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Xavierites,

As I heard the troubling words spoken from our nation's capital yesterday, I immediately thought of you. They were words that disparaged the darker people of the world, words that diminish all of humanity regardless of color or national origin.

Those words are not worthy of our confidence. Like our forebears, we do not concede our humanity and worth to the misguided judgement of others. We need not justify ourselves or dignify a debasement of the nation in the eyes of the world. This country is grounded in our belief in the worth of every person.

I know who you are. We know who we are. We are called to be contributors and guardians of a just and humane society. This is the very reason for which Xavier University of Louisiana was founded. And, we shall not be afraid to be whom we are called to be in this society.

I am encouraged that tomorrow's leaders walk our campus today. In the ranks of our students are young men and women of all backgrounds, from every continent, who prepare themselves to lead and build a greater and more evolved national and global community.

Xavier students will Leave Ready to realize the "Beloved Community" called forth by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Thank you,

Reynold Verret

President, Xavier University of Louisiana