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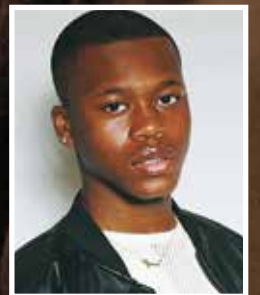
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# The State of MLK’s Dream in 2020

## *A Young People’s Perspective*



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### Youth of New Orleans

As we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we at Data News Weekly thought it was important to hear from some of our young people from New Orleans regarding their feeling about the “State of the Dream” and why it is important in 2020.

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**Lamar Hughes**Age 17 -  
NOCCA**MLK**

The legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. has made such a huge influence on today's world. He has challenged many people to view the world as a place where everyone can live equally and peacefully together. Dr. King has put his life on the line for freedom and justice for all people. Looking back at times of segregation and today I highly believe there is much progress made, and still believe there is much more to do. He wasn't afraid to stand up and fight for the rights of African Americans and people of color. We should never stop fighting no matter how hard it gets. We have to continue to take a stand for what's right.

Martin Luther King, Jr., and other leaders have paved the way for

us to live equally among each other while letting us set our differences aside. Dr. King was a fearless and powerful leader who did everything in his power to prove a point. We continue to fight for equal rights today regardless of gender or race, and battle education inequality. We cannot get comfortable in our current state but continue to call for justice and equality for all.

**Nyja White**Age 18  
Illinois Wesleyan University

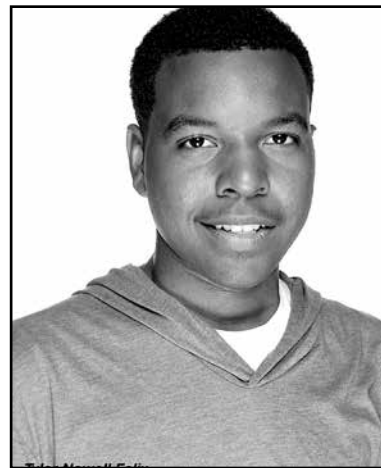
People. Passion. Love. Hate. Martin Luther King Day resembles more than his birthday. On this day we celebrate an activist and his dreams. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is about people coming together and being able to work together. Unfortunately, this holiday reveals the truth about who we really are.

On this day the world is seen only in Black and White and yet everyone is living in color. People become more aware of their race on this day because it is a holiday created for a Black man who wanted nothing more than peace amongst people from different races and backgrounds.

This day is a contradiction to people of color as it goes against King's dreams. As we celebrate King, we shoot our brothers and our sisters. We go to jail for nothing more than a speeding ticket and a White officer. We sit in schools making teachers resent us, and yet we complain about having a bad education and teachers who don't teach. This day isn't celebrated for the reasons it should be. We thank him for giving us a day off but not for allowing us to receive the same education, same respect, and the same dignity as someone that has a different skin color. Martin Luther King Day is about respect and growing together as a unit - a family. One voice one sound.

**Tyler Felix**Age 19  
University of North Carolina School of the Arts**What Does Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mean to Me?**

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an African American preacher and Civil Rights Leader who gave young Black men like me a reason to be-



lieve they could dream of being anything in the world and actually have that dream come through. On the third Monday in January, we celebrate a man who helped change the course of history in the way people treat others who are different than them. His 'I Have a Dream' speech, spoke of a future where Caucasians and African Americans would no longer be segregated or judged by the color of their skin. Because of Dr. King, I can reach for the sky and know that it is attainable.

We as a race of people have come so far, and yet still have mountains to climb. With all that Dr. King through his teachings has allowed us to overcome we have still not overcome the self-hatred that exists amongst ourselves. Let's look at the 'N' word for instance; to me, the 'N' word is a word used to call someone your slave. The definition of slave, 'A tool to serve your need, something you use without regard

to how they feel about it'. This is a word Dr. King and so many like him fought at every turn not to be addressed as, and yet in today's Black America, we use it as a term of endearment. All I'm saying is before we aim at the problem on the surface let's look a little deeper below the root. Dr. King gave me the necessary tools I needed to go out into the world and face my deepest darkest fears even if it's in my own back yard and knows I can win.

