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## 2023 Tulane 34 Recipients

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Anna LeJeune	Kendall Zenk
Marc Lyons	Yichi Zhang



**Leah N. Bohatch**, from Miami, Florida, is graduating with a bachelor of architecture and a minor in strategy, leadership and analytics (SLAM).

Leah received the 2023 Celebrate Architecture Scholarship Award from the

American Institute of Architects - Louisiana for her proposal of a system for wastewater recycling for city and public use. She was also selected by the dean of the School of Architecture to participate in the Spanish Pavilion for the Venice Biennale. Leah's drawing showcased the cross-disciplinary aspects of architecture and landscape that can generate more efficiency in water use. Closer to home, Leah worked with Tulane professors to design and paint a mural in the Arts District of New Orleans to encourage interaction between the public and architecture.

After graduation, Leah will work with SHoP Architects in New York City. SHoP is a leading firm that uses architecture as a way to solve issues of the future.



**Gabrielle Marie Boissoneau,**

from Onset, Massachusetts, is graduating with a juris doctor.

Her dedication to public service informed the many activities she participated in while in school, including completing more than 550 hours in her work



as a Rule XX student attorney in the Criminal Justice Clinic and with the Women's Prison Project. In addition, Gabrielle completed more than 300 hours of pro bono work with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services and other organizations. Gabrielle mentored her classmates both as a Dean Rufus Harris Peer Fellow and as a Senior Legal Research and Writing Fellow and also served as senior managing editor for Volume 32 of the Tulane Journal of Law and Sexuality.

After graduation, Gabrielle will serve as a federal judicial law clerk for Chief Magistrate Judge Karoline Mehalchick for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.






**Isabel Braverman**, from Simsbury, Connecticut, is graduating with a bachelor of science in management in finance and a bachelor of arts in environmental studies.

As part of the Altman Scholar program, Isabel studied in Mexico, Spain and Argentina. In Argentina, she examined the sustainability practices of Antarctic cruise companies and how they communicate those practices to their customers. On campus, Isabel served as pledge instructor and personnel chair for Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity and worked for Housing and Resident Life throughout her time at Tulane. In addition, she was an instructor for VXN dance-fitness classes at Reily Recreation Center. As part of her business capstone course, Isabel and her team competed in the Tulane Stewart Foundation Case Competition and won first place.

After graduation, Isabel will work as a Corporate Functions Development Analyst at Bank of America in Charlotte, North Carolina.



**Ava Bush**, from Highland Village, Texas, is graduating with three degrees. She earned bachelor of arts degrees in art history, Asian studies and anthropology.

Ava's three majors coalesce in many of her experiences. She completed a curatorial internship at the New Orleans Museum of Art that was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and curated the exhibition, "Monochromes: Japanese Zen Paintings and Ceramics" which runs through June 2023 at the museum. In addition, her honors thesis examined the evolution of portraits of a particular figure in Chinese and Japanese history and she presented her research at the SUNY New Paltz Art History Symposium. Ava's campus and community engagements include working as a Tutor Captain at the Academic Learning and Tutoring Center and serving as a teaching assistant for a Mandarin class at Ben Franklin Elementary School.

In the fall, Ava will join the Regional Studies East Asia master's program at Harvard. This summer, Ava will be completing a fellowship to curate an exhibit at the Center for Art and Archaeology in Delhi.





**Brendan H. Carter**, from Glenelg, Maryland, is graduating with a doctor of philosophy in tropical medicine. He earned his master of science in public health plus two undergraduate degrees at Tulane as well.

Brendan counts his work as supervisor of a Biosafety Level Three lab among his greatest experiences at Tulane. He led the effort to make the lab a self-supporting core facility that is essential to much of the COVID-19 work happening at Tulane. Brendan also served as a teaching assistant for medical entomology and advanced entomology courses. In that role and several others, he has helped support Tropical Medicine faculty, students and teaching and research labs. Brendan volunteered on the Young Professionals Committee of the American Mosquito Control Association and taught high school students about mosquitos and vector-borne diseases. Not surprisingly, he was awarded a Louisiana Mosquito Control Association Operational Award grant.

After graduation, Brendan will continue to serve as a laboratory supervisor.



**Joshua D. Copeland,**

from Bossier City, Louisiana, is graduating with a master of science in cyber security management.

Joshua is deeply engaged with many community organizations, including the American Cancer



Society. He participated in their Real Men Wear Pink campaign but took it to a whole new level with creative incentives that included dying his beard pink and dancing in a pink dino suit. His extra efforts garnered donations from all over the world. Joshua is a member of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association and the Electronics Technician Association. In addition, he is one of the founding members of the Student Veterans of America chapter at Tulane.

After graduation, Joshua plans to continue his role as security director for cyber with AT&T and will continue to speak at regional, national and international conferences about cybersecurity, leadership and how diversity, equity and inclusion are vital to the security field.



**Keenan D. Cotton**, from Omaha, Nebraska, is graduating with a master of social work.

Keenan's dedication to creating a sense of belonging for students at the Tulane School of Social Work led to his selection as one of the school's two inaugural diversity, equity and inclusion ambassadors. In this role, he was an advocate for students, served on several school committees and coordinated programs for students, faculty and staff. Keenan also helped reestablish a chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers at Tulane and served as the organization's president. Throughout his time at Tulane, Keenan facilitated programming for students that met their social, emotional and educational needs. Through this work, he created opportunities for partnership and fellowship among graduate students on the downtown campus.

Following graduation, Keenan plans to pursue a doctorate and contribute to research that amplifies the implications of mass incarceration in minority communities.

