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New Orleans, La - On Saturday, May 27, 2023, Xavier University of Louisiana will host its 96th commencement ceremony for the College of Arts and Sciences at the Convocation Center at 12 p.m. for undergraduates of the College of Arts and Sciences. Troy A. Carter, Sr. (U.S. Representative for Second Congressional District, will serve as commencement speaker.

Shalanda Young, Director of the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB), will honor the university and its assembled graduates and bring remarks on behalf of the White House.

Rep. Troy Carter, who earned his degree in political science from Xavier in 1986 and a of science degree in management from University of Holy Cross, and studied at JFK School of Government and Carnegie School of Urban and Public Affairs, has exemplified Xavier excellence for decades. A New Orleans Native, in 1991, Rep. Carter became the first African American elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives from the 102nd District in Algiers and the youngest-ever floor leader representing New Orleans. Furthermore, he was the first African American to be elected to the New Orleans City Council representing District C, the Louisiana State Senate from District 7, 2nd Congressional District from the Westbank of New Orleans (Algiers), and the first congressman whose spouse is a Brigadier General in the U.S. army. Rep. Carter was elected to the State Senate for 7th District, where he served as Senate Minority Leader and Caucus Chair. During his time as a legislator, Rep. Carter has authored, co-sponsored, and passed hundreds of bills. He currently serves as 2nd vice president

confirmed on March 15, 2022. She is the first Black woman to hold this position. Prior to her tenure in the Biden Administration, Young served as Clerk and Staff Director for the House Appropriations Committee, overseeing the \$1.3 trillion annual appropriations bills, necessary disaster aid, and major aspects of COVID-19-related spending. A native of southern Louisiana, Young moved to D.C. almost twenty years ago to serve as a Presidential Management Fellow at the National Institute of Health (NIH). She earned her degree in psychology from Loyola University New Orleans and her degree in health administration from Tulane University.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 26, 2023; the University Honors and Awards Ceremony follows the Baccalaureate Mass. To get more information about the scheduling of these events, visit

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