**Jeremiah Craft**Age 25  
Professional Actor**Dr. King and Nonviolence**

One of my favorite things that Dr. King ever said: "Violence never brings permanent peace, solves no social problem; it merely creates new and more complicated ones. It

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# New Orleans Bounce Legend and Humanitarian “5th Ward Weebie” Passes Away at Age 42

**Edwin Buggage**  
Editor-in-Chief

New Orleans Rapper, Bounce Music Icon, event producer/promoter, philanthropist and community leader Jerome “5th Ward Weebie” Cosey, passed last week at the age of 42.

Weebie’s Publicist Johnathan Thomas sent out a news release that the artist had a “heart attack which turned into emergency heart surgery and ultimately heart failure.”

People from all walks of life sent their condolences from entertainment icons such as Drake, Nas, Snoop Dogg, and Juvenile, to political leaders such as New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell and many others on social media gave shouts to Cosey, who lived a life full of purpose, meaning and impact.

Weebie started out on the local music scene in the early 1990s as a back-up dancer, rapper and all-around entertainer. Not content to just be behind the scenes in 1999 he released his debut album “Show the World.”

As he continued to show the world that he was determined to take Bounce Music to the next level he was featured on the regional hit. Kane & Abel’s “Shake It Like a Dog.” Later in 2001, he was featured on Master P hit single “Rock It”

He also released a Hurricane Katrina song entitled “F-k Katrina,” which was later used in



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mainstream attention, with the infectious single “Let Me Find Out.”

More recently, Weebie also contributed vocals to Drake’s 2018 remix of the international hit “Nice for What.”

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New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell released a statement on 5th Ward Weebie’s death that sums up the life of Jerome “Fifth Ward Weebie” Cosey.

“He was an iconic personality, a New Orleans Legend, and a beloved friend. He was the Bounce King, who showed us how to move, how to love, and how-to bring passion and humanity to everything we do. New Orleans has lost a cornerstone of our culture. Our City will not be the same without his voice and his spirit. May he rest in God’s perfect peace.”

## Homegoing Service for 5th Ward Weebie

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to noon on January 19 at the Mahalia Jackson Theater for the Performing Arts. A public funeral service will follow at noon at the theater. Burial will be private.

the HBO series “Treme”. He also was one of the few Bounce artists to fuse his music with the brass band sound where he worked with Trombone Shorty and Rebirth Brass Band.

Weebie was also known for his club bangers including his hit I Really Want You feat. Partners-N-Crime. This led to him gaining

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is impractical and ends in destruction for all; it destroys the community and makes brotherhood impossible. It seeks to humiliate the opponent rather than win his understanding."

If a problem can't be solved by communication, it likely can't be solved at all. There surely are situations where non-violence could itself become dangerous (and there are many racists who distorted this message from MLK), I urge people to protect themselves in dire situations.

However, as my mom likes to say, you pay now, or you pay later. As I grew older, I find myself understanding Malcolm X's point of view, but I've always leaned towards Dr. King's way.

I don't tell people who are angry not to fight anymore. Anger is a real thing and it makes logic extremely difficult. I simply ask them, if you do this, what will it fix? Far and wide, the answer is absolutely nothing. There's a wide gulf between inaction and violence.

ity, and peace. Dr. King started a legacy that ended up becoming worldwide. He fought for equality for people that changed lives for the better. He made it possible for everyone to be at peace with one another. Dr. King was committed to seeing change and risked his life daily to see that change happened. His dream was for each person to be treated by the content of their character and not the color of their skin. Dr. King gave people hope and dreams and I look at the world with such big dreams knowing I can accomplish whatever I set forth to do. Dr. King once said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." This quote out of many inspired me the most. It taught me to always speak and think positive in every situation. Dr. King changed the way people thought and he also inspired others to be great and live as one. He was the change and I want to use my gifts and my talents to change and inspire others.

