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## Special points of interest:

- EXCEL Alum will speak to current EXCEL participants.
- Participants will help build the New Orleans community as they conduct a community service project.
- EXCEL '11 participants hail from 15 states



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Celebrating 25 years of EXCELLENCE

## From the Director's Desk



Mr. Damon Williams, Jr. MBA  
Director of Graduate Placement,  
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With great excitement and anticipation, staff, group leaders, instructors and the Xavier community alike are anxious to welcome over 50 participants to the SuperScholar/EXCEL Program. On June 26, 2011 we will all receive a unique blend of students hailing from 15 states. Understanding these students to be the scholarly representatives of the high school class of 2012, their experience here will augment their skills as scholars and hone the tools they need to be the future leaders and

innovators we know they can be.

Thanks to financial support from U.S. Department of Education Title III funds, EXCEL is celebrating over 25 years of operation. The Xavier community sends special thanks to the following organizations for referring and sponsoring students: 100 Black Men of America, National Black Urban League (Shrendren Burnside) and Upward Bound (Nicole Gale and Quan Nguyen).

The experiences of 2011 will be forever engraved in the minds of our participants, the group leaders and instructors. The summer of 2011 will be remembered as a summer of growth, change, betterment and fun as the participants learn test-taking strategies that will enhance their performance on standardized tests and concertedly learn to love New Orleans with each extracurricular activity. Participants will take non-credit courses in Quantitative Reasoning (Math), Critical Thinking/Writing, Critical Reading, Speech/Debate, Business,

and African-American History. Participants will be exposed to new information, new ways of thinking and unique instruction while learning from professors, community activist and life-long educators.

The extracurricular highlights include a myriad of events to suit anyone's palette. Essences Festival, Laser Tag, Trolley Ride and the Global Wildlife Center are just a few. While appreciating the performances of the musically artistic features, thoughts of their upcoming performances during the Fashion/Talent Show and Open Mic Night will run through participants' minds.

The unique balance of an engaging education will culminate as all EXCEL participants fill out an application for Xavier University of Louisiana. The application fee will be waived. We are hoping that at the close of the program, many of the participants will view Xavier as one of their top choices.

## Meet the Office Staff



Ms. Monica Majors  
Assistant Director



Mr. Kevin Barnes, Jr.  
Program Coordinator



Ms. Linda Webb Williams  
Administrative Assistant

## Who Will be There...

Meet the instructors and group leaders for this year

### Instructors

#### Dr. Samori Sekou Camara, Ph.D



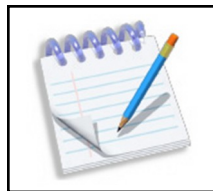
LSU '03 B.A. & '07 M.A. A doctoral candidate at University of Texas studying American History. SuperScholar/EXCEL African-American History Instructor.

#### Ms. Blake Clark



Xavier University '09 B.S. Psychology. Ph.D. student at Tulane University. Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. SuperScholar/EXCEL Reading Instructor.

#### Dr. Robin Vander, Ph.D



Xavier University of LA B.A., University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill M.A., & Ph.D. SuperScholar/EXCEL Critical Writing Instructor.

#### Mrs. Sheryl Kennedy-Haydel



Clark Atlanta '92 B.A, Univ. of Maryland-College Park '97 M.A., Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison '03 M.B.A. SuperScholar/EXCEL Speech and Debate Instructor.

#### Mr. Gabriel Thompson



Xavier University '10 B.S. Accounting, Tulane University '11 M.F.A Accounting. SuperScholar/EXCEL Business Administration Instructor.

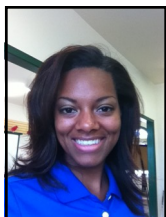
#### Mrs. Tahera Darensburg-Crane



Xavier University of LA '04 B.A., Emory University '08 M.S. SuperScholar/EXCEL Quantitative Reasoning Instructor.

### Group Leaders

#### Sequoia Storms



Xavier University '11 A native of Cincinnati, Ohio pursuing a career in television production.

#### Robert Garland



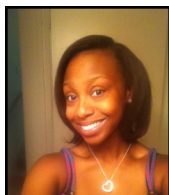
Xavier University '10 A New Orleans native currently attending Grambling State to obtain a Master's degree in Sports Administration.

#### Vernon Dunn



Xavier University '10 A New Orleans native headed to either Texas Southern University or Tulane University to obtain a Master's degree.

#### Alycia Boutte



Xavier University '11 A Slidell, Louisiana native headed to University of Texas at Austin to obtain a Master's of Public Health degree.

#### Jared Romance



Xavier University '11 A New Orleans native headed to either University of Dallas or Louisiana State University to obtain a Master's degree.

