



**XAVIER**  
UNIVERSITY *of* LOUISIANA

Contact: Patrice Bell-Mercadel (504) 520-5452  
or Diana Mateo-Hernandez (504) 520-5120

## **Xavier Offers Six Academic Summer Programs for High School Students**

New Orleans LA - Xavier University of Louisiana will offer six of its popular pre-collegiate academic enrichment and social development programs for high school students this summer.

With a variety of pre-collegiate programs ranging from math/science to the humanities, students will be able to explore an area of interest on a deeper level through in-class discussions, laboratory experiences, and cultural explorations in an exciting, but rigorous, academic setting. As part of the learning experience at Xavier, students will enhance their high school career and get a jump start on college life.

Programs being offered this summer include the three Summer Science Academy STAR programs (BioStar, ChemStar, and MathStar), Stress on Analytical Reasoning (SOAR), the Center of Excellence Program, and SuperScholar EXCEL.

Early registration is encouraged, since spots are limited. For more info on all six programs, visit the XULA summer programs website at <http://www.xula.edu/summerprograms/index.html>, email [summerprograms@xula.edu](mailto:summerprograms@xula.edu), or call (504) 520-5264.

**Summer Science Academy STAR Programs** is a part of the STEM Institute Program and hosts three module programs. These non-residential programs are aimed at middle school and high school students who have expressed an interest in science careers. Designed to enhance knowledge of the subject matter prior to the student taking the course in middle school or high school, the three-week curriculum is engaging and thought provoking.

The STAR programs are:

- BioStar          June 05-22    1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- ChemStar        July 02-20    1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- MathStar        June 04-22    9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**SOAR:** Stress On Analytical Reasoning is an intensive three-week residential program that prepares rising high school seniors in analytical reasoning and provides early exposure to science and health careers. A limited number of on-campus housing is available for SOAR participants living outside of the New Orleans Metropolitan Area. Scheduled dates are July

01-20.

**Center of Excellence** is a four-week, non-residential enrichment program designed to grant high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors interested in pharmacy a broader perspective of the academic requirements and exposure to various career opportunities in pharmacy. The academic objective is to reinforce math and science concepts learned throughout the school year and introduce new content material. Dates are June 11-29.

**SuperScholar EXCEL** is an intensive three-week residential program that is geared toward high school seniors who are interested in pursuing degrees in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and education. Scheduled dates are June 17-July 06.

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

XULA students *Leave Ready* to serve, care, and lead their communities. 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>.

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."

To book interviews about our recent accomplishments and or to speak with our experts in the field of pharmacy, premed, public health, science, technology, math, business, English, communications and the arts, contact Patrice Bell Mercadel, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer at 504-520-5452 or via email at [pbellmer@xula.edu](mailto:pbellmer@xula.edu).

# # #