

Sarah Freeman 03:12

But I I didn't understand the why behind it. And now looking back on it, it's like I see these people as my family and something that I really cherish a lot.

Gavin Kelly 03:20

Very nice. Thank you for that, Tason. What about you, man?

Tason Lawrence 03:22

So, piggybacking off of what Sarah said, the the room full of OSLs are all leaders, all leaders in their own way, fraternity leaders, sorority leaders, organization leaders, and I came into the room only knowing one other leader in the room, and so what I am grateful for OSL is bringing me these other leaders that I can learn from, that I could see how they act in different scenarios, and also just build up myself from them. And like you said, Gavin, six months. These six months were not easy. These six months preparing were were pretty pretty troublesome.

Gavin Kelly 04:00

And a large chunk of that is on top of school, right? Like you're in the spring and getting ready, and even like last winter, yeah, like you're having to stack it on top of an already busy schedule, right?

Tason Lawrence 04:08

Oh yeah, so that's how you just know that these 2025 people are all just dedicated to the cause of making the transition from high school to to college even more easier.

Gavin Kelly 04:18

Every new staff every year, Like it's clear, it's a very rigorous selection process, right? So you don't end up being an OSL on accident. We'll get into the sort of why you guys chose to be OSLs and and and all that here in a minute. But let's kind of take turns going back to the beginning for you guys. Tell me about you know where you're from. Why Louisiana Tech was the answer for you. Why it was where you wanted to pursue your your degree, and what degree you are pursuing here. So, Sarah, why don't you go ahead and tell us?

Sarah Freeman 04:49

Okay, so I'm from Vidalia, Louisiana. Okay, not a lot of people know where that is. It is about two hours away from here, right next to Natchez, Mississippi. So I. Decided to come to tech because so I have family here. I've had family that's gone here. I have a cousin who actively goes here now, but it really wasn't somewhere I saw saw as a part of my journey. My senior year of high school, I was like, not really sure where to go. I went to a bigger school and just got so overwhelmed. And I'm someone who cares so much about my academics, but also being as involved as I can be in like the community and

like making this place somewhere I know I want to be. And when I came on my tour of tech with one of my best friends, she was like, "Hey, if you go here, I'll go here. And I said, "Okay. And I haven't looked back since. It has become one of my favorite places. It truly does feel like home. Like I feel like I barely go home. Yep. And yeah, so I'm a marketing major. I've actually switched my major twice. Okay. From so I started in Canice. Okay. And then I switched to biology, and now I'm here marketing, and I love the College of Business. So I could not be more happy. But yeah, I'm also a junior.

Gavin Kelly 05:58

Yeah. Shout out by the way. I also was a marketing major, and so when people find their way to the Cobb, I'm like, there we go, we got another

Sarah Freeman 06:04

one. Yeah,

Gavin Kelly 06:06

I like that. I like that. Tell you something about you, man. Tell us about your journey.

Tason Lawrence 06:09

So I'm from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Okay. I grew up purple and gold. I was about to say I felt like tech was probably not the

Gavin Kelly 06:16

first choice people tried to put on you for a long time. Yes,

Tason Lawrence 06:19

grew up purple and gold. But the fun fact about me is I'm a first generation student. Okay, so college really really wasn't in the you know mirror for me in the window for me. So I was looking to go to the Air Force, and then I'd got to a bad car accident in the summer. Concussion was crazy. Couldn't remember my name, and then I remember one day my mom called me and said, "Hey, I paid for orientation to Louisiana Tech. I was like, "What? Louisiana Tech? Where is that? And so we came up here, me and my mom. We came up here for orientation, and we loved it. So I'm an engineering major, construction engineering. So obviously, tech is the best place to be.

Gavin Kelly 07:02

Yeah, you picked an easy measure too. Why not? You know, just make it easy on yourself.

Tason Lawrence 07:05

Yep, yep. And so, yeah, ever since orientation, I this again, like Sarah said, this is home. Yeah, this is no other way but home.

