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Members Elected to Xavier University of Louisiana Board of Trustees

New Orleans, La – Xavier University of Louisiana has re-elected six members to its Board of Trustees for three-year terms: Dr. Richard Gilder, Ms. Suzanne Malveaux, Ms. Claudia Marmolejo, Mr. Meredith Marshall, Mr. Lyon Polk, and Mr. Joseph West.

At the summer meeting, the Board also re-elected Mr. Justin Augustine III ('80) to serve as chair, Dr. Derek Robinson ('98) and Mr. James Mitchell as vice chairs, and Dr. Jennifer Goldsmith Adams as Board Secretary.

"As a product of Xavier, I understand the transformative power of a Xavier education," **said Chair Augustine**. "This group of outstanding leaders has committed to serving the university to ensure that it remains strong and relevant to the promotion of a more just and humane society and to ensure that every Xavier student is prepared to assume roles of leadership and service in a global society."

Trustees continuing their terms include Ms. Alexandra Fell Allen, Sr. Amelia Breton, S.B.S., Rabbi Edward Cohn, Dr. Michelle Detwiler, Sr. Stephanie Henry, S.B.S. ('00), Mr. Gladstone Jones, The Honorable Ivan L.R. Lemelle ('71), Sr. Jane Nesmith, S.B.S. ('72), Fr. Thomas O'Hara, Ms. Chantel Shackelford ('90), Mr. James Swanson, Ms. Angela Vallot, and Ms. Carita Walker, J.D. ('93). Xavier's President, Reynold Verret, serves as an ex-officio member of the Board.



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About Xavier University of Louisiana

On the cusp of celebrating its first 100 years of service, Xavier University of Louisiana remains America's only historically Black and Catholic University and is ranked among the top HBCUs (historically Black colleges and universities) in the nation. Recognized as a national leader in STEM and health sciences, Xavier has historically produced more African American students who graduate from medical schools each year than any other university in the United States. Additionally, Xavier's College of Pharmacy is among the country's top producers of African American pharmacists.

Established almost a century ago in 1925 by Saint Katharine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament as a place for African Americans and Native Americans to receive a quality education, Xavier has since expanded its programs in nearly every industry, including the arts, sciences, business, education, pharmacy, and political science. More recent additions in STEM-based master's programs and undergraduate options in robotics, bioinformatics, engineering, data science, neuroscience, and genetics, have provided Xavier students (3,181 students) an unbeatable experience of traditional classroom study, hands-on research, service-learning opportunities, and life experiences. Xavier students collaborate with world-renowned faculty and experts in their fields to produce award-winning research and notable work. The winning Xavier formula provides students with a well-balanced curriculum and an environment that nurtures their intellect and feeds their souls, developing all who choose to learn at the institution into the next generation of leaders and agents of positive change. Blessed with a mission to promote a more just and humane society, Xavier is leading the way to a brighter future for all. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana, visit www.XULA.edu or contact the Marketing and Communications Department at (504) 520-5425 or XULANews@XULA.edu.