**Wynn S. Williams**

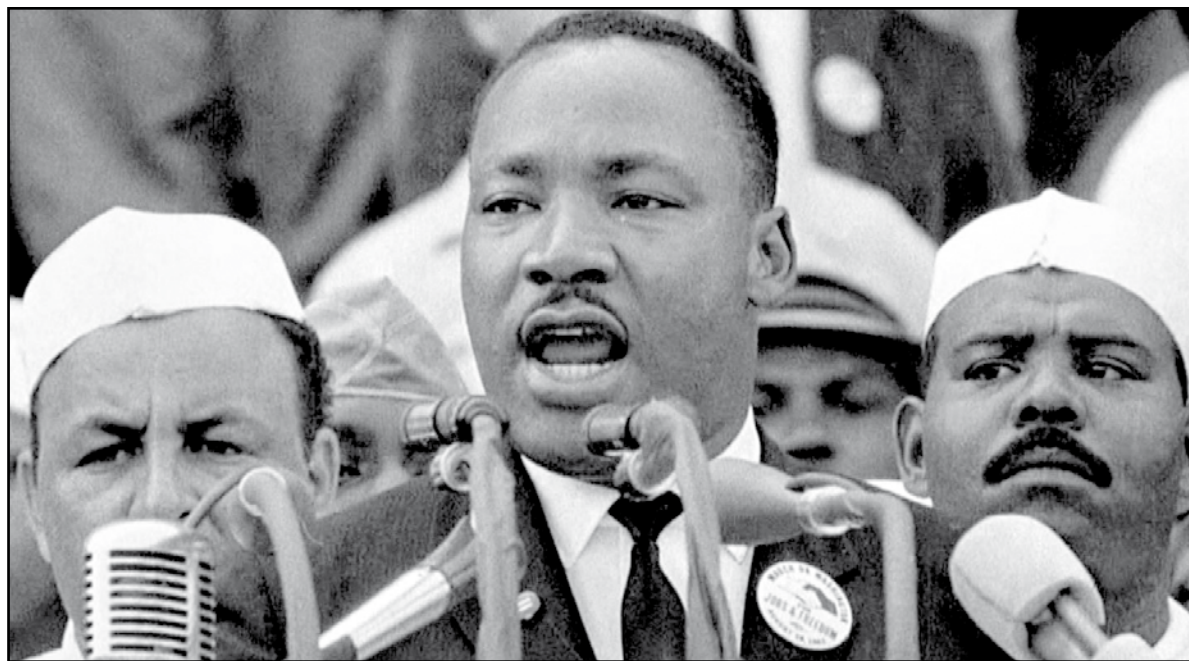
Age 18  
Eleanor McMain High School

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to me means legacy, change, equal-

**Anthony Jones**

Age 13  
Hynes Charter School

Martin Luther King was a role model and a leader who left a crucial impact in our everyday lives,



One of my favorite things that Dr. King ever said: "Violence never brings permanent peace, solves no social problem; it merely creates new and more complicated ones. It is impractical and ends in destruction for all; it destroys the community and makes brotherhood impossible. It seeks to humiliate the opponent rather than win his understanding," says Jeremiah Craft, 25 who is a professional actor who hails from New Orleans.

but more than that he symbolized hope. It is amazing during a time of such inequality, that he was able to dream of better times even though he knew he wouldn't experience them. He was and is the definition of a hero fighting for rights that he was would not be able to enjoy. Putting his life on the line believ-

ing and hoping that one day those that followed him would reap the benefits of his struggle. As a Hero, he refused to let the hate of others hinder his journey to a better and just world. Martin Luther King is an inspiration he is more than a man he is a movement that started and refuses to stop. He has shown me

to stand up for what is right, and people will follow. He stood up in front of millions preaching about what he believed, knowing so many more people didn't agree. His courage and sheer determination make him more than a hero in my eyes. He is a martyr to his cause to make America Great.



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# National College Football Championship Concert and Fan Fest at Woldenberg Park

Photos by E. Benjamin  
Data News Weekly  
Contributor

AT&T Playoff Playlist Live recently took place in New Orleans, as part of a series of free live concerts leading up to the 2020 College Football National Championship Game between LSU and Clemson.

The two days of shows featured Nas, H.E.R. MAX, Meghan Trainor, Bastille and New Orleans own Trombone Shorty and Orleans Ave.

Data News Weekly was there to catch some of the people out there enjoying the Championship concert.



