



## News Release

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### **Over \$26,000 raised for Xavier University progressives; "Thank You Ann" rally and celebration today**

CINCINNATI, September 6, 2007 – A coalition waged a “Thank Ann Coulter” campaign to raise money – over \$26,000 to date – for Xavier University progressive student groups working for the causes Coulter regularly bashes. Equality Cincinnati, Equality Ohio, ProgressOhio, People for the American Way, and other sponsoring partners announced the latest total today after a month long effort.

Checks will be presented to student groups at Xavier this Thursday, September 6, 2007 at a celebratory rally on the Xavier Greenspace at 7:00 p.m. That is about the same time Coulter is due to speak at the Cintas Center on the opposite side of campus.

Daniel Drent, Vice President of Equality Cincinnati states, “This speaks volumes for the way the entire country feels. As Americans we are tired of the lies, discrimination and hate that people like Ms. Coulter promote. We truly appreciate the support that this has received. This effort has reached far beyond the campus of Xavier and Greater Cincinnati. What is happening today will send a positive message of equality across the entire country. Our thanks goes out to and is due to our strong partners like Equality Ohio for driving this event.”

“She has every right to speak her mind, even if it is divisive and hurtful rhetoric,” said Bo Shuff, Director of Education and Public Policy for Equality Ohio. “This campaign was designed to give Xavier’s students who promote diversity, inclusion and tolerance the resources they need for dynamic programming over the upcoming year.”

Ann Coulter typically is paid between \$20,000 and \$30,000 for her appearances. That works out to about \$5 for every Xavier student. Most contributions for the “Counter Ann Coulter” Campaign have been just \$5-\$10. The \$25,000 raised will be donated to student groups like the Xavier Alliance, the Xavier Women’s Center, and the Black Student Association, among others.

“Xavier is a diverse and welcoming campus,” added Patrick McNearney, President of the Xavier Alliance. “I am humbled that so many people stepped up to help us make a stand in the face of Ann Coulter’s hateful rhetoric. Average folks like you helped us raise over \$26,000 when they heard Coulter was coming to our campus.”

On Thursday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. students, supporters, and sponsoring organizations will gather on the Xavier Greenspace for a celebratory rally and an announcement of the final total raised

**Campaign website:** <http://counteranncoulter.blogspot.com/>

**XU Student Group Beneficiaries (as of this writing):**

**Alpha Phi Alpha - Since its founding on December 4, 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African-Americans and people of color around the world.**

**Black Student Association - The purpose of the Black Student Association is to promote the interests of the Black students of Xavier University, advocate their rights and privileges, and to teach the Xavier community and the public as a whole the significance of African-American culture.**

**Voices of Solidarity - VOS's mission is to generate an increased sense of awareness, leading to practical actions on the behalf of impoverished peoples in developing areas not only in Latin America but also in all parts of the world.**

**Xavier Alliance - The Xavier Alliance, established in 2001, is the primary forum for discussion and education of gay issues on campus, as well as being a useful resource for students, faculty, and staff.**

**Xavier Women's Center - The Xavier Women's Center serves as a highly visible point of connection for maximizing the collective impact of people and programs committed to women's equity.**

**Campaign Sponsors:**

**Equality Ohio**

**ProgressOhio**

**People for the American Way**

**Human Rights Campaign**

**National Organization for Women – Cincinnati**

**Equality Cincinnati**

**Democracy for Cincinnati**

For more information on Equality Cincinnati please visit our website at [www.equalitycincinnati.org](http://www.equalitycincinnati.org).

Equality Cincinnati is a non-profit organization working for full equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in the greater Cincinnati region.