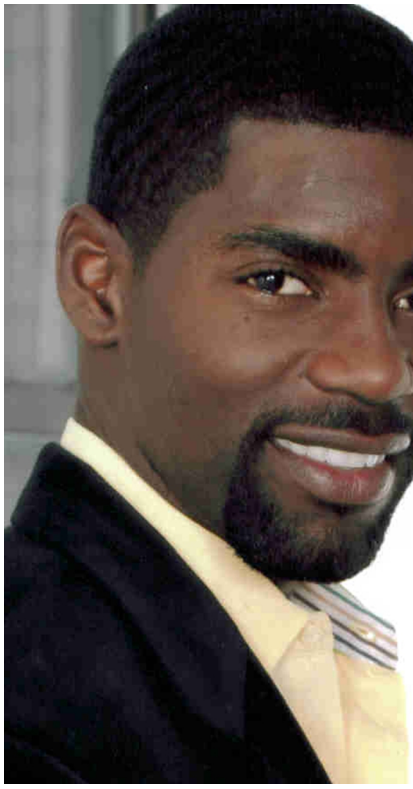

Dillard Theatre students are generating lots of buzz and it's not just on the DU campus. The current production of "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf" has gotten plenty of attention and praise from viewers. The Mayor's Office of Cultural Economy and Film New Orleans mentioned the production and its crew in an announcement about an exciting opportunity for Dillard Theatre students to receive special scholarships awarded by New Orleans actor Nicoye Banks' "It Takes Heart" Foundation.

Banks, a New Orleanian, stars in the soon-to-be released film "Woman Thou Art Loosed! On the 7th Day", and will partner with Encore Event Planning to create a special ceremony to present students with the theatre arts scholarships.

"We want people to be able to reach their dreams," says Encore Event Planning partner Essence Harris.

For Harris and her partner, touching the lives of students from New Orleans is extremely important. That sentiment is also shared by Banks, who is focusing on Dillard University students, despite being a former Southern University student. Banks remembers how many people helped him on his way up and wants to be able to provide the same opportunities for

others.

Banks has been on the Dillard campus for a rehearsal of "For Colored Girls..." and has spoken to students in communications, as well as given an interview with WDUB radio.

On April 5, 2012 Banks will be part of a stellar movie premiere at the AMC Theatre in Clearview Palace 12. Encore Event Planning has organized the event which will include a media-infused red carpet arrival and VIP reception. Tickets are available exclusively online here.

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