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Xavier Gets High Marks for Value in U.S. News College Guide

New Orleans LA – Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA) is once again receiving 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*.

In what is a new category for the publication, “Great Schools, Great Prices”, the guide made a determination of what colleges and universities offered the best value for the money as based on each school’s academic quality and its net cost of attendance for students who received the average level of need-based financial aid. Xavier was ranked No.1 in its grouping, heading the list of only 15 schools that qualified for the Southern Region.

Xavier is also listed as No. 5 among the 72 Historically Black College and Universities (HBCU) – up from sixth in last year’s listings. Among all U.S. colleges and universities, *U.S. News* ranked Xavier 25th out of 135 schools in its grouping of the “Best Regional Colleges – South”, again up two spots from last year.

A total of 74 schools were included in this year’s HBCU listing. The top five consisted of Spelman, Howard, Hampton, Morehouse, and Xavier. To qualify for the U.S. News ranking, an HBCU must be so designated by the U.S. Department of Education, must be an undergraduate baccalaureate granting institution that enrolls primarily first year, first-time students, and must be included in the guide’s general survey.

The Southern Region grouping consists of 12 states in the southeastern United States. Schools are considered regional colleges and universities if they offer a full range of undergraduate programs and some master's programs, but few doctoral programs. Another criteria is that they draw the majority of their students from surrounding states.

The complete *U.S. News* report can be found at <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges>.

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