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OCEANX LAUNCHES HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP WITH XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

New Orleans Distinguished Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Xavier University of Louisiana and global ocean exploration nonprofit OceanX announced a historic partnership to offer Xavier students an in-depth educational experience with ocean exploration and marine science and

serves to bridge existing gaps in the marine sciences by equipping Xavier students and faculty with

opportunities, research and curriculum development, and partnership building.

Xavier University of Louisiana is constantly evolving to offer our students the most innovative and rewarding experiences; this partnership with OceanX is a wonderful opportunity for students to understand our terrestrial environment and how our species affects land, sea, and air for better and Reynold Verret, President of Xavier University of Louisiana.

will be agents for a sustainable world and embodiments of the vision shared by OceanX and Xavier to promote diversity and a greater exchange of ideas in the STEM fields.

Among the many opportunities provided through this partnership, at least one student and one faculty

program offers students an educational journey aboard *OceanXplorer*, the one-of-a-kind scientific research, media production, and exploration vessel leveraged by OceanX to explore the ocean and bring it back to the world. Program participants learn about the convergence of captivating media and ocean exploration, research, and operations. The OceanX-Xavier partnership will extend beyond academia, creating employment opportunities at OceanX for Xavier students, along with an ongoing exploration of other opportunities to partner professionally.

Vincent Pieribone, co-CEO and chief science officer of OceanX.

pioneering marine explorers. We look forward to our partnership with the university, Xavier students, and faculty as we work to make STEM learning more ac