Editors Note: Welcome to XJOP

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In this inaugural issue of the Xavier Journal of Politics (XJOP), we are pleased to present a collection of outstanding papers by Xavier University students which make significant contributions to the study of politics and the field of Political Science. As the first editors of XJOP, we sought to uphold the highest academic and literary standards and to select student manuscripts that significantly and uniquely contributed to the papers' relevant areas of academic study.

Bringing XJOP to life required a great deal of hard work on the part of many people, both within and outside of the Xavier Community. We would like to extend our greatest appreciation to the professors and academic experts who spent many hours reviewing student submissions. In particular, this Journal would not be possible without the guidance and vision of Dr. Mack Mariani. We are sincerely thankful for the time Dr. Mariani has spent advising and assisting us in this endeavor.

The success of XJOP is, however, ultimately dependent upon the student contributors who submitted, formatted, edited and revised their papers to produce methodologically sound, well-written manuscripts that contribute to our understanding of the political world. We are grateful for the hard work of our student contributors and enjoyed having the opportunity to work with them to make this journal a reality.

As student co-editors, we are honored to have participated in this effort to celebrate and promote high-quality student research at Xavier University. It is, therefore, with great pride that we present to you the inaugural edition of the Xavier Journal of Politics. We are hopeful that the XJOP is the beginning of another important chapter in the academic history of Xavier University.

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