

PREMED NEWS



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REDEFINING THE PORTRAYAL OF THE BLACK MALE



Three Xavier graduates Dr. Pierre Johnson, Dr. Maxime Madhere and Dr. Joseph Semien debuted their new book, “The Pulse of Perseverance” in a Q&A forum, book signing and reception event held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 in the Qatar Pavilion. The event was moderated by *New York Times* award-winning journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones with Dr. Norman C. Francis, President Emeritus as a featured honored guest.



Quo Vadis “Ms. QV” Webster ‘00, Director of Premedical Program hosted a “family dinner” with XU alumni who graduated from or are currently enrolled in medical school and dental school at Meharry in Nashville Tennessee.

Xavier University of Louisiana Still First in African American Medical Graduates

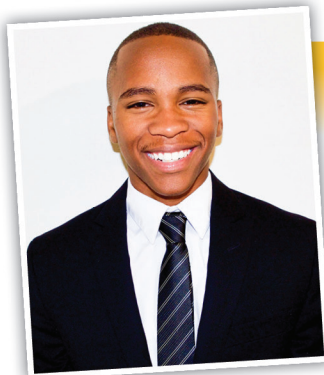
New Orleans LA - Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA) is still first among the nation’s colleges and universities in the number of African American graduates who go on to complete medical school, according to data compiled by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC).

The special report, “Top Undergraduate Institutions Supplying Black or African American Medical School Graduates,” covers the period from 2011-2017, during which time Xavier had 180 of its graduates earn their medical degrees while the second-place school had 150. The report, as obtained by Xavier directly from the AAMC, includes the number of Black or African-American graduates who completed medical school for each of the top 16 undergraduate institutions listed.

“We are delighted to note this reaffirmation of Xavier’s prominent role in the education of young African American doctors,” said Xavier President Dr. Reynold Verret. “It is the ongoing purpose for which Xavier was founded, to find and cultivate talent, especially from African-American communities, and send it forth to serve and build the nation, whether through medicine, law, whatever the need.”

Xavier’s elite status first came to light five years ago when *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* magazine obtained the AAMC report for the year 2011. Xavier had 60 African-American graduates earn medical degrees that year. Since that time, Xavier University of Louisiana has continued its rigorous academic training of future doctors as proven by maintaining its place as the leading institution producing African American doctors.

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Hassan '18

Classification: Senior, graduating in May 2018

Major: Biology/ Pre-medicine

Hometown: Saint Louis, Missouri

Extracurricular Activities: I'll be going to Cuba for spring break with the Study Abroad program.

I'm also currently serving as Mr. Xavier. As Mr. Xavier I helped to plan homecoming and worked with the food service committee to improve the food on campus. I also worked with Dillard University about setting up a voter registration drive on campus.

Scholarships: Academic scholarship and Rousseve Scholarship

I learned of Xavier through a high school program called Best Summer Pharmacy Institute. I started off as a Chemistry/ Pre-Pharmacy Major and switched to Biology/ Pre-medicine. Xavier helped me to discover that my goals and passions were more in line with medicine. Ms. QV and Ms. Islam were advisors to me. Switching majors was a hard decision because I was already accepted into pharmacy school and they gave me the courage to believe in myself and said that I could do it. They were a great support system.

Xavier also has the best tools to prepare me to get into medical school with about two years of planning.

I was accepted into four medical schools but chose Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science at Los Angeles. I'd like to specialize in reproductive endocrinology. My goal is to become a fertility specialist.

There are so many like-minded people here so there are always people to talk to about what you're going through or struggling with. **Xavier made me feel empowered**, that I could do anything I put my mind to.

Noor '18

Classification: Senior, graduating in May 2018

Major: Biology/ Pre-medicine

Hometown: Metairie, LA. I was born in Lahore, Pakistan.

Extracurricular Activities: Organic Chemistry Tutoring, Homework Clinic, Girl Scouts Mentoring, volunteering at Tulane Medical Center, and research.

Scholarships: Board of Trustees Scholarship and Rousseve Scholarship

For a brief time, I thought about becoming a pharmacist which is how I learned about Xavier. When I decided that wasn't for me and that I wanted to become a physician, I already knew Xavier was well known for preparing students for Medical School, from the internet as well as friends.

For medical school I am thinking between Tulane and LSU-NO. I would like to work in primary care (not sure which exact field yet) in an undeserved area and possibly open my own clinic.

My academic advisor helped and encouraged a lot and was always there in times of struggle. But I was also inspired by the students around me succeeding and working towards the same goals as me.

Xavier pushed me to be the best version of myself for medical school. It made me aware of what it takes to get into this competitive field. Xavier kept me informed with info sessions, constant emails, and meetings with advisors. There was never an excuse to fall off the track with the guidance available.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Science Academy

JUNE – JULY 2018

BIO Star ★ CHEMStar ★ MATHStar

Summer Science Academy STARS Program includes a series of three model programs geared towards early exposure and enrichment in math and science. Aimed at middle school and high school students who have expressed interest in science related careers.

<http://www.xula.edu/summerprograms/documents/STARSInformation.pdf>