

My previous academic position was at a faith-based institution where all faculty and staff members signed a statement of faith. The sense of community was built on that shared statement of faith. When I started at Xavier in August 2019, I was curious to see how community is built here, especially with so many faith traditions (or not) represented in the faculty and staff. AFMIX answered that question. While I have learned much about the history of the Jesuits, Ignatian education, and Xavier's values, I've also seen the cohort become a cohesive group. To express what I've learned, I made a cookie for each member of the cohort and each leader. I put "Community" at the center of the X because all the facts of the history and the values as they are lived out by each faculty and staff member add up to Xavier community.

