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Press Forward and Fear Nothing: Xavier University of Louisiana marks a century of eXcellence & announces plans for next 100 years

New Orleans, La. ±Approaching a historic centennial, Xavier University of Louisiana today announced its vision and plan for the next 100 years. The University promised to press forward and fear nothing as it marks a century of eXcellence.

Xavier is embarking on a journey to further elevate itself as a prestigious institution of higher education. In a time when we have seen first-hand the dire need for advancing equity of marginalized populations, Xavier heeds the call to prepare professionals that will shape the world in the years to come.

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Sciences, which officially tenured the University as the nation's first, and still only, historically Black and Catholic university. In 1915, St. Katharine Drexel, then Mother Katharine, conducted a series of secret business negotiations to buy the former Southern University campus in New Orleans. Ahead of her time, St. Katharine, who also founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to support her vision, believed that all deserved an education as a means of empowerment and self-determination, especially those who were excluded from opportunities and made voiceless due to the sin of racism. Born into great privilege, she chose to lead by example and use her vast familial wealth to build schools throughout the United States f-85(t)5(hQv-11(t)5(37s)-8v1(137s)-8vC)(g)11(r)

x Repairing the World Elevate the human spirit and harness knowledge so that Xavierites contribute evermore to a just and humane society.

The announcement was made during the annual Leadership Breakfast, an exclusive annual Homecoming event for key university stakeholders. Learn more <a href="here">here</a>.

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