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### **XULA Honors 77 Long-Time Employees at Founder's Day Celebration**

New Orleans LA – Seventy-seven long-time faculty and staff members were honored as part of Xavier University of Louisiana's (XULA) annual Founder's Day celebration.

Topping the list of honorees celebrating anniversaries of their employment at XU were Sister Grace Mary Flickinger, S.B.S (biology) for 50 years of service, and Dr. Thaddeo Babiiha (English), Harriet Mason (technology administration), and Dr. Adrian Woods (academic success), with 40 years of service each.

Other employees honored included:

35 years – Sister Jean Marie Craig, S.B.S. (education), Dr. John Ware (music), and James Williams (manager, University Center)

30 years – Albert Cornish (university police), Dr. Gary Donaldson (history), Wanda Parker Doss (auxiliary and support services), Lucy Olezene-Johnson (fiscal), Dr. Kathleen Kennedy (pharmacy), and Joyce Sandifer (fiscal).

25 years – Dr. Karen Becnel Moore (languages), Patricia Coston (library), Dr. Jerry Farmer (theology), Vondra Richardson (institutional advancement), Florina Sheard (institutional advancement), and Dr. Susan Spillman (languages).

20 years – Dr. Janel Bailey-Wheeler (pharmacy), Joyce Brossett (pharmacy), Robert Browder (athletics), Gloria Clark (residential life), Sister Donna Gould, S.B.S. (English), Dr. Dana Jamero (pharmacy), Eric Joseph (library), Irwin Lachoff (library), Dr. Biljana Obradovic (English), Dr. Donna Stutson (mathematics), and Melva Williams (technology administration).

15 years – Lilly Blouin (admissions), Bryan Carraway (admissions), Dr. Gene D'Amour (special assistant to the president), Karl Findorff (technology administration), V. Allen Gale (institutional research), Alan Green (athletics), Dr. Vladimir Kolesnichenko (chemistry), Shirley Massenburg (fiscal), Marian Minnard (career placement), Dr. Syed Muniruzzaman (biology), Doris Parker (admissions), Edward Phillips (fiscal), Dr. Calvin Porter (biology), James Shade (English), and Lakisha Shelton (pharmacy)

10 Years – Ralph Adamo (English), NeKita Bannister-Lee (university center), Dr. James Bartkus (business), Dr. Jason Berntsen (philosophy), Dr. Kimberly Chandler (communication studies), Charlotte Collins (physical plant), Dr. Ian Davenport (biology), Ahdija Donatto (education), Adrienne Dotson (health services), Amy Fields (fiscal), Whitney Forstall Grandpre (institutional advancement), Dr. Elizabeth Hammer (psychology), Brenda Jeanjacques (residential life), Bonnie Kennedy (institutional

advancement), Alana Legard (university police), Dr. KiTani Lemieux (pharmacy), Perry Lemon (university police), Charles Maurice (university police), Dr. Judith Miranti (education), Janice Morgan (human resources), Shirlene Muckelroy (registrar's office), Keith Roussell (physical plant), Melinda Shelton (mass communication), Javier Slaughter (physical plant), Gia Soublet (institutional advancement), Angell Spot (physical plant), Dr. Anderson Sunda-Meya (physics), Christian Taplin (institutional advancement), Phung Thuy Ta (human resources), Dr. Jason Todd (English), Dr. Sarah Weaver (chemistry), and Dr. Karen Zhang (chemistry).

### **About Xavier University of Louisiana**

XULA students *Leave Ready* to serve, care, and lead their communities. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana visit us online at [www.xula.edu](http://www.xula.edu) or follow us on Facebook, YouTube, or 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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