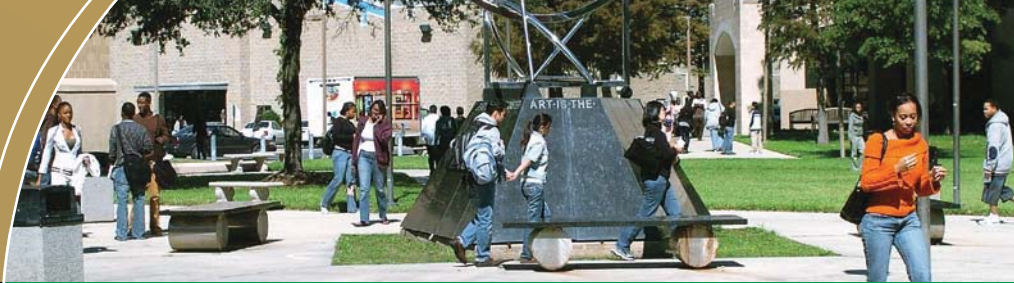




# EYE ON Xavier

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## Full Tuition Available to Top Catholic, Local Public Scholars



AMEN, AMEN: New Orleans' love affair with its NFL professional football team reached another zenith when the Saints advanced to their first-ever Super Bowl. Here (L-R) Montague McPherson of Atlanta GA, Jacobe Hollins of Houston TX, Veronique Dorsey of Harvey LA and Roland Dobard of Grayslake IL celebrate the accomplishment at the viewing party held on campus. The Saints went on to win the Super Bowl, prompting the Crescent City to put on a victory parade that paled its own annual Mardi Gras celebration, drawing more than 500,000 participants.

Top performing high school students from Catholic high schools across the nation, as well as those from public high schools in two Louisiana parishes, will be eligible for full tuition scholarships at Xavier beginning with the Fall 2010 semester.

The newly-established Katharine Drexel Scholarships, named for Xavier's founder, offer full tuition to all valedictorians and salutatorians from any Catholic high school in the United States who are admitted as first-time freshmen. The equally new Norman C. Francis Scholarships, named for Xavier's current president, provides the same benefits to valedictorians or salutatorians from public schools in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes

Both scholarships honor the vision of Xavier's founder St. Katharine Drexel by retaining and reinforcing the University's Catholic foundation and values, and by increasing access and opportunity to higher education for some of the region's most underrepresented and disadvantaged students.

"High school valedictorians and salutatorians have many choices when it comes to attending college, and although Xavier is already a popular choice for many, we want all of them to be aware that there are NO financial barriers to attend Xavier because of their outstanding academic performance," said Dr. Loren Blanchard, senior vice president for academic affairs. "And as far as we know, Xavier is the first university to offer such a far-reaching scholarship opportunity to Catholic high school graduates."

The new scholarships add to the variety of financial options available to qualified students.

Xavier, the nation's only historically Black and Catholic university, offers preparation in 47 major areas through its undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences, its graduate division in Education and Black Catholic Studies, and its College of Pharmacy.



THEY ALSO SERVE: Edward Jenkins III of New Orleans accepts a Student Community Service Award from XU President Norman C. Francis during the 24th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Week for Peace convocation.

### APPLY NOW FOR XU SUMMER PROGRAMS

The University is now taking applications for its popular slate of pre-college Summer Enrichment Programs.

Among this year's offerings are the Business Achievers, Center of Excellence, EPSAR, Globe, Mardi Gras Indian Arts Intensive, New Orleans Urban Initiative, STEM Scholars Summer Bridge, Summer Science Academy (which includes BioStar, ChemStar, MathStar and SOARI), SuperScholar/Excel and Upward Bound programs.

Openings are limited. For more info visit [www.xula.edu/summerprograms/index.php](http://www.xula.edu/summerprograms/index.php) or contact Dr. Dereck Rovaris at [drovaris@xula.edu](mailto:drovaris@xula.edu) or 504-520-7563.

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