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Xavier University of Louisiana named as the recipient of the 2020 Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion in International Education Award

New Orleans, La. - Diversity Abroad announced that Xavier University of Louisiana was chosen as the recipient of the 2020 Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion in International Education (EDIIE) Award. Xavier was considered under the Institutional/Organizational category of Student Engagement and Support.

Diversity Abroad seeks to support the academic success, interpersonal development, and career readiness of students from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds by inspiring and supporting educators, policymakers, industry professionals, and other stakeholders in leveraging global educational programs

According to Andrew Gordon, CEO and founder of Diversity Abroad, Diversity Abroad uses the EDIIE Awards to recognize the "institutions, organizations, and individuals whose innovative work support equitable access to the benefits of global education that improve student academic success, interpersonal growth, and career readiness."

Xavier will be recognized as the recipient of the EDIIE Award during the annual Awards Gala in the fall at the 8th Annual Diversity Abroad Conference, Amplifying Voices: Moving From Rhetoric to Systemic Change.

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Anne McCall gave a gratuitous statement to the EDIIE Awards Committee for recognizing Xavier's dedication to offering equitable access for historically underrepresented groups of students.

"By challenging students to connect with multiethnic groups and increase awareness, content knowledge, and empathic recognition of the interconnectedness and complexity of cultures in the world, Xavier's education abroad has helped the University in educating globally competent students," said Provost McCall.

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About Xavier University of Louisiana

Being America's only historically Black and Catholic University is just the first of the distinctions that have set Xavier University of Louisiana apart for more than eight decades. Despite its relatively small size (3,300 students), Xavier is a nationally recognized leader in the STEM and the health sciences, producing more African American students who graduate from medical schools each year than any other university in the United States. Its College of Pharmacy is among the top producers of African American pharmacists.

Its liberal arts-based programs in such areas as art, business, education, psychology, and political science – as well as such recent additions as bioinformatics, data science, neuroscience, crime and social justice, and jazz studies – offer students an unbeatable combination of traditional classroom study, hands-on research, service-learning opportunities, and life experiences. The winning Xavier formula? Provide students with a well-balanced curriculum and an environment that nurtures their intellect and feeds their souls.

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