Gavin Kelly 07:12

Yeah, and that's interesting too, because you, I mean, you almost ended up here on accident, you know, just by chance. But things work out the way they're supposed to, right? Here you are, being a student leader and being involved at Tech, where you both, because you kind of get a, I've seen a mix.

Like you would assume, by and large, that OSLs are already, like you said, Taysom leaders already involved in different leadership positions on campus. Every once in a while, though, you get the the odd OSL that kind of wasn't very involved or outgoing, kind of learned to be that way through the orientation student leader program, but what were you guys like? Kind of going into becoming OSLs, were you already super involved? Were you already really outgoing? Already have a big network of friends? Like, what was that like for you, Sarah? Go ahead.

Sarah Freeman 07:53

I would say I had like I was involved in a couple of different organizations: Tech Leadership Council, Student Government. I'm involved in Greek life. I was involved with that before this, but I think becoming an orientation leader gave me, I guess, the realization that I was always somewhat of like apprehensive about reaching out to people or being the first person to talk.

Sarah Freeman 08:16

Like, coming from a small town, you've known these people your whole life, so it's like you never really had to have that awkward like conversation, like push yourself out there, and that's something I feel like orientation has really helped me with that struggle to get past that like initial anxiousness and be the first person to reach out. I would say that's probably one of the things that I've learned that I just love to do is just just to talk. I love to yap at people. I love to get to know people. So yes, I would say I was pretty involved before this, but this has definitely opened up. I would I would say my like network of people, and I got to build so many more relationships.

Gavin Kelly 08:53

Very good. Tason, what about you?

Tason Lawrence 08:55

Definitely. I was in numerous organizations on campus already, but I wasn't in leadership roles quite yet, and so I think having OSL and having these faces of freshmen coming, and I think that's not only encouraging me to hop into these leadership roles, but it's going to definitely motivate me to be in leadership roles.

Gavin Kelly 09:17

Yeah. So I mean, in a way, becoming an OSL is kind of just the start of something new for you too. In that way, well, talk to me then a little bit more, Tason, about the decision to try to be an OSL. Like when when it came time to apply, what what made you think, yeah, this is something I could do, is something I want to do, and then what made you go for it?

Tason Lawrence 09:35

Okay, so one of my best buddies, DJ Lanier, he is a past OSL, and he was also in OSL the year I came to orientation. Okay, and like I said, OSL-I mean, not OSL-orientation was really a turning point in my life. OS orientation was so fun, and it was just a different thing for me. And so when I saw DJ on stage dancing around like a fool, it kind of made me feel safe and made me. Feel like I could also belong here. Also, just a little tidbit: I'm an African American black male, so seeing DJ up on that stage dancing

around, it definitely encouraged me. Yeah, and I just wanted to be that person, that face for anybody else that was looking for.

Gavin Kelly 10:16

That makes sense. That makes sense, Sarah. What about you? What was when it came time? What was the encouraging thing there? What made you decide to go for it?

Sarah Freeman 10:23

Orientation from the moment that I went to orientation was something that I knew I wanted to apply for. My OSL was friends with DJ. His name's Evan. He did Evan Crawford. He did a really great job at just making me feel welcome and just I had the absolute best time. But when it came down to it, my sophomore year, when I applied, I really wasn't going to. Another person on staff, Aiden, and he'll tell you he told me this. He told me that I would get FOMO if I didn't apply. Okay. And the way that he saw something in me that I kind of doubted in myself and kind of didn't really recognize, really, I guess made me appreciate this more, this opportunity that he saw me in this leadership role, and it's something I always wanted to do. But I was like, But I'm really glad that he pushed me to do this. Yeah.

Gavin Kelly 11:12

Well, shout out Aiden. Yeah. Shout out and shout out to your OSLs because you have to think now that just you know percentage wise, you guys have both interacted with some freshmen this summer that three, four years from now are going to be in your position are going to be OSL. So, cool full circle moment. I'm sure all the time for OSLs because it's a cycle, right? You need a new batch every year, and so you guys have had impacts on these freshmen that are going to have ripple effects that will result in them becoming student leaders. And you know that's just something cool to think about. Let's talk about the actual orientation. Let's talk about the first session because you know first session Taysan and Sarah versus fourth session. I'm sure over time you you know you get more confidence. The first one I'm sure the nerves are a little bit higher. The first big presents in front of a crowd. Talk to me about session one and kind of what those feelings were and kind of how you approached it and what that first session was like, Sarah. You can go ahead.

