Xavier University of Louisiana to Award 504 Degrees at 2019 Commencement

New Orleans LA (May 11, 2019) … A total of 504 graduates – more than 10 percent of whom earned summa cum laude honors – will be awarded their degrees during Xavier University of Louisiana’s (XULA) 92nd annual commencement May 11 at the University Convocation Center.

Eleven students with perfect 4.0 grade point averages headed this year’s group of 56 summa cum laude graduates, including: Hana Alkhafaf, a biology/premed major from Metairie, La.; Simin Almassi, a biology/premed major from Metairie, La.; Jacqueline Baidoo, a physics/chemistry major; Dalia El-Desoky, a biology major from Kenner, La.; Tyler Kelley, a biology/premed major from Greenville, S.C.; Gabriel Niculescu, a political science major from Bucharest; Allison Stephens, a chemistry/premed major from Harvest, Ala.; and four pharmacy students – Bree Bergeron of Marrero, La.; Olivia Ewing of Carenco, La.; Alison Neuliep of River Ridge, La.; and Anh Nguyen of New Orleans, La.

HONOR GRADUATES

Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts: Jacqueline Baidoo, Kayla Lewis, D’Audra Metoyer, Serena Newberry, Gabriel Niculescu, Prinsey Walker, Andrea Willis.

Bachelor of Science: Hana Alkhafaf, Simin Almassi, Shanzay Chaudhry, Brandon Dang, Mychael Delgardo, Camilla Do, Michael Do, Huyen Duong, Dalia El-Desoky, Dorian Hill, Micah Holness, Auriel Jasper-Morris, Janelle Jones, Tyler Kelly, Karla Martin, Alaina McClue, McKenzie Moss, Brenda-Xuan Nguyen, Dao Joanna Nguyen, Jeanne Nguyen, Nancy Nguyen, Stephany Nguyen, Patricia Pham, Bryan Redmond, Emily Riewestahl, Erika Scott, Tatyana Smith, Allison Stephens, Cydney Stevenson, Maya Suell, Lauren Thornton, James Vu.


Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts: Ariyanna Carter, Aaron Detiege, Kanhiya Dickenson, Emerald Dukes, Sydney Green, Brianna Houston, Jaleese Johnson, Nia Laing, Jalisa Orellana, Aaliyah Young.

Bachelor Music: Ashley Harris.

Bachelor of Science: Helena Barber, Ania Bartholomow, Mikayla Bates, Kayla Beamon, Sarah Bertrand,
Maya Bragg, Kanhiya Dickeson, Nghia Doan, Alexandria Griffin, Nicholas Hall, Carrie Johnson, Cara King, Rhea Lee, Anna Ly, Edelmy Marin Bernardez, Paula McKinney, Sydney Morris, Tiffany Nguyen, Tommy Nguyen, Shazia Searcy, Josiah Sherman, Brianna Simpson, Brittany Strauss, Kaelan Vazquez, Ashley Vu, Keona Williams, Aaliyah Young.

Doctor of Pharmacy: Ketreuna Bingham, Charlton Camp, Quynh-Nhu Dang, Janene Hamideh, Codeigh Hunt, Brianna Ledet, Dru Lezina, Peter Nguyen, Monte Lynn Perez, Nancy Pham, Asia Sanders, Phillip Vo, Cassidy Williams.

**Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Arts: Devin Almonor, Allana Barefield, Ronald Davis, Courtney Freeman, Jalen Johnson, Ilia King, Domonique Lewis, Lauren Nguyen, Shayla Wilson.


Doctor of Pharmacy: Alanna Allen, Micah Anthony, Ahlam Ayyad, Wyatt Chafin, Keeyan Davis, Marissa Gooden, Jasmine Grandpre’, Cayla Huon, Mikayla Johnson, Kabrea Jones, Oy Keobupha, Jonathan Le, Melinda Le, Ghazal Nagharehabed, Gloria Manning, Sierra Meyers, Autumn O’Rear, Jessie Oousson, Isabel Sbeiti, Chelsea Schexnayder, Shima Shafiyan, Amy Tran, Hope Tran, Tuyet Mai Tran, Bao Anh Jessica Vu.

**Graduate Degrees with Honors**


Master of Arts in Teaching: Jasmine Bush, Harley King, Sarah Nelson, Matthew Robak, Brilin Williams.

Doctor of Education: Benjamin-David Legrand.

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**ALL GRADUATES**

**Bachelor of Arts**


Bachelor of Music

Ashley Harris, Dominique Harris.

Bachelor of Science

My Malanie Tran, Tina Tran, De'ja Turner, Lani Turner, Kaelan Vazquez, Starr Villavasso, Ashley Vu, James Vu, Tracy Vu, Laurence Walker, Taryn Watkins, Pearl Watson, Lyle Wilkins, Alana Williams, Briana Williams, Desiray Williams, Erin Williams, Joseph Williams, Kaitlyn Williams, Keona Williams, Mathew Williams, Oliver Williams Jr., Kevionta Wilson, Kyra Wilson, Shamyra Woods-Elliott, Aaliyah Young, Jade Zachery, Mah Noor Zahra.

**Doctor of Education**

Benjamin-David Legrand, Zwila Martinez, Jordan Sanchez.

**Doctor of Pharmacy**


**Master of Arts**


**Master of Arts in Teaching**

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Being America’s only historically Black and Catholic University is just the first of the distinctions that have set Xavier University of Louisiana apart for more than eight decades.

Despite its relatively small size (3,300 students), Xavier is a nationally recognized leader in the STEM and the health sciences, producing more African American students who graduate from medical schools each year than any other university in the United States. Its College of Pharmacy is among the top producers of African American pharmacists.

Its liberal arts based programs in such areas as art, business, education, psychology, and political science – as well as such recent additions as bioinformatics, data science, neuroscience, crime and social justice, and jazz studies – offer students an unbeatable combination of traditional classroom study, hands-on research, service-learning opportunities, and life experiences.

The winning Xavier formula? Provide students with a well-balanced curriculum and an environment that nurtures their intellect and feeds their souls.

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