



With a highly advanced newsroom and film editing facilities for higher education, Dillard University's mass communication program is making good use of its equipment.

Dillard's mass communication students launched their first newscast this week. The 37 minute broadcast is anchored by graduating senior Kellie Brown and Toi Thornton who is a junior. The first segment consist of stories on the 2012 presidential election, the Marguerite Washington shooting, the nursing school's 70th anniversary, the voting dilemma of the Crescent City Connection Tolls, campus construction and more. There is a special segment by Dillard's president, Dr. Walter Kimbrough who talked candidly about his future plans for the university. And no newscast is complete without sports and entertainment news. Students, faculty and staff can find out the latest on cross country and women's volleyball. Reporter Kandice LeBeauf who is a junior does a feature on the HBO Treme Series with interviews from local actor Wendell Pierce, jazz legend Kermit Ruffin and jazz violinist Michael Ward.

"Kudos to the mass communication students," said Janella Newsome, facilitator for Dillard's newscast. "They worked diligently, in spite of the mental and technical challenges to bring the broadcast to fruition. I am so very proud of them and this opportunity is another element they can add to their resume reels."

The rebroadcast airs daily on the campus cable channel 4. It's schedule to air on New Orleans Access Television (Cox Cable) at the following times:

Monday, 9:00 AM, Ch. 99

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Tuesday, 4:30 AM, Ch. 76

Saturday, 4:00 PM, Ch. 76

The Monday times will be fixed, the other times are subject to change.

The newscast can also be seen on the internet; click on the following link. <https://vimeo.com/52700099>