August 15, 2016

Dear parents, returning and incoming Xavierites:

Some of you have contacted the university by phone, email or social media to express concern for the flooding situation in Southeast Louisiana. Our thoughts and prayers are with those families afflicted at this difficult time.

The Xavier University campus and the city of New Orleans have not been affected by the flood. In spite of some rain, freshman orientation for Xavier’s class of 2020 began on Friday, August 12 as scheduled. Parents and prospective students arrived via cars, buses, airplanes and trains to move the majority of freshmen into their dormitories. All transportation services in and out of the City of New Orleans continue to operate without interruption.

Travel along the corridor of I-10 West through Baton Rouge and the northern parishes may pose a challenge since those underlying areas were flooded. However, state officials have devised alternate routes and detours for motorists to reach their destinations.

We assure you that the campus is dry and safe. Classes will begin as scheduled, on Monday, August 22. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the admissions office at 504-520-7388 or university police at 504-520-7490. Be sure and follow us for updates on our website at www.xula.edu, Facebook: Xavier University of Louisiana and Twitter at @xula1925.

We are excited that your sons and daughters have chosen Xavier for their academic future. Like the thousands of alumni that came before them they, too, will graduate knowing that Xavier University was one of the best decisions of their lives.

Be safe and we anxiously await your arrival.

Sincerely,

C. Reynold Verret
President