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“Pulse of Perseverance” Book Launch, Signing and Forum at Xavier University
Redefining the Portrayal of the Black Male

New Orleans, LA Three Xavier University of Louisiana graduates [Dr. Pierre Johnson](#), [Dr. Maxime Madhere](#) and [Dr. Joseph Semien](#) are debuting their new [The Pulse of Perseverance](#) with a Q&A forum, book signing and reception event at Xavier University of Louisiana **Thursday, February 15th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** in the **Qatar Pharmacy Pavilion Lobby and Atrium**. This event, hosted by Xavier University President Reynold Verret, is free and open to the public.

Award-winning The New York Times investigative journalist [Nikole Hannah-Jones](#) will moderate the [The Pulse of Perseverance](#) book. She will discuss how she overcame the obstacles of poverty, inadequate K-12 educations and family dysfunction as they pursued their dreams of becoming doctors.

The forum will also highlight the role that Xavier University of Louisiana, which sends more black undergraduates on to become doctors than any other college in the country, played in their success.

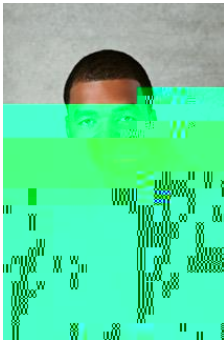


Dr. Pierre Johnson, a native of Chicago, is a board certified ob-gyn specializing in minimally invasive robotic surgery and pelvic floor repair. After receiving his

2002, he went on to receive his medical degree from the University of Illinois in 2008. Dr. Johnson has been in ob-gyn private practice since 2013, and currently resides and practices in the Chicagoland area. He was featured in The New York



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