



Our Commitment to **YOU**

2021-2022 Division of Student Affairs Annual Report



Message from the Vice President

Dear Tulanians,

Over the past three years, Tulane students have shown their resilience through COVID and multiple hurricanes, including a campus evacuation to Houston. Throughout these challenges, the Division of Student Affairs has kept students central in our work each day as we focus on supporting each student to reach their full potential. We are so proud of the hundreds of staff members in the Division that work with Tulane undergraduate and graduate students in their Tulane journeys of academic success and personal development.

This past year, even while we were navigating the challenges of new COVID variants, we were able to make significant progress on major initiatives. We celebrated the opening of the new downtown Fitness Center “TU Fit” which will be a destination location for the Tulane downtown community. In addition, we focused on our Divisional values and Equity/Diversity/Inclusion efforts as we created our “Strategy for Tomorrow.” Last but not least, we focused on getting the new Residential Village ready, including the exciting new Hub that will provide fantastic spaces for students from across campus to relax, prepare for a team presentation, watch a movie, or just get some solo time in an individualized “phone booth” space.

On behalf of the entire Division of Student Affairs, I want to thank you for your support and collaboration. Our students are at the core of all that we do, and we could not achieve our goals without your help. Together we lay the groundwork for a better Tulane.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Davidson Porter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

J. Davidson “Dusty” Porter
Vice President for Student Affairs

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Tulane wasn't just another great school that I could get a valuable degree from; it was somewhere I could be happy, and a place where I could enjoy learning while also enjoying and interacting with the amazing people beside me.

I've been a part of tBSU [the Black Student Union] since my freshman year, and I'm proud to see the way it's transformed. I've also been a part of CIL [Center for Intercultural Life] since freshman year, and the support I've received from everyone who has worked there is immeasurable.

– **Raymell Green, Class of 2023**
Majoring in Public Health with a minor in Psychology
Co-Executive of the Black Queer Collective
President of the Black Student Union
President of TEDxTulane



The Division of Student Affairs

Mission

The mission of the Tulane University Division of Student Affairs is to cultivate support, connection, and growth throughout the student experience.

Vision

The Division of Student Affairs will challenge all Tulane students to learn, think, and act to benefit humanity.

Values

To foster a community where everyone thrives, the Division of Student Affairs values: Collaboration, Integrity, Empathy, Equity, Well-Being, and Innovation.

In its efforts to support the academic mission of the institution, develop students at both the individual and community level, and enhance the university's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, the Division of Student Affairs has identified the following strategic priorities and associated goals: Leadership and Personal Development, Culture of Care and Thriving, Supporting All Students, and Resource Management and Stewardship.

At Tulane, we have many departments to ensure we provide the best services and programs for our students:

Campus Recreation

Case Management and Victim Support Services

The Counseling Center

Family Programs

Fraternity & Sorority Programs

Goldman Center for Student Accessibility

Health Center for Student Care

Housing and Residence Life

Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life

Office for Gender and Sexual Diversity

Office of Multicultural Affairs

Religious Life

Student Conduct

The Well for Health Promotion

Our work starts with **you.**

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Coming to Tulane has been a great learning experience for me. As an international student with a background in Healthcare, transitioning to Public Health was both inspirational and eye opening. Tulane gives immense opportunities to its students to excel at what they are interested in. I am thankful for this.

– Jharna Katara, Class of 2023
Pursuing Masters in Public Health in
Epidemiology with a minor in Biostatistics
Graduate Assistant for Fitness & Wellness
at Campus Recreation



What we've been up to

Campus Health

- The Counseling Center met with 2,072 students in person and 4,333 virtually through telehealth.
- The Health Center conducted more than 36,000 patient visits across all of its clinics (26,131 in person and 10,005 virtually).
- The Tulane Recovery Community sponsored dozens of programs, including six off-campus conferences, trips, and retreats.
- The Well for Health Promotion and its peer education groups led over 100 small group discussions for New Student Orientation focused on sexual violence prevention and alcohol and other drugs.

