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General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer of Shell Recharge Solutions to Speak at Xavier University of Louisiana’s Black History Month Convocation

New Orleans, La. - Xavier University of Louisiana’s annual Black History Month Convocation will take place on [Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 12:15 p.m.](#) at Xavier’s Convocation Center. The annual event is the university’s official celebration of Black History Month. Each year, Xavier University honors the achievements of Black Americans to recognize the vital role Blacks have played throughout our nation’s history. The ceremony is a celebration of Black Excellence and the successes of Xavierites who have and continue to make history while striving to bring about a more just and humane society. This year’s guest speaker is Carita Shanklin Walker (’93), J.D., General Counsel and Chief Legal Office at Shell Recharge Solutions Americas and Asia. The company is dedicated to unlocking the possibilities of the electric mobility future by delivering game-changing software and services at Scale. Walker is also currently a member of Xavier’s Board of Trustees.

“Xavier University is proud to celebrate the successes of Xavierites, especially during Black History Month,” said **Dr. Reynold Verret, President of Xavier University of Louisiana**. “Advocates for positive change like Ms. Walker are our gift to the world, and we are grateful for her willingness to share words of wisdom with the next generation of Xavierites who will follow and improve the path she and other Xavier alums have forged towards a better world.”

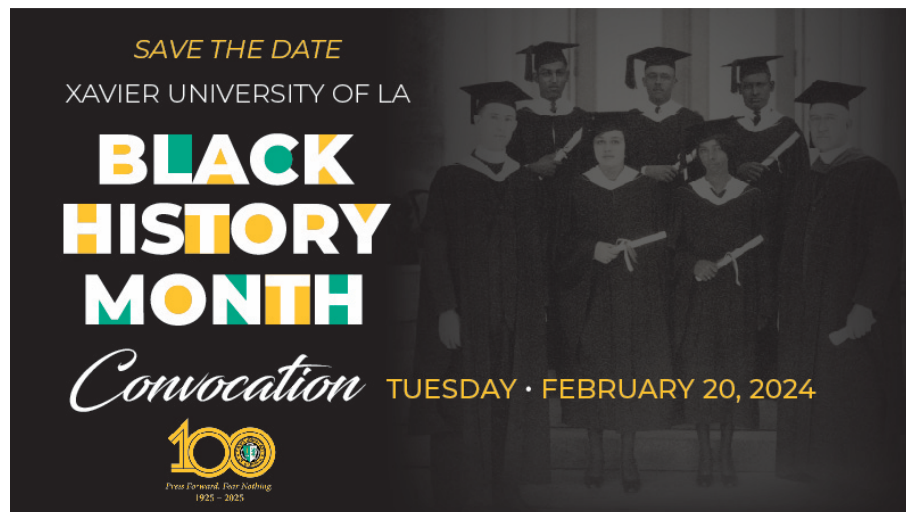
Walker is passionate about creating scalable, innovative business solutions, building compliant, safe, and inclusive cultures, and the advancement of ESG (environmental, social, and governance) causes. In 2022, she was named one of Savoy Magazine’s 2022 Most Influential Black Executives in Corporate America. She also serves as the independent director for Kayne Anderson Energy Infrastructure Fund, Inc. and Kayne Anderson NextGen Energy & Infrastructure, Inc.

Through her work with Shell, she acts as a strategic executive who provides operational and risk-based guidance to the CEO and members of executive leadership teams. Walker delivers expertise in environmental and regulatory compliance, permitting, and non-technical risks associated with multi-billion-dollar capital projects, corporate governance, and risk management. She also has numerous years

of experience in commercial contracting, M&A, legislative and market development in nascent and novel industries, and technologies.

Walker was previously based in Doha, Qatar, with Qatar Shell Services, leveraging her deep environmental and corporate law background to support Pearl GTL, the world's largest source of gas-to-liquid products. Her experience includes serving as Shell's inaugural Leadership Counsel for Leadership Diversity Fellow, Governance Officer for Girl Scouts of the USA Girl Scouts of America Overseas – Doha, and leading environmental permitting for multibillion-dollar capital projects to enable businesses to successfully achieve their complex commercial transaction goals.

The event will be livestreamed [here](#).



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About Xavier University of Louisiana

On the cusp of celebrating its first 100 years of service, Xavier University of Louisiana remains America's only historically Black and Catholic University and is ranked among the top HBCUs (historically Black colleges and universities) in the nation. Recognized as a national leader in STEM and health sciences, Xavier has historically produced 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 among the country's top producers of African American pharmacists.

Established almost a century ago in 1925 by Saint Katharine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament as a place for African Americans and Native Americans to receive a quality education, Xavier has since expanded its programs in nearly every industry, including the arts, sciences, business, education, pharmacy, and political science. More recent additions in STEM-based master's programs and undergraduate options in robotics, bioinformatics, engineering, data science, neuroscience, and genetics, have provided Xavier students (3,181 students) an unbeatable experience of traditional classroom study, hands-on research, service-learning opportunities, and life experiences. Xavier students collaborate with world-renowned faculty and 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, developing all who choose to learn at the institution into the next generation of leaders and agents of positive change. Blessed with a mission to promote a more just and humane society, Xavier is leading the way to a brighter future for all. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana, visit www.XULA.edu or contact the Marketing and Communications Department at (504) 520-5425 or XULANews@XULA.edu.