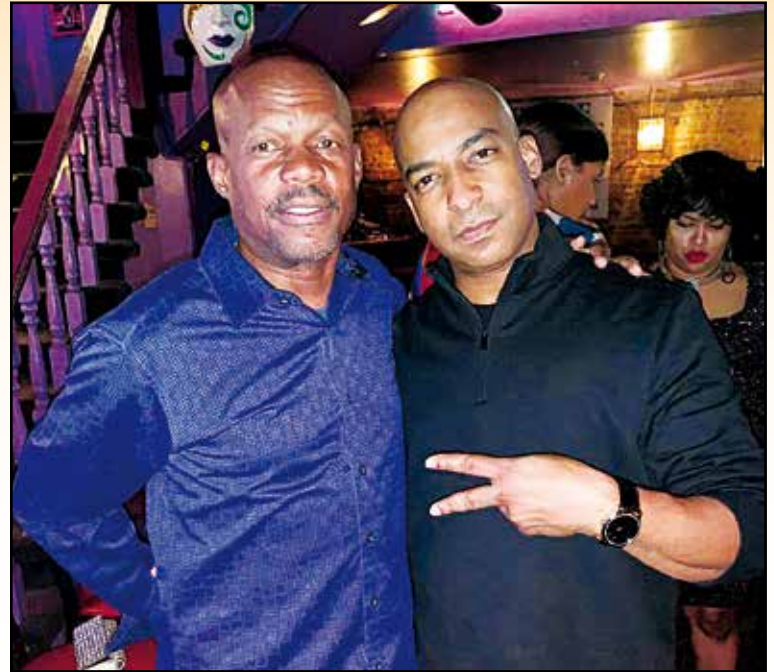
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# Adonis Rose B-Day Celebration

Photos by E. Benjamin  
Data News Weekly  
Contributor

Adonis Rose, the Grammy Award-winning Artistic Director of The New Orleans Jazz Orchestra recently celebrated his birthday with close family and friends at The Prime Example. Data News Weekly was there to catch up with this great in Jazz Music on his special day.



New Orleans Jazz Orchestra (NOJO) Artistic Director Adonis Rose recently celebrated his birthday with family and friends.



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# Strength of New Orleans Comes from the People who Believe in this City



**Michael Ruffin**  
Regional Director  
AT&T Louisiana

With the holidays behind us, and here in the early days of the Mardi Gras season, I have always thought that this is the time of year to catch my breath and collect my thoughts – to take time to appreciate this great city and to focus on how the people who call New Orleans home are making a difference in our community.

Perhaps more so than in years past, in 2019, as the lead for AT&T's Believe New Orleans campaign, I had a front-row seat to the impact men and women across this city are having on our future. I saw example after example of men and women who Believe in New Orleans.

Just a few weeks ago, Dr. Calvin Mackie, and his STEM NOLA team hosted nearly 450 young people from across the city at



Business, Elected and Civic leaders attend AT&T's Believe New Orleans Campaign ribbon-cutting ceremony.

their 7th Annual STEM fest. My colleagues and I joined with dozens of other volunteers from across the city, supporting STEM NOLA as they offered young people the opportunity to explore science in new ways, to experience the technology behind a variety of applications, and to engage in engineering activities in ways that make STEM learning and STEM careers – not just a dream – but a

true possibility for young people.

At the same time, the Louisiana Urban League – through their ScaleUP! Louisiana program – has been hard at work preparing area entrepreneurs for even greater successes. In 2019, they provided counseling, education, mentorship, access to funding and other resources to area small business owners, giving them tools to help them build

scalable and profitable businesses. And later this month, the Louisiana Urban League is launching round two of ScaleUP! Louisiana, continuing to inspire innovation across New Orleans.

Throughout the year, the team at the New Orleans Business Alliance worked with many residents across New Orleans East through their STRIVE NOLA project, developing important career skills to help resi-

dents find entry-level positions in sustainable jobs. This kind of work is vital to growing our local economy and continuing to build stability in the community.

These represent just a few examples of the tremendous work that the men and women of New Orleans are doing to build better futures.

On top of that, whether it's the folks at the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission (NORD) who are supporting the youth and families, leadership at the Lake Forest Charter School, beautification crews working with the East New Orleans Business Improvement District, or the inspiring and community-building men and women of the Hispanic and African American Chambers of Commerce, there is amazing work being done by those who Believe in New Orleans.

And as the world turns their gaze to our wonderful city in the coming weeks, it is important that we recognize and appreciate that work.

