



Fall 2025 Enrollment Update and Strategic Outlook

Dear Colleagues,

As we near the close of this enrollment cycle, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership in shaping the future of Xavier University. While our incoming first-year class will be smaller than anticipated, Xavier's progress is real and worthy of recognition. We anticipate welcoming 800 new first-year and transfer students to campus this August.

This class represents the most academically talented in Xavier's history with an average GPA over 3.8 and an average SAT score over 1300 – up from 3.69 and 1255, respectively. These academic indicators combined with other metrics in this cohort suggest a strong first-year retention – beyond improved retention data for our current first-year class – which will lead to greater long-term student success.

These results stem directly from our *Sustaining Excellence* initiatives, including Early Action Admission, new Direct Admission Agreements with 28 Catholic high schools, and a data-informed realignment of our recruitment markets. Our *Recruiting Sophomores* strategy is proving effective, showing strong early returns in retention and a high-caliber applicant pool. While total enrollment volume has decreased—particularly at the lower end of our predictive models—support for Sustaining Excellence from our President and Board of Trustees remains strong. Our strategic shift is delivering on its purpose: to align our recruitment with Xavier's Jesuit Catholic mission, enhance outcomes, and strengthen Xavier's resilience.

In the coming weeks, we will evaluate the reasons behind the smaller class size and consider necessary adjustments through June 30. Your patience and positivity are vital. How we speak about these changes—to students, colleagues, and the community are important to our *Recruiting Sophomores* momentum. We are on the right path. It may take a bit longer than planned, but our trajectory is sound and measurable.

Let's continue working together with purpose. Through challenge comes opportunity—and we remain committed to delivering on our mission with clarity, focus, and a shared belief in Xavier's future.

All For One,
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