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## THE TULANE/XAVIER PARTNERSHIP

Over the past three decades, **Tulane** University and **Xavier** University of Louisiana have worked together to create a unique alliance centered on a common vision of academic excellence, cutting-edge research and community service. The strength of the Tulane/Xavier Partnership is rare among institutions of higher education. In fact, we do not know of any other majority/minority university partnership in the country that is comparable in terms of longevity, depth and scope.

As one of the nation's leading HBCUs (Historically Black College/University), Xavier's strengths perfectly complement those of Tulane, which is ranked as one of the top private research universities in the U.S. The Tulane/Xavier Partnership serves as a national model of success that benefits our students, our schools, our community, our city and our state.

**The Tulane/Xavier Partnership officially began in 1975 with the creation of a joint MBA program between the two schools.** Other 'pipeline' initiatives soon followed, capitalizing on Xavier's strong undergraduate programs (particularly in the sciences) and Tulane's premier graduate/professional schools. By funneling Xavier undergraduates into Tulane graduate programs, the Partnership has made significant gains in the nationwide shortage of African Americans with advanced degrees in business, engineering, mathematics and the sciences.

The year 1988 marked the Partnership's first major joint research effort – the creation of the **Tulane/Xavier Center for Bioenvironmental Research (CBR)**. The CBR quickly gained a national reputation for excellence in research to protect human health and the environment from the effects of toxic substances and hazardous wastes. Tulane and Xavier faculty now collaborate on dozens of research programs each year,

expanding vital knowledge in fields such as women's health, substance abuse, neuroscience, and infectious diseases.

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The third goal of the Partnership – community service – was formally realized in 1996 with the creation of the **Campus Affiliates Program (CAP)** to help public housing residents achieve self-sufficiency. CAP is housed in the **National Center for the Urban Community** at Tulane and Xavier Universities (NCUC). The NCUC works to improve the lives of New Orleans and Louisiana residents by developing, testing and implementing vocational training, job placement assistance, substance abuse services and asset-building programs. Through the NCUC, more than one thousand students from Tulane and Xavier volunteer in local public schools as tutors and mentors.

The Tulane/Xavier Partnership has a major economic impact on the city and the state. Combined, Tulane and Xavier directly employ more than 10,000 state residents and bring more than \$600 million in new money into Louisiana each year. Our research initiatives and educational programs help attract new industries, create new jobs, and provide the skilled workforce needed to diversify Louisiana's economic base.

The Tulane/Xavier Partnership has grown from an informal association into an alliance that profoundly affects the economic, educational and community development of the City of New Orleans, the State of Louisiana and the nation.