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Xavier University Celebrates MLK Week
Panel Discussion features
Michael “Quess” Moore and Brandan “BMike” Odoms

New Orleans LA - Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA) will host a week-long celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and impact on society, featuring a special panel discussion featuring Michael “Quess” Moore (Take Em Down Nola) and Brandan “Bmike” Odums (Studio Be) **Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m.** in the University Center Ballroom.

Brandan “BMike” Odoms is a highly sought after visual artist and filmmaker who uses his chosen mediums to tell stories and make statements that transform the minds of viewers as well as the spaces in which his work appears.

Michael “Quess” Moore is a poet, educator, and actor. His writing and work with youth as a poet led him to the classroom where he most recently spent four years as an English teacher. He is a founding member of Team SNO (Slam New Orleans), New Orleans' first slam poetry team since Hurricane Katrina, and the only national championship team the city has ever produced having won competitions in 2010, 2012 and 2013.

The panel discussion is free and open to the public.

Other MLK Week activities at Xavier include a student Day of Service Saturday, Jan. 13 and a Student Talent Showcase Thursday, Jan. 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

About Xavier University of Louisiana

XULA students *Leave Ready* to serve, care, and lead their communities. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana visit us online at www.xula.edu or follow us on Facebook, YouTube, or Twitter @XULA1925. Take a moment to learn more about how Xavier is preparing students for the future at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sD4mb-jYZC8>.

Once again, Xavier University of Louisiana received national accolades as one of the best universities in the country. Most notably, XULA is ranked as the best value among southern regional colleges and universities in the 2018 edition of “Best Colleges” by the U.S. News Media Group. Xavier also ranked No.1 in its grouping, heading the list of only 15 schools that qualified for the Southern Region category listed under “Great Schools, Great Prices.”

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