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Xavier Rated Among Top HBCUs / Best La. Chemistry School for Veterans

New Orleans LA – Xavier University of Louisiana has once again received high praise from respected internet college ranking services, ranked as the No. 4 HBCU in one and as the best chemistry school in Louisiana for veterans.

The first – the College Choice website – now ranks Xavier as the No. 4 overall school in its 2018 ranking of the Best Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). That represents a jump up from last year's No. 6 ranking. Visit [HERE](#) to view the entire list.

College Choice's rankings were designed to help prospective students make the most informed choice about where to invest their time and resources in earning their degree. Schools and programs were evaluated based on publicly available information about academic quality, student satisfaction, reputation in the field, and return on investment.

The second – College Factual – a leading source of data analytics and insights on college outcomes, ranks Xavier as the best school in Louisiana for military veterans studying chemistry in its 2018 review.

Xavier was ranked No. 1 among the six colleges and universities in the state reviewed by College Factual for program quality and veteran friendliness, topping LSU, the University of New Orleans, Louisiana Tech, McNeese State, and Louisiana-Lafayette. It's the second straight year XULA has achieved this ranking.

According to College Factual, its rankings were developed to highlight those schools that offer quality outcomes in a specific major while also offering support and resources to help veterans and active-duty military students thrive. Approximately 80 recipients of the GI Bill are currently attending Xavier.

The report says that based on Payscale Data Survey, a student who graduates from XULA with a degree in chemistry realizes early-career earnings of \$42,000 and average mid-career earnings of \$75,000. That is 4.7% above the national average of all graduates who make \$40,000 in their early career. It is also 11.4% above the average graduate's mid-career salary of \$67,000.

Nationally, College Factual ranks XULA's chemistry program 25th out of 413 colleges and universities among the colleges and universities it reviewed when it comes to offering a quality education to veterans in chemistry. XULA improved its ranking position 29 slots over the previous year's ranking of 54. The full list is available [HERE](#).

College Factual, located in Troy NY, provides in-depth coverage of more than 2,500 colleges and universities and over 350 college majors. These insights are available online to students from over 50 countries.

Culture of New Orleans Series

Xavier's Culture of New Orleans series was founded in 2001 by Xavier University Keller Endowed Chair in the Humanities, Dr. Michael White. Its purpose is to present various aspects of authentic New Orleans culture, featuring community practitioners, scholars and participants. Since its founding, the series has presented over two dozen programs, which have always been free and open to the public. Each event is designed to be a unique experience that is both informative and entertaining.

About Xavier University of Louisiana

XULA students *Leave Ready* to serve, lead, and care for their communities. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana visit us online at www.xula.edu or follow us on Facebook, YouTube, or Twitter @XULA1925. Take a moment to learn more about how Xavier is preparing students for the future at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sD4mb-jYZC8>.

Once again, Xavier University of Louisiana received national accolades as one of the best universities in the country. Most notably, XULA is ranked as the best value among southern regional colleges and universities in the 2018 edition of "Best Colleges" by the U.S. News Media Group. Xavier also ranked No.1 in its grouping, heading the list of only 15 schools that qualified for the Southern Region category listed under "Great Schools, Great Prices."

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