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### **Opening Convocation encourages students**

“Nobody can control your life but you,” was the theme for Angela Monson’s speech at Langston University’s Formal Opening Convocation on Sept. 25, 2014.

Monson, Associate Provost University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, was the keynote speaker for the event, while Clyde Montgomery, Jr. presided.

Monson’s speech challenged students by urging them to make their own destiny. Decide what you want out of life and pursue it, was her charge to the students. Monson was encouraging and hopeful for the future of Langston University students.

Following her speech, Monson was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by Kent J. Smith, Jr., Langston University president. The Outstanding Teacher of the Year award was also presented at the ceremony to Alonzo F. Peterson, a mathematics professor.

The ceremony also featured the introduction of the 2014 Student Government Association officers, music by the Langston University Concert

Choir and Band and comments made by Mr. and Miss. Langston University.

To conclude the ceremony, Clifford Smith, Director of Choral Activities, led the auditorium in singing the Alma Mater. As another academic year has begun, so has another year of opportunity for Langston University students. As Monson pointed out, students are the future and they can change the world.