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- It was yet another banner year for athletics, with Xavier's intercollegiate teams winning seven Gulf Coast Athletic Conference regular season and conference tournament titles, and an unaffiliated group tournament, in Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Women's Volleyball, Women's Track and Field, and Women's Tennis.

- The 2014 edition of the Fiske Guide to Colleges tabbed Xavier as among its "Best Buy Schools" for academics and affordability. XU is the only Louisiana institution – and one of only three Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) – to make the list.

- Xavier was singled out as one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education by The Princeton Review in the 2014 edition of its annual "The Best 378 Colleges".

- Xavier was named one of the top colleges and universities in Louisiana for "return on investment", ranking fifth on AffordableCollegesOnline.org's list of colleges that the organization feels "balance cost with long-term earnings potential".

- That same site ranked XU No. 13 on its list of the Top 36 Most Affordable Roman Catholic Colleges with High Starting Salaries. XU is the only predominantly Black and the only Louisiana institution to make the list.

- During Summer 2014, 16 Xavier students immersed themselves in Chinese language and customs during a special summer study abroad program at China's Hebei University, a partner institution through the Confucius Institute.

- The Division of Business was recipient of a Level II Louisiana Performance Excellence Award (LPEA) based on an evaluation of its proven effectiveness, sustainability, innovation, integrated processes and tracked results.

- Xavier has partnered with The Chicago School of Professional Psychology to offer a Doctor of Clinical Psychology program on the Xavier campus beginning in Fall 2014. It is the only Clinical Psy.D. program offered in the City of New Orleans as well as the first of its kind to be offered in the state of Louisiana.

- The U.S. Department of Education awarded Xavier a new five-year, $1.2 million grant in support of its Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalureate Achievement Program. It's the third time that XU's McNair program – the only one in New Orleans and one of only three in Louisiana – has received funding.

- Xavier was accepted as a partner in 100Kin10, a multi-sector network addressing the national imperative to train 100,000 science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) teachers by 2021. XU is the only university in Louisiana and the only HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) nationally in the collaboration.

- Xavier is one of 150 colleges and universities participating in the Institute of International Education’s (IIE) “Generation Study Abroad,” a program designed to bring together leaders in education, business and governments who have committed to specific, measurable actions to provide more American students the opportunity to graduate from college with an international education experience.

- Xavier was awarded a $11.2 million renewal of the NIH Research Centers in Minority Institutions grant in support of its research capabilities, particularly in the areas of cancer and health disparities.

- 19 current and former student-athletes, and 3 managers received Xavier degrees.

- Five tennis players - two men and three women - were named to the NAIA All-American team. Four were named to the first team.