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Xavier Prepares for “the Ultimate XU Homecoming Experience”

New Orleans - Xavier University of Louisiana will host its annual Homecoming celebration November 1-5, 2023. Alumni are encouraged to join and celebrate Xavier’s unique culture, with this year’s theme being “Destination 504: The Ultimate XU Homecoming Experience.” The Student Homecoming celebration, themed “XULAFLIX,” kicks off on October 28 with the university’s annual Coronation Ball and also ends on November 5.

Scheduled activities include the 2nd annual Xavier University of Louisiana Athletic Hall of Fame banquet, the joint student/alumni celebration on the yard, a celebratory Homecoming banquet, a special gospel choir reunion concert, the ever-popular alumni golf challenge, an alumni author showcase, and more. The student events also include a student concert, fashion show, masquerade boat ride, GospelFest, and skate night.

“We are so excited to welcome home our Xavier alumni for this celebration on our campus,” said **Kimberly Reese ('95), Xavier’s associate vice president of Institutional Advancement.** “We formed such powerful and lasting bonds during our years on campus; We can’t wait to reconnect with old friends and welcome the next generation of Xavierites.”

Those who bought tickets in advance will also have a chance to attend the sold-out 2023 Xavier University of Louisiana 40 under 40 Awards Celebration. Xavier created the 40 Under 40 program in 2014 to identify and engage high-achieving younger alumni who are well-positioned to serve as advocates and ambassadors for the university and who have demonstrated a commitment to maintaining a lifelong relationship with the university. To see this year’s awardees, click [here](#).

Moderna, Pernod Ricard, Hill’s Pet Nutrition, DeFrantz Family Foundation, DACO LLC, The Pediatric Care Center, National Sales Network, The Children’s Dental Group, The Black Coffee Company, McKee Law Firm, LLC, and STEM NOLA are this year’s sponsors of the festivities. For more information about the Xavier University Homecoming celebration and schedule of events, visit [Xavier’s Homecoming website](#).



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About Xavier University of Louisiana

Xavier University of Louisiana, America's only historically Black and Catholic University, is ranked among the top three HBCUs (historically Black colleges and universities) in the nation. Recognized as a national leader in STEM and health sciences, Xavier produces more African American students who graduate from medical schools each year than any other university in the United States. Additionally, Xavier's College of Pharmacy is also among the top producers of African American pharmacists in the country.

Established in 1925 by Saint Katharine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament as a place for African Americans and Native Americans to receive quality education, Xavier has since expanded its programs in art, business, education, biological sciences, chemistry, pharmacy and political science. More recent additions in robotics, bioinformatics, engineering, data science, neuroscience and genetics, in addition to new STEM-based master's programs, have provided Xavier students (3,419 students) an unbeatable combination of traditional classroom study, hands-on research, service-learning opportunities and life experiences. Xavier students collaborate with world-renowned faculty, who are experts in their fields, to produce award-winning research and notable work. The winning Xavier formula provides students with a well-balanced curriculum and an environment that nurtures their intellect and feeds their souls, thereby facilitating a more just and humane society for all. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana, visit us online at www.XULA.edu or contact Melissa Newell at (504) 520-5240 or XULANews@XULA.edu