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Xavier Alumni Named University's New Chief of Police

New Orleans LA - Jacques Battiste has been named the new Chief of Police at Xavier University of Louisiana, according to Joseph Byrd, Vice President for Student Services.

Battiste, a 1988 Xavier graduate, returns to his alma mater from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where he accumulated more than 22 years of experience as a Supervisory Special Agent. During his tenure at the FBI, Battiste worked internationally to conduct investigations on terrorism suspects, responded to critical incidents such as the 1996 Centennial Park bombings in Atlanta, Georgia and USS Cole attack, and served as lead agent on several national security special events in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

Battiste brings wide-ranging experience. He served as a program manager in the FBI Counterterrorism Division Africa Fusion Cell, and oversaw intelligence analysts developing strategies to defeat terrorism in North and West Africa. He is a trained bomb technician, deploying to high-risk locations around the world to dismantle hazardous devices and Weapons of Mass Destruction, and has also served on the SWAT team.

His most recent responsibilities were with the FBI Director's Office of Partner Engagement, helping to build reliable bridges of information sharing among federal, state and local law enforcement. In addition to these duties, He has lectured extensively on the topics of security awareness, intelligence, and active shooter safety to law enforcement, private corporations and civilians.

Prior to joining the FBI, Battiste served as a lawyer with the New Orleans City Attorney's Office and as a reserve duty police officer with the New Orleans Police Department. He holds a dual degree in political science and chemistry from Xavier, as well as a Juris Doctorate from the Southern University School of Law.

Xavier University is grateful to Assistant Police Chief Albert Cornish, who has been serving as the University's interim police chief since the passing of former Chief Duane Carkum in January 2017. He will resume his previous post as the Assistant Chief of Police.

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