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### **PBS Newshour to Feature Xavier University of Louisiana's Culture of Excellence**

New Orleans La. - Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA) academic excellence will be featured on a PBS Newshour segment scheduled to air locally **Tuesday, May 8, at 6:00 p.m.** on WYES TV Channel 12 / WYES HDTV Channel 12.1, and at 9:00 p.m. on WYES World Channel 12.2.

The segment, part of PBS programming for Higher Education Week, will include interviews with Xavier President Dr. Reynold Verret along with several notable faculty/staff and student scholars. The segment is quite a coup for the small university whose tradition of excellence holds true today. Xavier, an institution of just over 3,000 students maintains its position as the #1 producer of African American doctors in America according to the AAMC. This ranking speaks to the exceptional performance in STEM fields at the University.

While STEM programs are nationally recognized at Xavier University of Louisiana, the university has an acclaimed education program and continues to work in that field as the recipient of a \$13 million grant to train culturally competent teachers to better serve the needs of K-12 students in New Orleans. Additionally the school has a thriving Humanities program with nationally acclaimed Art and Music programs. Xavier maintains its