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Four Added to Xavier University of Louisiana Board of Trustees

New Orleans LA – Xavier University of Louisiana added four new members to the Board of Trustees at the summer meeting of its governing board. Named to initial three-year terms were: Sister Amelia Breton S.B.S, Dr. Sally Ann Clausen, Paula Saizan, and James Swanson.

Breton, a Sister of the Blessed Sacrament, currently serves as an Evangelization Coordinator for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Florida. She previously served as Vocation Director for her Congregation and assisted with the Hispanic Adult Faith Formation initiative as part of the Catholic Institute for Evangelization. She holds a B.A. in Religious Studies from Holy Family University and a Masters in Theology and Ministry from La Salle University.

Clausen currently serves as Executive Director of the Ingram Center for Public Trustees and Governance, an affiliate of the Association of the Governing Board (AGB) and as Council of Presidents Chair for AGB. A former UL System President and adjunct professor, she was the first female President of Southeastern Louisiana University and the sixth Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Louisiana. She has a doctorate of education in school administration, a master's degree in special education/ psychology, and a bachelor's degree in education from Louisiana State University.

Saizan, a 1969 Xavier graduate, previously served on the Board from 2005 to 2011. She is President of PTBS, Inc., an independent Public Relations and Communications entity in Houston TX. Saizan retired from Shell Oil Company following a long tenure where she served as a Senior Advisor in Corporate Affairs and as a Strategic Planner. Prior to her tenure at Shell Oil, she served as an IBM Systems Engineer.

Swanson is a founding member of Fishman Haygood LLP and is the firm's managing partner for over twenty years. He is considered a top rated business litigator attorney and his firm is regarded as the go-to litigator(s) for complex disputes in Louisiana and across the nation. Swanson is President of Choice Foundation, the governing Board of three turnaround public charter schools in New Orleans focused on educating the underserved. He is also Treasurer of the Innocence Project New Orleans. He has taught at Loyola Law School and Tulane University in trial advocacy and media law. Swanson holds a B.A. degree in economics and a J.D. degree from Tulane University.

Carryovers on the 19-member Board – who are serving either their first or second terms on the board – include: Justin Augustine III, Dr. Gilda Barabino '78, the Honorable Carmen Bermudez, Sister Donna Breslin S.B.S., Sister Theresa Chato SBS '71, Mark Goodman, Bishop Curtis John Guillory SVD, Dr. John Jackson IV '94, Gladstone Jones, The Honorable

Judge Ivan Lemelle, Alden J. McDonald Jr., the Honorable Marc H. Morial, Sonia Perez (chair), Michael Rue, and Mary Zervigon. XU President Dr. Reynold Verret is an ex-officio member of the Board.

Rotating off of the Board after having served one or two terms are Sister Marianne Poole S.B.S., James Mitchell Jr., Sister Jane Norton S.B.S., Frank Stewart Jr., and Roderick West.

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