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## **Top Xavier University Students Designated as Rousseve Scholars**

New Orleans LA – Thirty-four upperclassmen students have been designated as Rousseve Scholars by [Xavier University of Louisiana](#) for the 2018-19 school year.

Students selected for the University's prestigious Rousseve Scholars Program generally represent the top ten (or more) students in the senior, junior, and sophomore classes based on their academic performance the preceding two semesters. Each recipient receives a full tuition scholarship and a textbook allowance.

This year's recipients, grouped by their class, are listed below along with their majors.

Seniors / P2s – Shanzay Chaudhry, biology/premed; Camilla Do, chemistry/premed; Dalia El-Desoky, biology; Cierra Frazier, pharmacy; Tommy Giang, biology/premed; Dorian Hill, biology/premed; Tyler Kelly, biology/premed; Jeanne Nguyen, biology/premed; Allison Stephens, chemistry/premed; Lauren Thornton, biology; and James Vu, biology/premed.

Juniors / P1s – Hana Alkhafaf, biology/premed; Hanna Al-Moaswes, biology/premed; Jessica Anderson, chemistry/premed; Robin Celentano, pharmacy; Deja Dennis, mass communication; Breanna Jones, biology/premed; Megan Littleton, biology/premed; Ashley Mello, biochemistry; Mary Nguyen, biology; Tatyana Smith, psychological science; Cydney Stevenson, accounting; and Yen Tran, biology/premed.

Sophomores – Altonnesha Darby, biology/premed; Suendus Farhoud, chemistry/prepharmacy; Nakia Frazier, chemistry/prepharmacy; Hajjia Mohammed, dual degree biomedical engineering; Brooke Nguyen, biology/premed; Kailyn Nguyen, chemistry/prepharmacy; Chizoba Ogbuefi, chemistry/prepharmacy; Karen Osei-Boaman, biology/premed; Sukana Raza, chemistry/prepharmacy; Jennifer Tran, chemistry/prepharmacy; and Fatima Zeini, chemistry/prepharmacy.

The scholarships are named in honor of the Rousseve family, outstanding alumni and supporters of the University.

### **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.

That's just the latest in national accolades Xavier has received 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."

At Xavier *eXcellence awaits yoU*. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana visit us online at [www.xula.edu](http://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>. To book interviews about our recent accomplishments and/or to speak with our experts in the field of pharmacy, education, premed, public health, science, technology, math, business, English, communications and the arts, contact Diana Hernandez at (504) 520-5120 or [dhernan1@xula.edu](mailto:dhernan1@xula.edu).

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