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**Xavier University of Louisiana President Reynold Verret to Testify Before the U.S. Senate
Committee on the Benefits of Federal Relief Funds for HBCU
Students during the COVID-19 pandemic**

[Xavier University of Louisiana](#) President Reynold Verret will testify at a hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions in Washington D.C. today, Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. EST.

Click [here](#) to watch the hearing.

At the hearing, President Verret will discuss how federal relief funds have supported Xavier students as they continued to pursue their education and the mission of Xavier, even in a global pandemic, and the importance of continued funding from the federal government for HBCUs as a vital part of the academic landscape in the United States. Xavier's status as one of the best value schools in the nation for a quality education is a testament as to why HBCUs should continually be invested in and supported by the federal government.

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About Xavier University of Louisiana

Being America's only historically Black and Catholic University is only the first among many distinctions that have set Xavier University of Louisiana apart for more than nine 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 recent additions in 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 provides students with a well-balanced curriculum and an environment that nurtures their intellect and feeds their souls. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana, visit us online at www.xula.edu or follow us on Facebook, YouTube, or Twitter @XULA1925. To book interviews 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 Lance Sumler at (504) 520-5240 or lsumler@xula.edu