## Bucknell University Bucknell Digital Commons

**Bucknell Believes** 

8-29-2011

## An Open Mind Opens New Doors to New Possibilities

Xavier Langford xel001@bucknell.edu

Follow this and additional works at: http://digitalcommons.bucknell.edu/believes

## **Recommended** Citation

Langford, Xavier, "An Open Mind Opens New Doors to New Possibilities" (2011). *Bucknell Believes*. Paper 6. http://digitalcommons.bucknell.edu/believes/6

This Essay is brought to you for free and open access by Bucknell Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Bucknell Believes by an authorized administrator of Bucknell Digital Commons. For more information, please contact dcadmin@bucknell.edu.

## An Open Mind Opens New Doors to New Possibilities

Throughout middle school and during my first two years of high school, I had a very constricted mindset. I did not accept new ideas, I was prejudiced towards everyone, and I was always worried about what others thought of me. It was about halfway through my sophomore year of high school when I read the work of great philosophers such as Aristotle and Socrates. I had an epiphany and it changed how I live my life and how I view others. I believe in keeping an open mind. I have become much more accepting of new ideas and I am honest with everyone, and I even chose to major in philosophy later on at college from that point on. I prefer to be brutally honest over being innocuously deceitful. I love being open and honest because people respect honesty and they feel more comfortable knowing that I won't judge them, lie to them, or outright reject them. Soon after my epiphany, I tried out some of the clubs at my high school and even became more outgoing. Once I moved into my dorm here at Bucknell, I had a completely new environment to experience. I took part in the BuckWild pre-orientation program and met many new people and experienced many new things. After BuckWild, I kept the energy from it flowing everyday as much as possible. I meet new people every day here at Bucknell and I signed up to try a large number of the clubs here. Thankfully, my epiphany in 10<sup>th</sup> grade allowed to me to open my mind and be prepared for this college experience. Had I been in the same mindset before my epiphany, I would be having a completely different college life right now. My open mind allows me to make the best out of my life here at Bucknell University because there is so much to try and I am willing to see all of it. Since I have an open mind, I am always looking to learn new things and I don't reject something without good reason. I accept everyone from all runs of life and of all backgrounds unless they give me good reason to not do so. I feel that by attending Bucknell, I can make the most of my open mind because there is so much diversity and variety in my daily life here. I would list everything new that I have experienced but it would never fit on one page. I am saying that an open mind in every aspect is the best thing that I can have because if I close off my mind and put up barriers, I will become isolated in my own world and I will never get to become the best that I can be. I advise you to open your mind and you will be much happier. I have been told many times that I have a lot of potential and by opening my mind, I can go above and beyond those expectations.