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## Xavier University Partners with Louisiana Community Colleges to Increase Baccalaureate-level Degree Attainment

New Orleans LA – <u>Xavier University of Louisiana</u> (XULA) and the <u>Louisiana Community and Technical</u> <u>College System</u> (LCTCS) have entered into a partnership agreement which will make it easier for transfer-ready community college students from the state to earn a baccalaureate-level degree from the University's more than 40 undergraduate academic programs.

According to the agreement, students from any two-year LCTCS campus who successfully obtain an associate degree with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher will be guaranteed admission into Xavier with junior standing. Acceptable degrees include the Associate in Arts for Transfer, the Associate of Arts, the Associate of General Studies, and the Associate in Science for Transfer, all of which are designed to provide a clear pathway to a baccalaureate degree and indicate strong preparation for upper division classwork.

An alternate option to earn guaranteed admission will require transfer students to earn 30 or more transferrable units with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Some other advantages offered to transfer students according to the pact include priority consideration for housing, pre-admission advising, and consideration for transfer scholarships for students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students may need to fulfill additional requirements for specific majors.

"We are excited to be able to offer Louisiana community college students a stream-lined path to continue their education at Xavier, where they will have access to a unique academically enriching and personally rewarding experience," said Dr. Reynold Verret, President of Xavier University of Louisiana. "We see this as a great opportunity for both Louisiana students and Xavier, as we seek to enroll meritorious students from our great state who wish to increase their knowledge and pursue their excellence here at Xavier.

LCTCS manages all of the thirteen public 2-year institutions in the state of Louisiana. It is headquartered in Baton Rouge, and is located on the campus of Baton Rouge Community College.

For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana's academic programs or to apply, visit <u>www.xula.edu</u>.

About Xavier University of Louisiana

Xavier was recently ranked as the nation's #2 HBCU (Historically Black College and University) by College Consensus, a unique college ratings website that aggregates publisher rankings and student reviews, in its newly released publication, *Best HBCUs for 2018*. Xavier was also among the four colleges selected by Beyonce and her *BeyGood Foundation* as the recipient of a Homecoming Scholars Scholarship Award announced after her much lauded performance at Coachella.

That's just the latest in national accolades Xavier has received 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."

At Xavier *eXcellence awaits yoU*. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana visit us online at www.xula.edu 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 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sD4mb-jYZC8. To book interviews about our recent accomplishments and/or to speak with our experts in the field of pharmacy, education, premed, public health, science, technology, math, business, English, communications and the arts, contact Diana Hernandez at (504) 520-5120 or dhernan1@xula.edu.

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