Sarah Freeman 12:09

First session, Sarah was nervous. Yeah, like I think if my biggest thing going into this was just how I was going to interact with people. Like I said, like I sometimes have that apprehensiveness and like the fear of the unknown is something very real, even though we spent all six months preparing for this. Like this is the you're actually doing it now. So like, what is that going to look like? And it was really, I would say, technically perfect. Yeah, like I we did a great job first session, like because I feel like we were all so nervous that we were like hitting all those boxes, hitting all those check marks, and it was really fun. Like the group, they were very prepared for orientation. I would say that they they were on their stuff. Well,

Gavin Kelly 12:53

honors kids, they're all they knock their eyes and cross their T's.

Sarah Freeman 12:57

So sometimes I feel like they were even telling me stuff, and I was like, okay, okay, but yeah, first session very nervous. But after it ended, it was like, oh my goodness, I'm so blessed I get to do this three more times.

Gavin Kelly 13:10

Very nice, Tason. What was it like for you?

Tason Lawrence 13:12

So of course nervous. Yep. But as soon as I stepped in that classroom, that first, that second day, the classroom, stepping in with the freshmen, getting to hear them talk a little bit more, I immediately felt relief. I immediately felt that they they were here not just to have fun, but to hear for tech. And I loved that that they were here for the tech. And yeah, really, just as soon as that as soon as I stepped in the classroom, nerves just went away, and I was just ready for fun.

Gavin Kelly 13:40

Yeah, you train for it. You know, like you said, six grueling months. So you're ready. Yeah, and also like every orientation for years now has followed a similar pattern, itinerary, schedule, whatever you want to call it. So you know, there are certain checkpoints along the way that every OSL is going to lead their group through. So by the time you've not only trained for it but done it for session one, session two, session three. I mean, session four is probably second nature. So obviously, the confidence went up, and just like the smoothness of what you guys were doing. Not that it was ever bad, but you just get better at doing the thing that you're supposed to be doing. So when it comes to session four, talk to me about your approach to the last big session of the summer, kind of where your head was at through the process. You know, I know it's a bittersweet deal every step of the way. As like, you know, your last presents, your last dog days, you know, all that stuff. So, talk to me about what session four was like and kind of where your head was at throughout that. Go ahead, Sarah.

Sarah Freeman 14:38

I think for session four, for each session, I feel like I was able to open up and give the freshman more and more of like authentic, like not that I wasn't being unauthentic, but I was able to get weirder and weirder every session, and just truly give them who I am. And something that they really harp on is yes, this is our last session, but this is their first and their own right. So I feel like there's a phrase that Landon Bird, he's another member on our staff, said pre nostalgia, and trying not to feel that while we're in that moment, trying to like take in what we're doing and not not connect that memory with a sad memory, but those happy memories that you can look back on. And I feel like ending the summer, it was just important to me that I gave I gave those freshmen everything that I had been giving all the ones previously, and probably even more some because I gave them all I had. Yeah, like leaving presents, leaving everything out of breath without my voice was like feeling that out of breathness, and like is that is that how you would even say that, but like leaving everything out of breath and knowing that like I did the best that I could one last time was very just like rewarding and getting to see that they were so excited to be

Gavin Kelly 15:51

Left it all on the field.

Sarah Freeman 15:52

Yeah, left it all on the field

Gavin Kelly 15:53

Tason, what about session four for you?

Tason Lawrence 15:55

So, firstly, I'd like to shout out another member of our staff, Lauren Brownley. I heard her Thursday talk about Thursday, not Thursday. I'm so sorry. The Wednesday that Wednesday morning, I heard her talk about something saying that she wasn't going to let herself get sad because, like, what we like to say is this is their first orientation, and so there's no reason why we should be sad for somebody else's first time doing something, and we're doing this for them, not for us. Yeah, and so again, I came into that fourth session happy and excited because again, it's their first session. Yeah, and so honestly, I was able towards the tent, towards the end that Friday, I was able to sit back and just watch everybody and watch how watch how happy we were, and not no nobody was really sad that Friday, so I was I was really proud of us when when we were all jumping around excited that Friday afternoon.

