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## **Xavier University of Louisiana Graduates Outpace Peers in Earning Potential Among HBCUs**

**New Orleans** – Xavier University of Louisiana, known for its academic excellence and for producing more African American medical school graduates than any other institution of higher education in the United States, can now boast of another achievement for its graduates: Xavierites consistently outperform their peers from other Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in terms of earning potential.

Recent data analysis from OnlineU, a higher education resource for prospective students, shows that Xavier alumni demonstrate higher earning power across various industries and ranks Xavier as the #2 HBCU in the nation for return on investment (ROI). Xavier also demonstrates the highest ROI for Black graduates in Louisiana. The median salary for graduates from the nation’s only historically Black and Catholic university is \$54,868 compared to the \$43,201 median salary with the same level of education in Louisiana, a \$11,667 difference. These numbers highlight the university’s standard of academic excellence and the post-graduate career success of its students.

“Xavier University of Louisiana remains steadfast in our dedication to providing a high-quality education that prepares our students for success in today’s competitive job market,” said **Xavier University of Louisiana President Reynold Verret, Ph.D.** “We take great pride in the accomplishments of our graduates and their contributions to a more just and humane society, reflecting our commitment to excellence in higher education.”

Soon to celebrate 100 years of service, Xavier University of Louisiana was founded by St. Katharine Drexel and her sisters of the Blessed Sacrament with a mission to promote a more just and humane society by offering an excellent education to those who, at the time, were limited in educational options.

OnlineU’s findings underscore Xavier University of Louisiana’s position as a premier institution for students seeking professional success and desiring to positively impact their communities, the nation, and the world. As Xavier continues prioritizing academic excellence, innovation, and student-centered learning, it reaffirms Saint Katharine Drexel’s declaration, “Do they, too, not deserve the best?” Xavier graduates are shining examples of opportunity and excellence within the HBCU community and beyond.

For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana and its academic programs, visit [www.xula.edu](http://www.xula.edu).



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### **About Xavier University of Louisiana**

*Xavier University of Louisiana, America's only historically Black and Catholic University, is ranked among the top three HBCUs (historically Black colleges and universities) in the nation. Recognized as a national leader in STEM and health sciences, Xavier produces more African American students who graduate from medical schools each year than any other university in the United States. Additionally, Xavier's College of Pharmacy is also among the top producers of African American pharmacists in the country.*

*Established in 1925, by Saint Katharine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament as a place for African American and Native Americans to receive quality education, Xavier has since expanded its programs in art, business, education, biological sciences, chemistry, pharmacy and political science. More recent additions in robotics, bioinformatics, engineering, data science, neuroscience and genetics, in addition to new STEM-based master's programs, have provided Xavier students (2,749 undergraduates and 849 graduates) an unbeatable combination of traditional classroom study, hands-on research, service-learning opportunities and life experiences. Xavier students collaborate with world-renowned faculty, who are experts in their fields, to produce award-winning research and notable work. The winning Xavier formula is to provide students with a well-balanced curriculum and an environment that nurtures their intellect and feeds their souls, thereby facilitating a more just and humane society for all. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana, visit us online at [www.XULA.edu](http://www.XULA.edu) or contact Melissa Newell at (504) 520-5425 or [XULANews@XULA.edu](mailto:XULANews@XULA.edu).*