I am proud to live in this city, and I am proud of the work being done across the city to strengthen our economy and to cultivate a better future for our residents.

## Why Does MLK Day Matter In 2020

*Keeping the Dream Alive and How to Make it a Reality*



**Charles Dickerson**  
Data News Weekly Columnist

It is again that time of the year where we pay homage to the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and his leading the Civil Rights Movement. During this time, we are reminded of his iconic "I Have A Dream" speech; and his pleas for letting freedom ring all across this nation for people of all races.

Today it is nearly 60 years since he made this monumental speech and I would say that we have made a lot of progress, but we still have a long way to go. For this reason, I am asking the question of my people what should we do today to further the State of the Dream" and why does MLK still matter in 2020?

Some believe because we have had a Black President, we have Blacks dominating sports and entertainment and we have a significant middle-class that the battle is over. And that we have reached the promise land that MLK so eloquently spoke of during the turbulent 1950s and 60s.

Well, I am here to tell you that today inequality still exists and also that MLK near the end of his life

that his Dream expanded to include fighting against unjust wars and the elimination of poverty in America. These issues are equally important in modern-day America and the struggle to eliminate them must continue.

On the local front I would like to note that we live in a City that according to U.S. Census Data, New Orleans continues to have one of the highest poverty rates among the 50 largest metro areas in the country. In addition, we have an educational system that continues to fail the most vulnerable people of our City.

Therefore, I ask what can we do? We must become proactive and be the foot soldiers of change in our City. Some would say the days of

marching in the streets are not as necessary today; I would agree with that to a degree. But I remind you that much of the Civil Rights Movement was about spreading information regarding access such as voting rights, etc., and today we have access and do not use and other rights to their full capacity.

We can vote, but oftentimes we don't. We can be informed, but we are not. We can get an education and for some, they do not value it. We can move around and go places we never were able to and some do not leave the block or neighborhood. This is not what MLK or any of those who sacrificed had in mind for the African American community.

Today MLK and the vision of

those who came before him are as important as ever. The extraordinary strides towards freedom made by MLK and his citizen army are within our capacity. I would argue today we have more tools to create the change we desire. The power is in our hands to be the community we want to be.

As for those who have read many of my previous pieces would notice is that I do not talk about other communities and what they have done to us; for I feel being a victim is the easiest way to never be victorious as a community.

So, let us rise up on this day with a renewed focus and a plan of action to make our community what it can easily be. If we do this, we can truly reach the dream and be free at last.



# Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards Sworn in for a Second Term



Democrat John Bel Edwards being sworn in for second term as Louisiana Governor.

## Data News Weekly Staff Edited Report

Governor John Bel Edwards was sworn in for a second term where he urged the state to “reject the partisan rancor and dysfunction that plagues Washington and put Louisiana first.”

Edwards, a Democrat took his oath of office on the steps of the Louisiana Capitol, in a rainy cer-

emony overshadowed by the College Football National Championship between LSU and Clemson in New Orleans. The game sidelined the traditional black-tie inaugural ball, as Edwards and many other Louisiana officials were going to watch LSU in the Superdome on Monday night.

As the Deep South’s only Democratic Governor, Edwards stunned Republicans with his


reelection victory in a red-state overcoming challenges from the National Republican Party and President Donald Trump’s efforts to unseat him. The moderate governor drew enough cross-party and African Ameri-

can support for a win with his focus on bipartisanship.

He continued the theme at his inaugural ceremony, again dubbed “Louisiana First.”

“The primary reason we have been able to make so much prog-

ress is because we chose not to let the dysfunctional, hyper-partisan politics of Washington D.C. paralyze our state. We rejected the notion that people from different parties can’t work together in good faith,” Edwards said.