## Where are they now?

Over 25 years of Excel Alum, we were anxious to see the culmination as strong students enter Xavier. Pride fills us as we hear of the successes of EXCEL '10 alum.

#### EXCEL '10 Alum~ XU class of '15

Mia Ruffin 2010 Super Scholar

Tajuan McNeal

Alexys Nunn

Alexis Williams



Other '10 EXCEL alum will be at highly esteemed universities such as Howard, Morehouse and Hampton. We are proud of them all.

Cedrik Stubblefield– University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Samantha Cantrell– Hampton University

Khalifa Madeena Shabazz– University of Georgia

## EXCEL 2011 Participants

### Alabama

Bradley Williams: Montgomery, AL,

### Arizona

Nnenia Muhammad-Stephens: Phoenix, AZ

### California

Sterling Thompson: Elk Grove, CA

Ibrahim Williams: El Cajon, CA

### Georgia

Meghan Jones: Stone Mountain, GA

Jenay Willis: Forsyth, GA

### Louisiana

Sydni Bellow: Slidell, LA

Sattia Breckenridge: New Orleans, LA

Tatanisha Canselo: New Orleans, LA

Matranise Fontenberry: New Orleans, LA

Ciera Hampton: Baton Rouge, LA

Jared Humbles: Baton Rouge, LA

Jesica Irons: New Orleans, LA

Nadja James: New Orleans, LA

Dwon Jordana: New Orleans, LA

Kershaun Melson: New Orleans, LA

Grace Omigie: New Orleans, LA

Karlton Pannell: New Orleans, LA

Jordan Rembert: Baton Rouge, LA

Shelby Santiago: Sunset, LA

Brandi Temple: Baker, LA

Zandria Thomas: New Orleans, LA

Iesha Turner: Lake Charles, LA

Justin Vance: Zachary, LA

Dywayne' Washington: New Orleans, LA

Joelle Williams: New Orleans, LA

Melvin Williams: New Orleans, LA

Bianca Wilson: New Orleans, LA

Shawn Wilson: Lafayette, LA

### Maryland

Leon Chisum: Hebron, MD

Esther Pierre: Salisbury, MD

Krystal Roggerson: Columbia, MD

Malcolm Bratcher: Salisbury, MD

Tiffany Ewell: Salibury, MD

### Massachusetts

Ashley Kemembin: Leominster, MA

### Michigan

Quinton Furman: Southfield, MI

Jasmine Hatcher-Moorman: Detroit, MI

Taylor Jackson: Detroit, MI

Ebonee Johnson: Detroit, MI

Destiny Waters: Detroit, MI

Sierra Witcher: Southfield, MI

### Mississippi

Jazmine Crain: Brandon, MS

Ashley Davis: Moss Point, MS

### North Carolina

Emari Alexander: Roanoke Rapids, NC

Misha Mullen: Hope Mills, NC

### Oregon

Rachelle Forembling: Portland, OR

### Tennessee

Ndidi Enyinnia: Murfreesboro, TN

Martina Little: Collierville, TN

### Texas

Jamiria Conner: Houston, TX

Imani Dunn: Mckinney, TX

John Goode: Houston, TX

Jade Jackson: Pearland, TX

Shelbi Young: Plano, TX

### Virginia

Aaron Copeland: Hampton, VA

### West Virginia

Mariah Brown: Rand, WV

# Super Scholar/EXCEL

## Calendar of Events 2011

- June 26, 2011 Check-in & Orientation
- June 28, 2011 Banner Party
- June 29, 2011 Brotherhood/Sisterhood
- June 30, 2011 Essence Outreach Day
- July 1, 2011 Debate/Quiz Bowl & Essence Concert
- July 2, 2011 Mall of Louisiana & Essence Concert
- July 3, 2011 Trolley, Aquarium & French Market
- July 4, 2011 Fourth of July Celebration
- July 6, 2011 Brotherhood/Sisterhood
- July 7, 2011 Etiquette Workshop
- July 8, 2011 Debate/Quiz Bowl & Overnight Laser Tag
- July 9, 2011 Global Wildlife Center & Open Mic Night
- July 10, 2011 New Orleans Museum of Art
- July 13, 2011 Brotherhood/Sisterhood
- July 15, 2011 Fashion/Talent Show
- July 16, 2011 Community Service & Skate Party
- July 17, 2011 Swamp Tour
- July 20, 2011 Brotherhood/Sisterhood
- July 21, 2011 Dinner Cruise– Creole Queen
- July 22, 2011 Closing Ceremony & Movies
- July 23, 2011 Check-out/Move-out

### JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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### JULY

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24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30