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Recently, members of the Xavier honors program, Xavier Exponential, had the opportunity to visit the UoM campus as well as Birmingham City University in September. Dr. Shearon Roberts, Director of Xavier's Exponential Honors Program, an associate professor of Mass Communication and a faculty member in the university's African American and Diaspora Studies Program, acted as an advisor and coordinator. After the visit, Dr. Roberts received a reply from the UoM Faculty of Humanities Associate Dean for Internationalisation, Angelia Wilson, who stated, "The students were a real credit to XULA - very impressive, bright and engaged. We look forward to our growing relationship with XULA."

While in the United Kingdom (UK), the Xavierites were able to meet and speak with several professors in different academic programs at both universities. They were able to learn about the experiences of Black Britons from two prominent Black education activists- Kehinde Andrews, professor of Black Studies, who co-founded the only Black Studies undergraduate and graduate degree program at Birmingham City, and Tyrone Smith, founder of the Boukman Academy, an education platform and online school that teaches Black history, politics, psychology and sociology.

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