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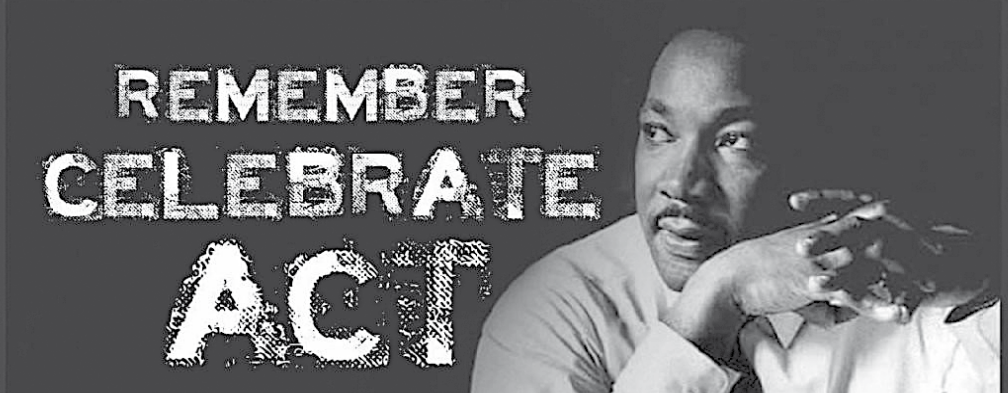
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# LSU Wins College Football National Championship

## *The Coach O and Joe Burrow Show*

**Fleur De Lis**  
Data News Weekly Columnist

This is Fleur De Lis and I am here to tell you our Tigers got it done!! They are National Champs of College Football and our state is going bananas.

For the Purple and Gold was truly a team win where all three phases of the game came together and what was supposed to be a tough game for LSU, by the second half it was obvious who the better team was.

This was one for the ages, let's call it the Joe Burrow Show. On this the biggest night of his career he and the Tigers played like the true champions they are throwing for five touchdown passes and running for another in a 45-25 victory over Clemson to win the College Football National Championship.

This is a most befitting end for the Heisman Trophy winner whose storybook ending to his college career is something dreams are made of.



The LSU Tigers Football Team led by coach Ed Orgeron and Quarterback Joe Burrow had an amazing season going undefeated and winning the National College Football Championship defeating Clemson by a score of 45-25 at the New Orleans Superdome.



His transfer from Ohio State did the trick. This comeback kid led LSU to a (15-0) season and their first National Title since 2007.

This year Burrow was thorough breaking records and winning handily against any team who came their way. In this, the biggest game

of his college career he set a record by throwing five touchdown passes and 463 yards passing are the most for a BCS or College Football Playoff title game in addition to his six total touchdowns.

Also, he became the first major college quarterback to throw 60

touchdown passes in a season as LSU snapped defending National Champion Clemson's 29-game winning streak.

This was a great victory for LSU Coach Ed Orgeron and his staff as well. He is a true success story in his own right in leading

this team to win the college football championship.

It is even better that it happened in the Superdome and all of Louisiana is rocking as number 9 and company got it done.

We know Burrow will likely be the number one in next season's draft, it would be great if the Saints could pick him up and he be the heir to Drew Brees. This is, of course, is not likely, but wishful thinking. No shade at my boy Teddy B, or Tayson Hill, they both did their thing this year for the Black and Gold.

This has been an amazing year for the LSU Tigers and all their fans and we at Data News Weekly congratulate them and encourage all our people to go out enjoy the many victory parties that will take place.

Because we know in our state especially in NOLA we definitely know how to party!!!

Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler all day!!!

Until next time this is Fleur De Lis giving you all things NOLA!!

### National News

# Remember Atatiana Jefferson

## *Ex-Fort Worth Police Officer Indicted on Murder Charges*

**Stacy M. Brown**  
NNPA Newswire  
Correspondent

As we enter into a new year, it's important that we do not forget the December 20th indictment and pending trial of Aaron Dean, a former Fort Worth, Texas police officer, on murder charges in the shooting death of Atatiana Jefferson, an African American woman and Xavier University graduate.

Atatiana was fatally shot by Dean on October 12 while in her home and playing video games with her young nephew. Her violent death deserves justice. If convicted, Dean could face a life sentence for his crime.

Jefferson, 28, and her 8-year-old nephew were inside the home late at night when a neighbor noticed a door ajar and called a non-emergency number to ask the police to perform a welfare check.

Dean, 35, and a partner arrived at Jefferson's home, startling the aspiring doctor and her nephew. When Jefferson peaked through the window to see what was causing the commotion outside of her house, Dean opened fire.

The officer resigned from the department within hours of the shooting and was arrested on murder charges two days later.