Campus Recreation

- Successfully opened TU Fit—the new downtown Tulane Fitness Center located in Deming Pavilion, expanding access of fitness services to the downtown campus
- The Varsity Women's Pair team of the Rowing Club won their first ever gold medal at the prestigious Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta.
- Tulane Men's Ultimate Club won their first ever conference championship and qualified for Nationals (placing 11th out of 240 D-1 collegiate teams in the country).
- The highly-anticipated Reily Natatorium & outdoor pool Renovation Project began in late Spring 2022.

Carolyn Barber-Pierre Center for Intercultural Life

- More than 1,260 students swiped into the new Center for Intercultural Life in 2021–2022.
- Completed the first phase of a 3-year strategic plan

Office for Gender and Sexual Diversity

- Helped launch the Chosen Name Project, a new process for faculty and staff to enter their chosen name and pronouns across Tulane's technology-based platforms
- Celebrated Pride Day and attended the Legislative Session at the Louisiana Capitol in Baton Rouge and hosted a QT Trip to Washington D.C. for Pride

Office of Multicultural Affairs

- Hosted the inaugural My Sister's Keeper Retreat—a weekend focused on empowering BIPOC women seeking community, mentorship, and personal growth
- Opened the Multicultural Affairs downtown office as part of the renewed partnership with Tulane School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine
- Collaborated with students, faculty, and Alumni Relations to host the inaugural Blanket Ceremony, celebrating the graduation of Indigenous students at Tulane

Case Management and Victim Support Services

- Managed 8,206 cases during the academic year
- Provided support to 800+ students in isolation for COVID-19 including staffing multiple hotels and coordinating the logistics of housing, meals, transportation, and medical care
- Assisted in the move of over 1,000 students from Texas following their Hurricane Ida evacuation and remained with approximately 800 students for just under a month

Family Programs

- Sent 31 newsletters to new and current parents and family members of Tulane students
- Had more than 6,400 views on webinars hosted throughout the academic year

Fraternity & Sorority Programs

- The Greek Ambassadors program grew from 39 to 51 Ambassadors representing chapters across our four councils. These Ambassadors hosted 179 educational programs reaching over 3000 students.
- Greek Ambassadors hosted Rae Ann Gruver, the mother of Max Gruver who died from hazing at LSU in 2017. Rae Ann's powerful speech to the Tulane community highlighted the importance of hazing prevention especially bystander engagement and using the student voice to make a difference.
- Interfraternity Council Organizations welcomed over 200 new members, our National Pan-Hellenic Organizations welcomed over 20, and our Panhellenic Organizations welcomed over 800—representing 42% of the Tulane community!

Goldman Center for Student Accessibility

- Implemented the Otter voice transcription service, delivering technology-based note-taking accommodations to more than 640 Tulane users
- Piloted a new Peer Mentoring Program, pairing freshmen with juniors and seniors who have utilized the various resources of the Goldman Center
- Proctored more than 10,000 exams, hired 149 note-takers, and registered 2,243 students needing accessibility accommodations

Housing and Residence Life

- Organized evacuation of over 2,300 students in the days following Hurricane Ida
- Residence Hall Association (RHA) facilitated many programs like Fall Festival, a speaker from a local tribal nation, Silent Disco, Yulman movie night, and a focus on supporting BIPOC businesses
- Maintained a 98.94% occupancy rate in Fall 2021 and 101.87% in Spring 2022
- RHA piloted an Eco-Rep and Sustainability Committee, notably partnering with Glass Half Full which diverted 6,372 pounds of glass from the waste stream at Aron Hall.

Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life

- Students enjoyed the return of traditional programming such as in-person Tulane Tuesdays and the larger festival experience of Crawfest.
- Successfully launched the first annual Book Fest in collaboration with the Book Fest team and campus partners
- Opened the James Lounge balcony spaces for student gathering and had immediate student interest.

