

THE BEYOND NORMAL LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS

KWAME BROWN



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BIOGRAPHY

Kwame Brown is the 1st High School NBA Player to be drafted number one overall in the NBA Draft by Michael Jordan. Kwame spent 12 seasons in the National Basketball Association (NBA).^[2] Selected by the Washington Wizards in the 2001 NBA draft, Brown was the first No. 1 overall pick to be chosen straight out of high school and the 16th player from high school to be drafted into the NBA.^{[3][4]} He also played for the Los Angeles Lakers, Memphis Grizzlies, Detroit Pistons, Charlotte Bobcats, Golden State Warriors, and Philadelphia 76ers.

At 18 years old, went from homeless and welfare to purchasing his mother a home in Atlanta on a Golf Course. Kwame played with the late, great, Kobe Bryant, Michael Jordan, and Allen Iverson. In 2021, Brown created numerous YouTube videos critiquing the assertion that he was a "bust" as a first round draft pick, claiming that mainstream U.S. sports media unfairly targeted him for over twenty years, as well as negatively depicts black men, in general, the videos were created in response to negative comments about Brown's career from former NBA players Matt Barnes and Stephen Jackson on a May 2021 episode of their podcast All the Smoke. Brown's response has led to a significant increase of social media attention, especially via YouTube and Instagram. Therefore, some journalists are now re-examining whether the "bust" label is legitimate.

Programme

Moderator: Earl Robinson

Welcome.	Cameron Gildersleeve, Jr. Student Activities Board President, 2021-2022
Occasion.	Michael Jackson Executive Constitutional Advisor, Student Government Association, 2021-2022
Poem.	Dermyrus Lindsey-Lewis Alabama A&M University Student
Introduction of Panel.	Austin Smith Executive President, Student Government Association, 2021-2022
Panel Discussion.	Kwame Brown Retired Professional Basketball Player
.....	Willie Diggs II Director of Field Education
.....	Edward Egerton III Assistant Director of Compliance
.....	Elliot Jones Baseball Coach
.....	Duane LaRue Residential Life and Housing
Reflections and Remarks.	Brandon Harris Academic Advisor/Mentor
Closing Prayer.	Chase Williams Pastor of House of Hope and Restoration

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