

AN MHSA ALUMNA CHANGING THE TIDE

(Photo by Matt Eich, THE ATLANTIC)

Meet **Nikki King** '17M whose unique groundbreaking rural health anti-opioid program is making a difference. Nikki's program is called CAD: Courts Addiction & Drug Services and it works because it's housed in a courthouse so there's a close reach to the justice system. Nikki is featured in the article, "America's Other Epidemic: A New Approach to Fighting the Opioid Crisis as it Quietly Rages On", by author Beth Macy in the May 2020 issue of THE ATLANTIC. This is part of a larger "Presence of Justice" project by the magazine.

Nikki is Manager of Behavioral Health and Addiction Services at Margaret Mary Health in Batesville, Indiana. She completed her administrative residency there in 2017 and has stayed on in this important role. CAD is a partnership between Margaret Mary and the Ripley County Court House in Versailles, Indiana.

Her CEO, Dr. Tim Putnam, echoes the author's question, "How could a tiny program like Nikki's be replicated on a large-enough scale to turn back the tide?" Here's the article link: https://bit.ly/AtlanticMagazine_NikkiKing

A NEW WORLD FOR ALL OF US

The Covid-19 situation has affected us all. Who would have ever thought that a barely visible microscopic germ could stop the world? Your work, your social life, your church life, and your personal lives have been greatly impacted. Xavier University has been no different:

- Week of March 9, 2020: XU students and faculty were told not to return to campus on March 16, 2020 following spring break but to shift to remote learning through Easter break (April 14, 2020)
- Week of March 16, 2020: remote learning would last through the remainder of the spring semester. Staff members were encouraged to work from home through Easter break (April 14, 2020) and was later changed to May 15, 2020.
- March 24 – April 6: the State of Ohio imposed stay-at-home procedures for everyone
- March 29-April 30: the federal government imposed stay-at-home procedures for everyone

As a result, all events on Xavier's campus, both academic and social, have been cancelled indefinitely. This includes the annual Commencement scheduled for Saturday May 16, 2020. Commencement is being postponed several months and not cancelled. There are around 1,000 undergraduates plus 900 or so graduate/doctoral students who have been looking forward to Xavier's impressive and beautiful commencement ceremony. Xavier will emerge from Covid-19 newly resolved to be "One for All".

ALUM-N-I-C-E Our 1,693 Graduate MHSA Alumni, 178 Undergraduate BSHSA Alumni, and 21 MS-HECOR Alumni are the pride and joy of Xavier and our HSA Department. We applaud your achievements and commitment to the highest quests in health services administration.

Deidre Smith '20M is the President of the newly formed New England NAHSE Chapter.

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