

Allison Hotard

Speaker, Panel Moderator, Workshop Leader, Emcee

Allison Hotard has 13 years of event planning and fundraising experience through her work in Advancement and Alumni Engagement at Loyola University New Orleans and The University of New Orleans. Allison will graduate from Loyola in May of 2019 with a Masters Of Business Administration and holds an undergraduate degree in hotel, restaurant, and tourism from the University of New Orleans. She is a volunteer with several non-profits consulting on fundraising and event management.

In her spare time Allison is a Louisiana comedian. She shares her quirky perspective on bayou life and big city living. She performed at Harrah's Casino and in Stand-Up Nola at the Joy Theater. She has been featured with Jay Thomas on SiriusXM's The Real Jay Thomas Radio show and performed on The Jay Thomas Show's live from New Orleans broadcast. Allison hosted her own show in Houma, Louisiana called The "Alli Ho Show" and brought comedy to the bayou.



Melisande Colomb

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Melisande is a TEDx Speaker and is quoted as saying, "You have probably been told time and time again that you are our 'future.' I am here to tell you today that you are our 'now.' You have the power to make a difference."

Mélisande's ancestors were among the 272 slaves whom Georgetown priests sold in 1838 to pay off the university's debts. She is now a 64-year-old sophomore at Georgetown, admitted through the legacy program as a descendant of the 272 enslaved people.

Now, after learning of her family's history, she feels a certain weight of responsibility being one of the first descendants enrolled at Georgetown. She speaks about the journey and path learning that history and how the paper trails have changed her life and mission.

Her most popular presentation is titled, *Kingdom of Disruption*.