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### **20 Percent Increase in New Freshmen Spurs Enrollment Climb at Xavier University of Louisiana**

New Orleans LA – A 20 percent increase in new freshmen has boosted Xavier University of Louisiana's overall enrollment to its highest level in eight years. This is a more than six percent increase over 2017.

The fall 2018 numbers show 866 new freshmen and 71 new transfers on campus, which pushes the university's current overall enrollment to 3,231 students. That marks the largest group of new freshman since 2010 (then 781) and the highest overall enrollment numbers since 2011 (then 3,399).

"It's very gratifying to see students from across the nation choose Xavier to pursue their goals," said Xavier University President Reynold Verret, attributing the surge to the University's continuing excellence and leadership in STEM and its solid liberal arts curriculum. as well as a well-thought recruitment and enrollment effort.

"We have never compromised our commitment to academic excellence or our innovation in academic offerings that provide an academic experience that prepares students for careers of today and the future," said Verret. "Our students continue to compete and excel in the traditional fields of study, and many more are taking advantage of new program offerings in the fields of neuroscience, interdisciplinary programs, Afro-Caribbean studies, jazz studies, and more."

The university experienced so much growth this year that it successfully arranged housing on nearby college campuses to insure that any student wishing to pursue a Xavier education had the chance to do so.

Xavier University remains the #1 producer of African American students who go on to successfully achieve their M.D.'s. The University additionally boasts add accolades of academic success:

- Ranked #1 in the nation in the number of African American graduates who go on to complete medical school.
- Among the nations top four colleges of pharmacy in graduating African Americans with Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm D) degrees.
- Ranked #1 in the nation in awarding bachelor's degrees to African American students in the biological and biomedical sciences, the physical sciences, and physics.

Students wishing to become a Xavierite are encouraged to contact the Admissions Office at 1-877-XAVIERU or [apply@xula.edu](mailto:apply@xula.edu), or visit online at [www.xula.edu](http://www.xula.edu).

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### **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 University of Louisiana 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*.

For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana visit us online at [www.xula.edu](http://www.xula.edu) or follow us on Facebook, YouTube, or Twitter @XULA1925.

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