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Representative Landry:

Xavier University of Louisiana's sustainability team, Xula Green, is excited to announce that we received an \$8,000 Healthy Communities grant for recycling awareness and initiatives, from the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Foundation.

"Xavier University of Louisiana, founded by Saint Katharine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, is Catholic and historically Black. The ultimate purpose of the University is to contribute to the promotion of a more just and humane society by preparing its students to assume roles of leadership and service in a global society. This preparation takes place in a diverse learning and teaching environment that incorporates all relevant educational means, including research and community service."

By winning this grant through Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. we are able to build on to our mission to serve the global society. "Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. is the state's anti-litter and community improvement organization focused on education, enforcement, awareness and cleanups. Affiliated with Keep America Beautiful, Keep Louisiana Beautiful's mission is to promote personal, corporate and community responsibility for a clean and beautiful Louisiana. With a network of 40 affiliates in communities throughout the state, over 172,609 volunteers and participants work toward a clean and beautiful Louisiana."

Xula Green is organized through Xavier University of Louisiana's Office of Facility Planning and Management. Xula Green's mission is to reduce our carbon footprint, improve the overall health of our environment, increase student knowledge on recycling, environmental protection initiatives, and eco-career opportunities. The grant will support our team in enhancing our current campus recycling program. Supporting the values that Xula Green uphold, the grant will be specifically used to reduce campus litter and waste, educate on the concept of recycling, reducing and reusing wastes, and educate students and the general public on environmental issues caused by waste pollution. Due to COVID-19 this year, for the 20-21 school year, our major focus will be on virtual learning and activities. However, no matter how the work gets done, by engaging in the protection of the XULA community, we assist in the environmental protection of New Orleans.

Sincerely,
Helena Robinson
Director of Sustainability and Quality Control