"While Atatiana's family is relieved, they are cautiously optimistic that a conviction and appropriate sentence will come in the near future," Jefferson family attorney, S. Lee Merritt, stated in a news release.

"This is a huge first step in the long road for this family," Merritt stated.

Attorneys for Dean declined to comment.

Jefferson, a 2014 Xavier University biology graduate who worked in the pharmaceutical industry, was



Aaron Dean, a former Fort Worth, Texas police officer, has been indicted on murder charges in the shooting death of Atatiana Jefferson, an African American woman and Xavier University graduate.



contemplating becoming a doctor.

The shooting came only days before a jury convicted a white former Dallas Police Officer Amber Guyger for the murder of Botham Jean, a black man who worked in accounting and auditing for the

powerhouse firm of Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Guyger received a controversial 10-year sentence in prison for her crime.

"I cannot make sense of why she had to lose her life," Fort Worth Po-

lice Chief Ed Kraus stated during an October news conference announcing Dean's arrest.

Dean was released on a \$200,000 bond, and his police union vowed to support his defense financially.

Kraus has stated that he would also refer the case to the FBI so that the agency could review federal civil rights charges against Dean.

"Nobody looked at this video and said there's any doubt that this officer acted inappropriately," Fort Worth Police Chief Ed Kraus noted. "I was going to fire [Dean] even before he quit. We had already taken his badge and weapon. There were violations in his use of force, and he didn't follow de-escalation protocols. His conduct was unprofessional. There are times for officers to act as warriors and defenders, and there are times for them to act as public servants and humble servants."



# Michelle Obama's New Show is Coming to Instagram



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Former first lady Michelle Obama is starting the year with a huge project, but it's coming to a very small screen. According to *Forbes*, Obama's new show, *A Year of Firsts*, will stream right on Instagram's IGTV. That means you won't need to download anything new to watch if you're already on the social media platform. The six-episode series will follow four college freshmen as they navigate their first year of school. They'll be bringing their stories from all corners of the United States — Washington, D.C.; North Dakota; California; and Alabama — and share their unique stories. The episodes will start to air in mid-January and be available through June.

"As a first-generation college student myself, I know how intimidating it can be to take that leap and pursue your educational dreams," Obama said in an official statement.

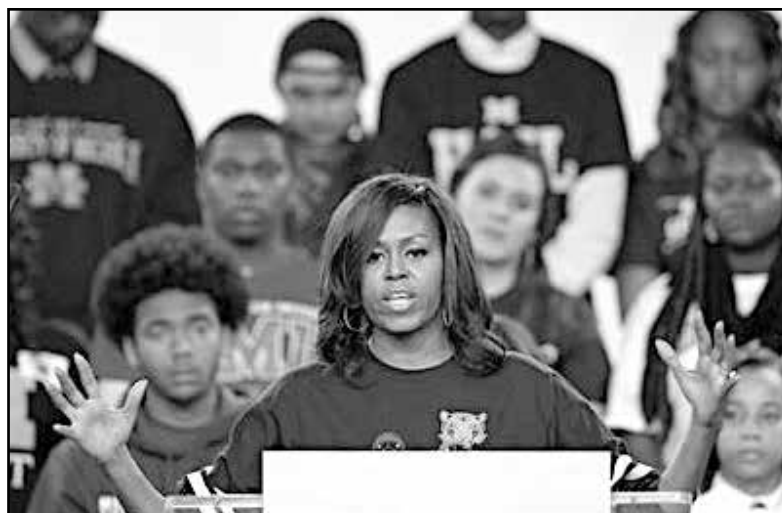
"That's why I'm so proud of these students. By sharing their stories, they're helping others see that the ups and downs of the first year of college are something everyone goes through — and they're creating a supportive community for others facing similar challenges."

The show is a joint project between Reach Higher, the Obamas' initiative that encourages students to pursue higher education, and media company ATTN: The Obamas started Reach Higher in 2014 as a part of Michelle's White House Agenda as the first lady.

*Forbes* adds that *A Year of Firsts* will look at a range of topics, from financial hardship to mental health and school-related stresses. It's just a small piece of the Obamas' plan, however. Back in 2018, she and former President Barack signed a deal with Netflix for movies and series. *American Factory*, their 2019 documentary, has been getting critical acclaim and could be nominated for awards this season.



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