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Comedian Amanda Seales to Speak at Xavier University Sept. 19

New Orleans LA – Comedian, actress, writer, and producer Amanda Seales will speak at <u>Xavier University</u> of <u>Louisiana</u> Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom as part of the Campus Activities Speaker Series.

Admission is free and the public invited.

Amanda Seals doesn't just make you laugh, she advocates for change! With an uncanny knack for taking on serious social justice issues with a sense of humor that makes the topics more relatable and interesting, she combines intellectual wit, exuberant silliness and a pop culture obsession to create her unique style of smart funny content for the stage and screens.

Along with performing stand up across the globe, and touring colleges doing comedic lectures on everything from sexism and diversity, relationships to black popular culture, this former MTV VJ with a master's in African American studies from Columbia University is a series regular as Tiffany on HBO's "Insecure", She has guest starred on "Blackish", performed stand up on Late Night with Seth Meyers, and opened for Chris Rock. The creator/host of LA's hit comedy game show, "Smart Funny & Black" at Nerdmelt, she speaks truth to change via her wildly popular Instagram and weekly podcast and soon to be book, "Small Doses".

About Xavier University of Louisiana

Xavier was recently ranked as the nation's #2 HBCU (Historically Black College and University) by College Consensus, a unique college ratings website that aggregates publisher rankings and student reviews, in its newly released publication, Best HBCUs for 2018. Xavier was also among the four colleges selected by Beyonce and her BeyGood Foundation as the recipient of a Homecoming Scholars Scholarship Award announced after her much lauded performance at Coachella, while actor and comedian Kevin Hart has joined forces with UNCF and KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) to help 18 more KIPP students earn a college degree – three of whom were Xavier students.

That's just the latest in national accolades Xavier has received 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."

At Xavier eXcellence awaits yoU. 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. To book interviews about our recent accomplishments and/or to speak with our experts in the field of pharmacy, education, premed, public health, science, technology, math, business, English, communications and the arts, contact Diana Hernandez at (504) 520-5120 or dhernan1@xula.edu.

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