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What: Oakland's Lincoln University is proud to announce its first ever football team on Saturday, August 28, 2021, in the season opener against Arizona Christian University in Glendale, Arizona.

“This semester we have over 80 football players enrolled in school, practicing, and ready for our first season. We will also have men's and women's basketball teams. Our roster is growing, and our schedule has been solidified,” said Lincoln University's athletic director Desmond Gumbs.

Desmond Gumbs has loved sports all of his life, and when he became aware that Lincoln University did not have an athletics department, the founder of Stellar Preparatory High School in Hayward, California saw an opportunity to build a department that could become a jewel for the city of Oakland, California. After a series of planning meetings with President Mikhail Brodsky, the first sports department in the 101-year history of Lincoln University was born. This August heralds the debut of the student athletes. Coach Gumbs and the team are looking forward to their first road trip and the first game this weekend.

Where: Arizona Christian University, 1 W. Firestorm Way, Glendale, AZ 85306

When: **Saturday, August 28, 2021**

Who: **Lincoln University vs. Arizona Christian University**

Lincoln University is a 101-year-old institution with WASC accreditation, offering undergraduate business degrees, as well as a BS in imaging. Lincoln's newly created athletic department also offers football and women's basketball for the 2021 season. The school's masters and doctoral programs are well-respected. The San Francisco Business Journal ranked Lincoln University as the number three MBA program in the Bay Area only behind University of California Berkeley's Haas School of Business and Stanford's Graduate School of Business. For more information, visit www.lincolnuca.edu

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