Gavin Kelly 16:47

It's the classic "don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened" type deal. Also, too, like you you look at it as like these big four sessions, maybe even an outsider two season. As orientation is one summer and it's four sessions, but these freshmen are going to have you as a as a resource, as a connection, as a friend for their whole college career, and I'm sure several will be reaching out to y'all, especially those first few weeks class. And whenever they need something, they know that they have you guys as a resource to lean on. So you know, just because these summer orientation sessions are over, does not mean your responsibilities and the joys of your position as an OSL go away, right? So, I'm sure that's also on y'all's mind. I'm not telling you anything you don't already know. But let's talk about. I mentioned kind of the hallmarks of orientation. I want to know about your favorite. So, you know, dog days presents after party at the Lambright. Just get walking around campus, whatever. What is your favorite aspect of a summer orientation session, Tays, why don't you go ahead?

Tason Lawrence 17:43

So my favorite part of orientation is honestly when we're all sitting in the tonk, all 20 of us, all all of our freshmen sitting in the tonk, ready for Jacob Thomas to release us, and we just max out on our weirdness. Like you'll see somebody running down the hall screaming at JT. We call him JT, and then the green golf ball story that's legendary. Basically, we just scream green golf balls, and it's just it's it's where all 20 of us can just be ourselves in front of all these freshmen, and I love that part.

Gavin Kelly 18:14

Nice, nice, Sarah. What about you?

Sarah Freeman 18:15

Gosh, this is. I know

Gavin Kelly 18:17

it's a it's a tough question.

Sarah Freeman 18:18

I'm sitting here trying to because there's so many, there's so many parts that I'm just. There's also no wrong answer. Yeah, exactly. If I had to pick one that I feel like I'm always going to look back on and think about is Lambright Party, getting to see these 600 all if that strangers who probably had never met before they came to orientation. Just absolutely ball out and have the time of their lives at the Lambright after orientation. Some people that you wouldn't expect to see just going crazy on that dance floor. I like. I know for me, Lambrite party was like whoa, and a lot of people that I had went with when I was a freshman had left early and like it's so rewarding to see your freshman out there on the dance floor with you wanting to be there making that effort to like they they care so much about this place and that like really warms my heart and so I feel like Lambright party is something that I'm always going to look back on and be like those were the best times of my life

Gavin Kelly 19:18

yeah very nice also too I know you see it. You for sure see it within each session. You know, students come in oftentimes maybe shy, a little bit more buttoned up, and over the course of those two three days, you see them kind of get more and more into the rhythm of of being at Tech, being a part of the the experience of orientation. But also, too, and maybe this is stereotypical assumption, but over the course of the four sessions, each group of students probably is a little bit more opened up than the last. You know, the honors kids-I was one, so I can say it. You come in, you you're probably naturally going to be a little bit quieter, a little bit more shy. And then by the time you get to the fourth session, again, no diss to those kids, but you know some. Them a lot of them end up in the four session because they forgot to sign up in time or whatever you know so you get kids that are a little bit more loose already so I guess over the course of the four orientations you see a wide spectrum of students but that's just the makeup of our freshman class every year so you get to see really every aspect of Louisiana Tech let's talk about you know if you thought the last question was hard here we go let's talk about the university. Let's talk about the campus. Talk to me about your favorite thing about Louisiana Tech in the sense of like you know a non-physical thing, like something that is maybe metaphorical, maybe something you can't see or touch. But then also tell me about your favorite place on campus. So a two-part question, and again a question with no wrong answers, but and I know that the answer to that first one is going to be something you know, like the community and the people and all that, and that's fine. But talk to me about that, and then talk to me about your favorite place on campus. Which one of you would like to go first?

