EXCITING PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

In case you didn’t hear the news released on Thursday, January 12, 2017, Xavier University and Cincinnati’s TriHealth system announced signing a 10-year exclusive affiliation agreement to become national leaders in collegiate health and sports medicine.

**TriHealth**: clinical, educational, preventive, and social programs through Bethesda North, Bethesda Butler, TriHealth Evendale, Good Samaritan, McCullough-Hyde and TriHealth Rehabilitation hospitals and more than 130 other locations throughout Greater Cincinnati.

**Xavier**: a private university in Cincinnati, OH providing a liberal arts education in the Catholic, Jesuit tradition. Founded in 1831, XU is the sixth-oldest Catholic university in the nation. USNEWS ranks it #4 among master's level universities in the Midwest.

Here’s the news release that XU President, Fr. Michael Graham, SJ, PhD, and TriHealth CEO, Mr. Mark Clement ‘80M shared:

Xavier University and TriHealth, two long-time faith-based organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life for all in the Cincinnati community, have announced a 10-year exclusive affiliation to build a national model of excellence for collegiate health and wellness. Together with the support of Beacon Orthopaedics, the affiliation will focus on four comprehensive commitments:

1. **Collaboration that leads to unique and innovative health and wellness education programs that will prepare the next generation to lead.** TriHealth has a 150-year legacy of medical and administrative education, with more than 275 fellowship and residency program graduates over the past decade, many from Xavier’s Undergraduate Pre-Med and Graduate in Health Services Administration Programs.

2. **Construction of a new, co-branded state-of-the-art health and recreation center on Xavier’s campus.** The facility will be home to Xavier’s academic, recreational and clinical health and wellness programs.

3. **Student and employee health offerings and wellness programs, led by TriHealth, for students, student athletes, faculty, staff and their families.** These resources will be conveniently centralized and available in the newly constructed center on the Xavier Campus. TriHealth offers the most comprehensive, nationally recognized corporate health program in the region.

4. **Continued growth of Xavier’s nationally ranked athletic program through an expanded, world-class sports medicine team and an enhanced University-based, multi-disciplinary clinical care model for student athletes.**

A team of Xavier faculty, staff and students, along with TriHealth leaders and clinicians and other advisors, started working this month to develop the facility program and schematic design for the new building. The project size and cost will be determined as part of the process. The new facility will be located on Cleneay Ave/Musketeer Drive near Xavier’s student residence halls and the Cintas Center, and is targeted to open in the fall of 2019. Faculty member Tom Ruthemeyer is the rep from our department.

Initial benefits of the affiliation will include:

- Enhanced comprehensive primary care available on campus for Xavier students and employees.
- Expanded and more specialized clinical care and support services to optimize athlete performance and long-term health.
- Advanced wellness programming to help lower costs and improve health and well-being for students, student athletes and employees.
- Additional educational opportunities for Xavier students, both in classrooms and at clinical placements.
- Expanded employment and leadership opportunities for Xavier graduates in business, healthcare and the community.
- New opportunities to collaborate on the healing ministry central to the Catholic Church.

NO HERALD NEXT WEEK due to Spring Break March 6-10, 2017. The next HERALD is on March 14, 2017.

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