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LM Otero/AP file photo
University of North Texas music theory professor Timothy Jackson is shown in an office in 2011. A recent settlement has ended a lawsuit Jackson brought against the university in 2020.

Professor awarded \$725K in settlement against UNT

By Lucinda Breeding-Gonzales
Staff Writer
The University of North Texas settled a lawsuit brought against the university by a music theory professor who says he suffered professional and emotional damage following accusations of racism that were made in 2020. The settlement ends a five-year conflict that gained national attention and brought criticism to

Conflict over academic freedom and free speech started in 2020

both UNT for violating a tenured professor's academic freedom and music theory professor Timothy Jackson for controversial statements about racial barriers in classical music. UNT will pay \$725,000 to

Jackson, who drew ire from his peers on the faculty of the College of Music and from the broader music theory community after complaints arose that
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BUSINESS

From the ground up

18-year-old juggled Lake Dallas High, football and building a successful home services business

By Abigail Boatwright
For Denton County Magazine

Not everyone desires to be an entrepreneur, but for those with a good business plan and a strong work ethic, success can be in reach. Lincoln Snyder, who just graduated from Lake Dallas High School, is a great example. At 18, he has built a thriving local business called Sunshine Exteriors, specializing in window cleaning, gutter cleaning, power washing and holiday lighting services for residential and commercial clients in North Texas. The business generated \$60,000 in revenue in 2024, its first year of operation. How did Snyder get his start? He credits social media.

Learning his craft

The summer before his sophomore year, Snyder was working at Walmart but says he was feeling unfulfilled in the job. He came across some videos of people power washing various exteriors on social media, and that sparked an idea. "I thought I could do that, so I started going door to door seeking clients," Snyder said. He started without a business plan, and no prior experience in exterior services, but he diligently learned each service from

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Courtesy photo/Sunshine Exteriors
Lincoln Snyder founded Sunshine Exteriors while he was a Lake Dallas High School student in 2023. He and his crew handle window cleaning, gutter cleaning, power washing and other services.



Yesteryear

In this month's look back at the archives: A July Fourth parachutist, tank training in town, and a snazzy custom car from 1950 that was already a classic in 1975. **>> Local, 2A**



New take on 'Superman' redefines the genre

Film critic Preston Barta's verdict: James Gunn's *Superman* is nothing short of a cinematic triumph. **>> Entertainment, 4A**

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