Tason Lawrence 20:54

That's a really hard one, Gavin. Yeah, I guess I'll yeah take a shot at it. Okay, so you kind of beat me to the chase, community for sure. Like I've I've I've I've listened to your podcast. I listened to this podcast before, and it's it's a big one, and it's so true when people say that this community is small, tight knit, yeah, and we're all family. We're all family. You'll see you'll see all these racists and all these ethnicities come together, and just for a football game, you'll see us all down there in the tech and just having having a good time. Not the tech, the Joe, yeah, Joe, and just having a good time. And so, yes, I love the community. I love that we can all just be together and have fun. And that kind of goes with my

favorite place on campus, the Bulldog Success Center. That's going to be the second floor of the Student Center. I just, I honestly, if I'm not in class or I'm not home taking a shower, playing the game, I'm in the Bulldog Success Center. I'm either studying or just chatting it up with friends. Yeah,

Gavin Kelly 21:58

and if you're listening, just go a few episodes back. We had Jamar Anderson on a big part of the Bulldog Success Center, and he speaks very fondly about it too for obvious reasons. So go ahead and listen to that if you haven't already. Sarah, your turn to give this question a shot.

Sarah Freeman 22:11

Okay, I would say my favorite part is, I guess, I guess it's not like a thing, but it's more something that happens whenever I go anywhere on campus, I'm constantly being stopped and talking to people, and that just speaks volumes to how, like, like Taysom said, we are such like a close knit community and family. You don't have to be a certain type of person to fit in here. Right, we have all different types of people, and just getting to like see all the different people you know from maybe like this organization, but then five seconds later you're walking and you see this person you know from this organization. It's just really sweet to see how much they care and how much they just want to be connected and be together.

Gavin Kelly 22:56

Yeah, and also too because of orientation, that's probably going to like triple for you guys. You're not going to be able to go anywhere because all your freshmen are going to see you all year long. But yeah,

Sarah Freeman 23:05

yeah, and I would say my favorite place on campus. Okay, this is going to sound kind of biased, but I work on the 16th floor of Wiley, so I would say there.

Gavin Kelly 23:17

You can't beat the view exactly.

Sarah Freeman 23:18

Exactly, you can't beat the view. Probably one of the prettiest views I've ever seen, because this is some place that truly feels like home to me. And like just seeing that from above, I'm just like one day I'm not going to be here anymore, and I'm just going to think back on this memory where I was just like staring awkwardly outside this one. And I'm just going to think back and like be happy.

Gavin Kelly 23:39

Very nice. You been up on the roof yet?

Sarah Freeman 23:41

No, I'm scared of heights. Really? You're already there. You're on elevators. I'm scared of heights. Like being being in Wiley. Oh, you just said it was your favorite place on campus. No, but five points every

time. The five ones I'm up there. But like getting there. Yeah. You know. You know. I must like it next. Yeah, that is very true.

Gavin Kelly 23:57

Yeah. If you get, I think once you get, we're on 12 right now. If you're listening, once you get to this height, then the higher up you go, you feel the building move. Like you feel the yeah. When the the train goes by, especially you feel a sway when it gets windy enough outside. You kind of feel a sway, but you ride about the 16 th floor. It is very beautiful, and if you can ever muster up the courage to go up on the roof, it is just another level to that view. That's that's very exciting. Where again, I appreciate you guys making time for us. It's been a busy summer, and I know that with the four sessions over, it's probably calmed down a little bit. But like I said, it doesn't really stop. So, what's the the rest of you guys' summer look like? Do you get kind of a chance now to enjoy quote unquote summer vacation? I know the OSLs like to all take a trip or whatever if the opportunity presents itself. But like, what are you guys going to do between now and the start of the next school year?

Sarah Freeman 24:47

So we have a beach trip planned. Very nice. I assumed. Yay! Been waiting all summer to go to the beach. I love the beach, and then I've got another beach plan. Beach trip plan after that, which is really fun.

Gavin Kelly 24:59

You do love the beach.

