

**100 BLACK MEN OF JACKSON, INC.
MSDH HEALTH DISPARITIES PROGRAM
TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, LA**

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TRIP OVERVIEW

The 100 BMJI took 26 mentees to the historical city of New Orleans, Louisiana with the hope of further exploring the field of health sciences. In addition, we were able to expose mentees to key educational opportunities at a Historically Black College or University, as well as, cultivating experiences they will take with them forever. In this presentation, we will cover the following areas of impact:

- ✓ Education
- ✓ Enrichment
- ✓ Experience





EDUCATION: XAVIER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCE

Our first stop on our trip was the beautiful Xavier University of Louisiana. Founded on October 17, 1831 by Mother Katherine Drexel, she defied laws and Vatican policies to construct the school specifically for African Americans. Our mentees were given more background on Xavier's history and an overview of their Health Science program. This presentation highlighted:

- ✓ Majors and minors within the Health Science department
- ✓ Opportunities for scholarships
- ✓ Demographics of student success after graduation
- ✓ Tips for the application process
- ✓ Tour of the campus

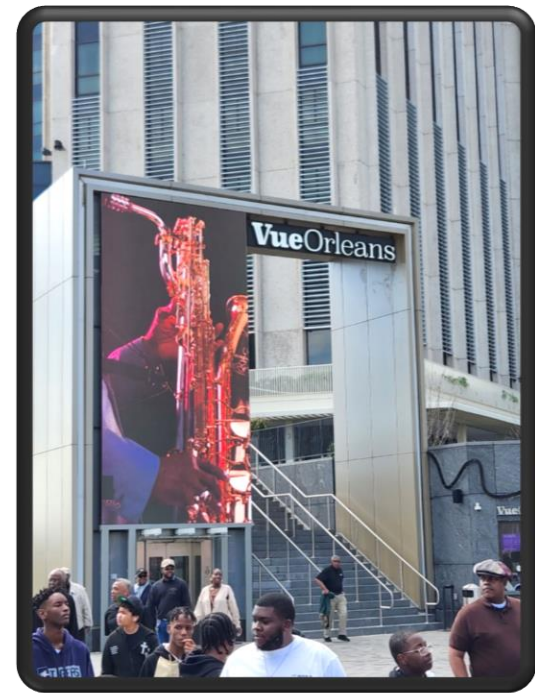




ENRICHMENT: VUE ORLEANS HISTORY MUSEUM

The next stop on our trip was a tour of the Vue Orleans History Museum. This museum is unique in its use of visual effects to tell the story of New Orleans and how it came to be. While there, mentees were able to:

- ✓ Interact with soundboards and infographics.
- ✓ Try out new age technology.
- ✓ Oversee the city on the top of the museum.
- ✓ An opportunity to experience operating a steamboat through the museums steamboat simulator.



Vue Orleans

Welcome to a fascinating, interactive immersion into the diverse cultures that converged to create the magic of New Orleans.

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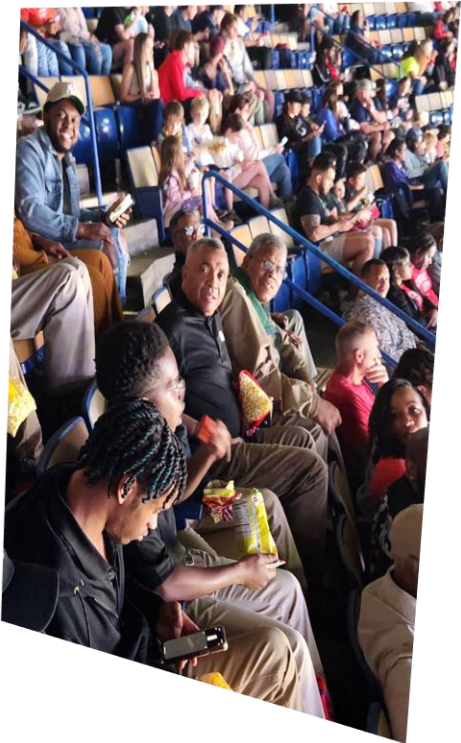
Te damos la bienvenida a una inmersión fascinante e interactiva en las diversas culturas que converjeron para crear la magia de Nueva Orleans.

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Bienvenue à une immersion interactive fascinante dans les cultures variées qui ont convergé pour créer la magie de La Nouvelle-Orléans.

EXPERIENCES: NEW ORLEANS PELICANS NBA GAME AND AUDUBON AQUARIUM

- ✓ For many of our mentees, it was their first time traveling outside of Mississippi. There are many ways to make trips like this memorable, and what better way than experiencing a professional basketball game! Mentees, as well as mentors, were engulfed by the roar of the crowd and the excitement of seeing some of their favorite players on the court. We even appeared on the jumbotron during a fastbreak between the teams. Overall, we had a blast!
- ✓ The Audubon Aquarium showcased an array of sea life from as close as the Gulf Coast to as far as the Caribbean sea. Mentees were particularly taken aback at the colossal size of most sea creatures, and they grew quite fond of the smaller creatures. Some were brave enough to pet the Stingray as well!





CONCLUSION

Overall, the trip was a success! We enjoyed some great food, made some fond memories, and educated the mentees on important health topics of today.



**What you do makes a difference,
and you have to decide what kind
of difference you want to make.**

-Jane Goodall