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Xavier University Biology Program Ranked No.2 in Louisiana by College Factual

New Orleans LA – Xavier University of Louisiana’s biology program ranks No.2 in Louisiana and No. 62 nationwide for veterans according to a recently updated report by College Factual, a leading on-line source of college data analytics and insights.

In the report, Xavier’s biology program was ranked No. 2 in the state for offering a quality education to veterans studying biology. Only LSU was ranked higher. XULA has achieved this ranking two years in a row. The program also was ranked No. 62 out of 820 colleges and universities nationwide for military friendliness, putting it in the top 10 percent of all biology programs in the United States. XULA improved its position 86 slots over the previous year’s ranking of No. 148.

“This rating is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, faculty, and staff,” said Dr. Harris McFerrin, Head of the Biology Department at Xavier. “As the largest department on campus, biology has traditionally been and continues to be a major contributor to Xavier’s success in the STEM education.”

College Factual, located in Troy NY is a leading source of college data analytics and insights, with a strong focus on student outcomes. Its mission is to help all types of students discover their best-fit college and major so they can enjoy their college experience and graduate with less debt. College Factual provides coverage for over 2,500 colleges and universities, 350 college majors, for students in over 160 countries.

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About Xavier University of Louisiana

Xavier was recently ranked as the nation’s #2 HBCU (Historically Black College and University) by [College Consensus](#), a unique college ratings website that aggregates publisher rankings and student reviews, in its newly released publication, [Best HBCUs for 2018](#). Xavier was also among the four colleges selected by Beyonce and her [BeyGood Foundation](#) as the recipient of a Homecoming Scholars Scholarship Award announced after her much lauded performance at Coachella, while actor and comedian Kevin Hart has joined forces with UNCF and KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) to help 18 more KIPP students earn a college degree – three of whom were Xavier students.

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