Sarah Freeman 25:00

Yes, I love the beach. Going to a concert, just just all of the summer plans that would have happened, right? Just all smushed into the month of March. Yeah, they're a couple months later than they would have. Yes, yeah, but I'm really excited. I'm excited for all the memories that I'm going to make over this next school year, especially because now I know so many more people that I get to reach out to and just make random coffee plans with, or go get McDonald's, or just you know. But yeah,

Gavin Kelly 25:29

shout out McDonald's. Shout out McDonald's. Oh, we could shout out. We could go all day about that. We're not going

Sarah Freeman 25:35

to no no like me. Uh huh. But yeah, I'm excited. I'm always up for something random. A lot of my plans are never set in stone. So

Gavin Kelly 25:45

very nice. All right, Tason. What about the obviously a beach trip? But what else you got going on?

Tason Lawrence 25:50

Well, also another fun fact about me. In between sessions, I've been going back home and working. Okay. So Baton Rouge, no Dallas. Okay. Okay. Yeah, Dallas. I've been going back home and working,

but I think this. I'm gonna take a break from going back home, and I'm gonna I'm gonna you know breathe a little and and and live a little and resting as you should. And I think that's that's gonna that's gonna be amazing for me. Like I have the summer graduation going to that. I have a couple friends graduating then, and then after that, I think I'm just gonna relax and just chill and resting.

Gavin Kelly 26:21

Okay, very good. There, ideal summer, honestly. But let's you kind of led to my next and final question for you guys. So you guys are going into your senior year or going into your junior year? You okay? So your juniors. So you got plenty of time, by the way, because I typically the like where do you see yourself in five years? Question. I can't stand it, but I'm going to ask you kind of a light-hearted version of that. So you're kind of getting to a point in your college career where you may already know, but you do need to start thinking about obviously the your career, your quote-unquote the future you want to have. So with marketing and engineering degrees, I'm kind of. What do you hope to achieve? What is an ideal job for you? An ideal career after graduation look like to you, Sarah? Why don't you tell us?

Sarah Freeman 27:10

Well, I currently work in TechPoint. I do marketing for Global Process Automation, and they operate out of there. I really enjoy getting to work with them, and but the more, especially orientation showed me this, the more that I've thought about it, the more I love Rustin, the more yeah I could see myself here, which is something that like crazy me like thinking I'd never like almost didn't um here, and I see myself working for tech. I don't know how in what way, but I don't know. I think I would really enjoy just getting to share how much I love this, or share my love for this university for the rest of my life because I do enjoy it so much.

Gavin Kelly 27:51

Yeah, that's good. Tyson, what about you?

Tason Lawrence 27:53

So a funny thing about us construction and civil engineer majors, we love to say that we love concrete, and so I, I, I I kind of I like concrete. It's it's cooler, whatnot. Yeah, and so obviously I'm a hands-on engineer type of guy. So I definitely want to work in the fields, have my yellow hat on, and honestly, wherever it takes me, I'm okay with. I know we were building Bucky's. I'll go work on Bucky right now. I go help help my work Bucky's right now. But yeah, just honestly, wherever it takes me.

Gavin Kelly 28:26

Yeah, they might need your help more on the the overpass construction. That's gonna get it's gonna get worse before it gets better. If you're listening and you're in Russian or you're coming russin or you're about to start school here or you live here or whatever, the Tech Drive bridge construction is kind of tough right now, and it's with students from Ruston High coming back and tech students coming back. It's going to be tricky, so not to bring the whole mood down. But if you can avoid that bridge, do your best. Well, again, guys, I appreciate you guys making time for us, sharing a little bit of insight, not just about your journey as students, but as OSLs, and as we move into the school year, and you get to kind of look at your junior year and senior year through the lens of having been through the OSL experience already, it's going to kind of change how you how you approach school a little bit, I'm sure,

and your and your friendships, but all for the better. So, thanks again. Thanks for what you've done for Louisiana Tech. I mean, again, you ask OSLs to volunteer their their time and their energy, and like you said, Sarah, you have to spend it all at least four big times over the course of the summer. But it's also way beyond that before and after. So, thanks again. Thank you both for being here. And go dogs!

Tason Lawrence 29:41

Go dogs! Thank you, Gavin!

Sarah Freeman 29:42

Thank you, Gavin!

Gavin Kelly 29:55

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