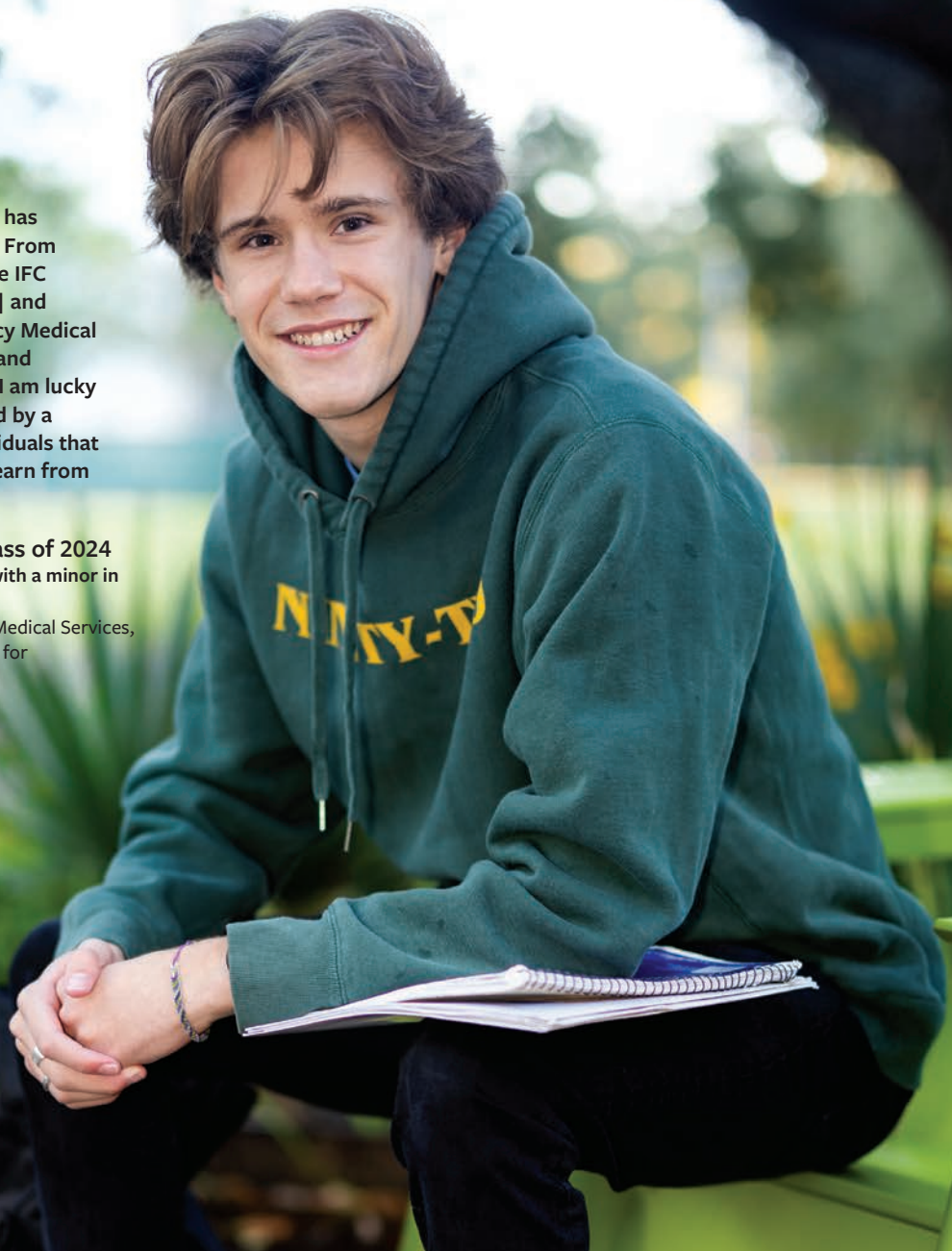
Student Conduct

- Recruited six outside attorneys who are now trained to serve as advisors for students going through a Title IX or other sexual misconduct process. These advisors are offered when students have not lined up their own attorney.
- Trained one staff member as a mediator
- Several staff members attended a 2-day Restorative Practices Training.



