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### **Xavier University of Louisiana's Sustainability Team Awarded \$8,000 Healthy Communities Grant from Keep Louisiana Beautiful**

**New Orleans, LA (October 1, 2020)** - Xavier University of Louisiana, through their sustainability team, Xula Green, received an \$8,000 Healthy Communities grant for recycling awareness and initiatives, from the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Foundation.

"Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. is the state's anti-litter and community improvement organization focused on education, enforcement, awareness and cleanups. Affiliated with Keep America Beautiful, Keep Louisiana Beautiful's mission is to promote personal, corporate and community responsibility for a clean and beautiful Louisiana. With a network of 40 affiliates in communities throughout the state, over 172,609 volunteers and participants work toward a clean and beautiful Louisiana."

Xula Green is organized through Xavier University of Louisiana's Office of Facility Planning and Management. Xula Green's mission is to reduce our carbon footprint, improve the overall health of our environment, increase student knowledge on recycling, environmental protection initiatives, and eco-career opportunities.

The grant will support the team in building on to the current campus recycling program. Supporting the values that Xula Green uphold, the grant will be specifically used to reduce campus litter and waste, educate on the concept of recycling, reducing and reusing wastes, and educate students and the general public on environmental issues caused by waste pollution. By engaging in the protection of the XULA community, we assist in the environmental protection of New Orleans.

"Xavier University of Louisiana, founded by Saint Katharine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, is Catholic and historically Black. The ultimate purpose of the University is to contribute to the promotion of a more just and humane society by preparing its students to assume roles of leadership and service in a global society. This preparation takes place in a diverse learning and teaching environment that incorporates all relevant educational means, including research and community service."

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