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## XAVIER UNIVERSITY TO HOST 15th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF SCHOLARS

New Orleans LA – Xavier University of Louisiana's Center for Undergraduate Research and Graduate Opportunity (CURGO) will present its 15th Annual Festival of Scholars, highlighting the research and creative scholarships of undergraduate and pharmacy students, April 13-14, from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. in the University Center (second floor). The event is free and open to the public.

During the event, student researchers from disciplines across the academic curriculum, will display their scholarship through poster and oral presentations.

Since its inception in 2004 as the Center for Undergraduate Research, CURGO has been the cornerstone of faculty-mentored student research on Xavier's campus and has provided opportunities for undergraduate and College of Pharmacy students to gain invaluable training and experience beyond the classroom. Each year the Festival has grown in the number of student presentations, averaging over 100 presentations.

## **About Xavier University of Louisiana**

XULA students *Leave Ready* to serve, lead, and care for their communities. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana visit us online at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sD4mb-jyZC8">www.xula.edu</a> or follow us on Facebook, YouTube, or Twitter @XULA1925. Take a moment to learn more about how Xavier is preparing students for the future at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sD4mb-jyZC8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sD4mb-jyZC8</a>.

Once again, Xavier University of Louisiana received national accolades as one of the best universities in the country. Most notably, XULA is ranked as the best value among southern regional colleges and universities in the 2018 edition of "Best Colleges" by the U.S. News Media Group. Xavier also ranked No.1 in its grouping, heading the list of only 15 schools that qualified for the Southern Region category listed under "Great Schools, Great Prices."

To book interviews about our recent accomplishments and or to speak with our experts in the field of pharmacy, premed, public health, science, technology, math, business, English, communications and the arts, contact Patrice Bell Mercadel, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer at 504-520-5452 or via email at <a href="mailto:pbellmer@xula.edu">pbellmer@xula.edu</a>.