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## 22 Premeds Among 2019 Tulane Med School Early Acceptances

New Orleans LA – A record 22 Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA) juniors have been granted conditional acceptance into the Tulane University School of Medicine for entry in 2019 via the school's Early Acceptance Program, according to XULA Director of Premedical Programs Quo Vadis Webster.

Under the agreement, the students are guaranteed acceptance as long as they meet conditions set forth by Tulane, including maintaining their respective GPAs and scoring at or above the 70th percentile not he Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). Tulane accepts a total of 190 students (early and regular entry) into each first-year class.

Students receiving early acceptances include: Sarah Bertrand, Shanzay Chaudhry, Mychael Delgardo, Camilla Do, Michael Do, Huyen Duong, Dalia El-Desoky, LaMiah Hall, Nicholas Hall, Rachel Hitchens, Amber Jackson, Tyler Kelly, Cara King, Rhea Lee, Brenda-Xuan Nguyen, Nancy Nguyen, Stephany Nguyen, Patricia Pham, Ericka Scott, Brianna Simpson, Brittany Strauss, and James Vu.

"It says a lot about Xavier, the academic progress of these individual students, and the expectations that the schools have for them, that Tulane and other prestigious medical schools are willing to accept them even before they have completed their undergraduate work," said Webster, who noted that 18 Xavier students were accepted early by Tulane last year. "A significant benefit to the students is that now they can give their full attention to coursework and MCAT preparation during the spring semester, knowing that at least one medical school has guaranteed them acceptance if they meet the benchmarks."

Xavier has agreements with several schools that provided students with opportunities to gain conditional acceptance into medical school during their junior year of college, including the Tulane University School of Medicine, the University of Rochester School of Medicine, the St. Louis University School of Medicine, and the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth.

Students who are granted conditional acceptance through early medical school acceptance programs will be expected to complete their undergraduate education at Xavier and to maintain satisfactory academic and behavioral progress as articulated by each early acceptance institution. Students who are granted conditional acceptance into the University of Rochester program are not required to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). The MCAT is, however, a requirement for the other early medical school acceptance programs.

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Twitter @XULA1925. Take a moment to learn more about how Xavier is preparing students for the future at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sD4mb-jYZC8.

Once again, Xavier University of Louisiana received 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. Xavier also ranked No.1 in its grouping, heading the list of only 15 schools that qualified for the Southern Region category listed under "Great Schools, Great Prices."

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