My experience at Tulane has been one of community. From organizations such as the IFC [Interfraternity Council] and TEMS [Tulane Emergency Medical Services] to residential and academic communities, I am lucky to have been surrounded by a variety of dynamic individuals that I am supported by and learn from every day.

– **Scott Klinefelter, Class of 2024**
Majoring in Neuroscience with a minor in Gender & Sexuality Studies
EMT for Tulane Emergency Medical Services,
Director of Health Initiatives for Interfraternity Council



TU FIT

Tulane's Downtown Fitness Center

A new 12,000-square-foot Tulane Fitness Center (TU Fit) is the latest addition to Tulane's burgeoning downtown campus. TU Fit, operated by the Department of Campus Recreation, joins Tulane's growing expansion in downtown New Orleans, where it already occupies 17 buildings.

The successful completion of the long-awaited project can be attributed to many, but no one fought harder for its development than Dr. Wendy Windsor, director of Campus Recreation and president designee of NIRSA: Leaders in Campus Recreation. As only the second ever Black female president of NIRSA, Windsor has many goals she hopes to accomplish within the organization and incorporate into her position as a director at Tulane.

"The most beneficial aspect of being NIRSA president designee is serving on the NIRSA Board of Directors and learning from my colleagues and peers," Windsor said. "Enhancing strategic skill sets and being involved in forward-thinking conversations about both current and future challenges/trends in Collegiate Recreation is the greatest impact this role has had on the emerging growth of Tulane Campus Recreation."

Windsor believes the new fitness center will allow Campus Recreation to further execute their mission of cultivating healthy and active lifestyles for all Tulanians. "As with most campus recreation or fitness centers, the space itself provides an organic sense of community for users. It is one of the few facilities on the downtown campus where you have students, staff, and faculty simultaneously engaging in similar activity to support or enhance their personal health," she said.

The fitness facility was developed and designed by the Tulane Campus Recreation team in conjunction with Trahan Architects and Boudreaux Nathan Builders. The center features selectorized strength equipment, free weights, cardio machines, and a functional training area with turf and functional bridge workout equipment. Other amenities include four private, all-gender cabanas with showers, restrooms, and individual daily-use lockers.

Long-term goals for TU Fit include expanding operations to provide more structured fitness and wellness opportunities, such as group exercise programs, small group training and personal training.



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– Dr. Wendy Windsor
Director, Campus Recreation
President designee, NIRSA



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The Campus Health team and my student employees inspire me to come to work every day. I work with amazing colleagues who are supportive of me and my work. Also, being able to support my student employees in their studies, extracurriculars, and work at Tulane is what makes my job amazing.

– Kyle Burnam
Administrative Program
Coordinator, Campus Health



Looking to the **future**

Tulane Recovery Community House

The Tulane Recovery Community (TRC) began in January 2020. The TRC supports students who self-identify as either in recovery, interested in or curious about the recovery identity and lifestyle, or have friends/family that are impacted by addiction.

The TRC offers weekly recovery peer support meetings on campus and aims to support students in developing and sustaining a foundation for long-term recovery.

Since its inception, the TRC has provided an invaluable resource for the Tulane community as a whole by providing a safe, non-judgmental environment to discuss collegiate specific topics and ideas supportive of recovery on campus. A new Recovery Community House will cement Recovery Support Services at Tulane and provide great visibility for the Recovery Community on campus.

The Tulane Recovery Community House will serve as a beacon of support for students in recovery. The 4,800 sq. ft. home is adjacent to campus and will provide a dedicated substance-free programming space and housing option, fostering academic achievement, connection, and engagement. The extensive renovation to the TRC House is estimated to be completed late Spring 2023.

According to Associates of Recovery in Higher Education (ARHE), there are approximately 144 Universities and colleges that have an established collegiate recovery program on their campuses.

The investment from the University and its stakeholders for the TRC House are remarkably unique and will inevitably serve as a model in the collegiate recovery space.

To learn more about the TRC please visit campushealth.tulane.edu/departments/recovery-community. You may also contact Jacob Goldberg, Recovery Community Manager at jgoldberg6@tulane.edu.



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