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[Xavier University of Louisiana](#) President Reynold Verret will testify at a hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions in Washington D.C. today, Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. EST.

Click [here](#) to watch the hearing.

At the hearing, President Verret will discuss how federal relief funds have supported Xavier students as they continued to pursue their education and the mission of Xavier, even in a global pandemic, and the importance of continued funding from the federal government for HBCUs as a vital part of the academic landscape in the United States. Xavier's status as one of the best value schools in the nation for a quality education is a testament as to why HBCUs should continually be invested in and supported by the federal government.

Being America's only historically Black and Catholic University is only the first among many distinctions that have set Xavier University of Louisiana apart for more than nine decades. Despite its relatively small size (3,300 students), Xavier is a nationally recognized leader in the STEM and the health sciences, producing more African American students who graduate from medical schools each year than any other university in the United States. Its College of Pharmacy is among the top producers of African American pharmacists. Its liberal arts-based programs in such areas as art, business, education, psychology, and political science – as well as recent additions in bioinformatics, data science, neuroscience, crime and

