

In 1977, Haydel Morial returned to Xavier University of Louisiana, where she served for 28 years, retiring in 2005 as Vice President for External Affairs. Throughout the decades, the Haydel Morial family has been deeply connected to Xavier in various capacities, encompassing time, talent, and treasure.

In an interview for [The Xavier Story Project](#), Haydel Morial reflected on the significance of returning to New Orleans in the wake of civic uprisings and the city's legacy.

... change when it came. And we did," said Haydel Morial.

Haydel Morial also talked about her beloved historically Black university and the cultural hub it was, from creating opera opportunities for Black singers to being a haven for the Freedom Riders, among other significant civic engagement and equitable efforts.

Her great legacy will continue to inspire the next generation of leaders and agents of change, and she was a

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On the cusp of celebrating its first 100 years of service, Xavier University of Louisiana remains America's only historically Black and Catholic University and is ranked among the top HBCUs (historically Black colleges and universities) in the nation. Recognized as a national leader in STEM and health sciences, Xavier has historically produced more African American students who graduate from medical schools each year than any other university in the United States. Additionally, Xavier's College of Pharmacy is among the country's top producers of African American pharmacists.

developing all who choose to learn at the institution into the next generation of leaders and agents of positive change. Blessed