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Xavier University of Louisiana and Takeda partner to further health equity

New Orleans, La. In celebration of National Minority Health Month, Xavier University of Louisiana is proud to announce a multi-year partnership with Takeda (TSE:4502/NYSE:TAK) that will help to further health equity efforts in New Orleans and focus on the overall improvement of health outcomes for disadvantaged and marginalized populations.

Takeda multi-million dollar investment will support the development of a technical research and exchange center at Xavier, known as T-REX. T-REX will focus on health informatics, research findings and interventions at the intersection of basic science, clinical practice and data with the goal of advancing health equity and creating community wellness. Additionally, this grant will help build trust within historically marginalized communities by supporting the development of a program to destigmatize participation in clinical trials. It will also elevate postdoctoral fellows and graduate students to advance health equity research, while improving community engagement and advocacy to

Xavier University of Louisiana is the third ranking historically Black college and university (HBCU) and the only historically Black and Catholic University in the nation. Xavier is recognized as a national leader in producing the most African American graduates who become medical doctors and pharmacists than any other University in the U.S. and is responsible for moving many African American students out of poverty. The University has a rich, longstanding history of addressing and improving health disparities and is a trusted institution within the community of New Orleans.

Takeda to launch a technical research and exchange center and further our joint goal of health equity through the education of young people who **Dr. Anne McCall, Xavier University of Louisiana provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs.** “Our students, graduate and undergraduate, often choose to study at Xavier because they envision creating a better future for all. The grant from Takeda will ensure that we can expand our resources and continue to offer a world-renowned education to and innovative research opportunities for the next generation of global leaders who attend

Takeda selected Xavier University of Louisiana because of its rich history and experience in improving health outcomes within Black and other historically excluded communities. Xavier has long

understood the needs of the community and continues to make a real impact in driving sustainable change in the state of Louisiana and within the broader health ecosystem.

to support Xavier University of Louisiana on this first of its kind partnership with Takeda as a way to put our commitment to health equity into action **Dr. Lauren Powell, M.P.A., Ph.D., Vice President, US Health Equity & Community Wellness at Takeda**