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## **Xavier University of Louisiana to Host Virtual Celebration for Black History Month Convocation**

**New Orleans, La.** - [Xavier University of Louisiana's](#) annual Black History Month Convocation will take place on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 12:15 p.m. This year's celebration will be held virtually via [vimeo.com](https://vimeo.com) to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

The event, which is free and open to the public to view online, is the university's official celebration of Black History Month. Each year, Xavier University honors the achievements of African Americans to recognize the central role blacks have played in United States history. Throughout history, African Americans, many of whom are Xavierites, have made significant contributions to society. The theme for this year's convocation is *Honoring a Legacy: Past, Present, and Future*. The event will pay tribute to Xavier's legacy, how it has shaped history through today, and how the institution will continue to shape the future of society through the continuation of its vibrant mission to create a more just and humane society.

**Virtual  
Black History Month  
CONVOCATION**  
*Honoring a Legacy: Past, Present, and Future*

*Featuring:*  
Adam Washington '24,  
Alana Faust '23  
Emmanuel Ukot '22  
Ericka Lassair '22  
Ja'Mya Rucker '22  
Kirsten McGowan '25  
Lindsey Dixon '23

*Performances by:*  
The Xavier University  
Symphonic Band  
Concert Choir  
Spiritual Dancers  
Department of Music

*Special tribute to:*  
Dr. Norman C. Francis  
President Emeritus

**FEBRUARY 23RD  
12:15 PM**  
[https://vimeo.com/  
506153547/c065cd59a2](https://vimeo.com/506153547/c065cd59a2)

**ABOUT THE EVENT**  
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February 12, 1926, marked the first week-long celebration by African American historian and Harvard scholar Dr. Carter G. Woodson. It expanded to a month-long celebration in 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial.

Please contact the  
Office of the President at  
(504) 520-7276 for any questions



### 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](http://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 [lsumler@xula.edu](mailto:lsumler@xula.edu).