



Christmas Gala to Support Xavier University Student Scholarships

New Orleans LA – The New Orleans chapter of the Xavier University of Louisiana Alumni Association invites alumni and friends of the University to attend a night of fun and fellowship at the 1st Annual [Jingle Bells and Cocktails Scholarship Gala](#).

A portion of all proceeds will go towards scholarships for deserving Xavier students.

The event will be held Saturday, Dec. 08, at 7:00 p.m. in the McCaffrey Ballroom of the Xavier University Center, 1 Drexel Drive.

Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jingle-bells-and-cocktails-scholarship-gala-tickets-50765896162>, in-person at Xavier South located at 909 S. Jefferson Davis Pkwy, suite 600 or by contacting (504) 520-5023 | XULANOalumni@gmail.com.

“There can be no debate that Xavier students are talented, diligent, and hard-working, the accomplishments of our graduates over the years more than bears that out. But given the rising costs associated with higher education today, being talented, diligent, and hard-working is often not enough,” said Alana Sarrazin ’90, president of the New Orleans alumni chapter. “It is a sad fact that every year at Xavier there are many bright, academically-qualified students whose education is interrupted solely for financial considerations. That’s what this Gala is all about, doing our small part to keep St. Katharine Drexel’s mission alive and making the dreams of this generation of Xavier students become a reality.”

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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 was also among the four colleges selected by Beyonce and her [BeyGood Foundation](#) as the recipient of a Homecoming Scholars Scholarship Award announced after her much lauded performance at Coachella, while actor and comedian Kevin Hart has joined forces with UNCF and KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) to help 18 more KIPP students earn a college degree – three of whom were Xavier students.

At Xavier *eXcellence awaits yoU*. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana visit us online at www.xula.edu or follow us on Facebook, YouTube, or Twitter @XULA1925. To book interviews about our recent accomplishments and/or to speak with our experts in the field of pharmacy, education, premed, public health, science, technology, math, business, English, communications and the arts, contact Diana Hernandez at (504) 520-5120 or dhernan1@xula.edu.