**Ava Jeanne Davis**, from Jackson, Mississippi, is graduating with a bachelor of arts in studio art.

During her time at Tulane, she worked at the American Civil Liberties Union Summer Advocacy Institute in Washington D.C. and studied abroad in

Ecuador and Senegal. Back on campus, Ava Jeanne dedicated herself to the Community Engagement Advocates program. She facilitated conversations about race, class, gender and other forms of marginalization in society and eventually became the coordinator of the program. Her artwork earned her the 2022 Sandy Chism Departmental Award for Painting as well as the 2022 Undergraduate Juried Exhibition Juror Award.

Ava Jeanne will start the Tulane master of social work/master of public health dual degree program after a gap year during which she will renovate the home she bought in 2021, make art, be happy and regroup.



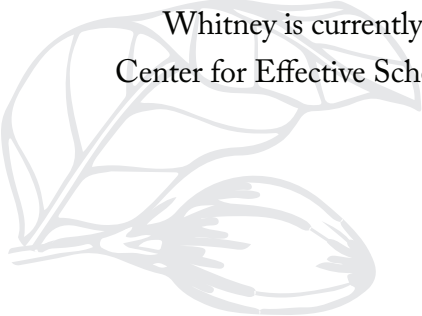





**Whitney Davis**, from Baltimore, Maryland, is graduating with a doctor of philosophy in school psychology.

Whitney worked with the Safe Schools NOLA research team to help determine best practices for the implementation of trauma-informed approaches in K-8 schools. She was also a member of Mercy Family Center’s Project Fleur de Lis comprehensive suicide prevention program, Project PiP (Partners in Prevention), where she helped create training materials and programs for school-based mental health professionals. Whitney’s campus involvement included serving as a student representative for the department of psychology’s equity, diversity and inclusion committee. In that role, she helped develop internal policies for the department and facilitated discussions about anti-Black racism among other accomplishments.

Whitney is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Devereux Center for Effective Schools in Pennsylvania until July 2024.





**Sarah Frances**, from Montreal, Canada, is graduating with bachelor of science degrees in neuroscience and public health.

As a freshman, Sarah founded a chapter of MEDLIFE, an organization focused on health equity, safe housing and health education in developing countries. She led a MEDLIFE service learning trip to Peru last summer and raised more than \$8000 for supplies for villages in Peru and Ecuador. Her campus involvement includes teaching barre and spinning groups at Reily Recreation Center for the past three years and serving as pledge instructor for Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity. Sarah's academic efforts culminated in her successful defense of her neuroscience honors thesis on the expression of autism genes in zebra finch songbirds during vocal development.

After graduation, Sarah will pursue a master in public health at Columbia in New York City and plans to apply to medical school after that.







**Kiera C. Galloway**, from New York City, is graduating with a juris doctor.

Kiera excelled academically while juggling a full schedule of activities. She was the editor in chief of the Tulane Law Review this past year and has worked as a volunteer tax preparer with both Tulane's and the United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Clinics. Kiera is a Dean Rufus Harris Peer Fellow and a member of the Graduating Class Gift Campaign Committee and several student groups. Kiera worked during her summers at Akin Gump in Houston as a pro bono scholar, splitting her 1L summer between the firm and Houston Volunteer Lawyers, and spending her 2L summer with the firm's corporate group.

After graduation, Kiera will clerk at the Eastern District of Louisiana for Judge Eldon Fallon, then will take the Texas bar exam prior to clerking at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit for Judge Jacques Wiener. Following her clerkships, Kiera will move to Houston in fall 2025 to join Akin Gump's corporate practice group as an associate.

**Karen Hien Huang**, from Honolulu, Hawaii, is graduating with a bachelor of science in management in marketing and a bachelor of arts in Asian studies.



She considers her personal growth while studying in Seoul and the relationships she built at Tulane as among her greatest achievements during her undergraduate years. She served as co-president of the Asian American Student Union and president of the Tulane International Society. In both these roles, she was a role model and mentor for first- and second-year students and helped foster a sense of community among the members. Karen worked to build community among the members of these organizations and the larger student body by hosting campus celebrations and events such as Global Café and CelebrAsian.

After graduation, Karen will return to Honolulu for a gap year so she can dedicate some time to herself and learn life skills like driving and cooking. She plans to apply to programs abroad to continue traveling and language learning or consider graduate programs.



**Geeta Lalit Jhangiani,**

from Vernon Hills, Illinois, is graduating with a bachelor of science in management in finance.

She founded Women Investing in Women, an organization dedicated to helping women in finance learn about various career

options, practice their skills and network. As part of Burkenroad Reports, Geeta led a team of five members as they created and published an equity research report on solar energy company Sunnova. She was also an investment research manager for the class this year. Geeta gave her time as treasurer for Hearts for the Homeless and helped the organization host fundraisers for outreach to local clinics and shelters. She also held a leadership position with her sorority and was a member of several campus organizations. She spent a summer at Girls Who Invest, a nationally acclaimed investment training program and has been a campus ambassador for the program during the past two years.

Following graduation, Geeta will move to New York City to work as an investment banking analyst in William Blair's Corporate Advisory Group.

**Swathi Katakam**, from Kenner, Louisiana, is graduating with a bachelor of science in biomedical engineering.



Swathi worked with the Center for K-12 STEM Education and with Housing and Residence Life and excelled academically and in her research. At the K-12 Center, she focused on outreach activities, such as robotics team mentoring, and worked with under-resourced schools to help them prepare for their competitions. As a resident adviser, Swathi provided guidance and support to students as they made the transition to college life and helped them access the resources they needed to succeed. She worked in the Biomedical Functional Imaging Lab for three years and won the New Orleans Community Impact Award for her work there. Swathi has also made time to play violin with the Tulane University Orchestra throughout her time at Tulane.


Swathi will pursue a master's degree in electrical and computer engineering at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign after graduation and will continue research work in their Multimodal Imaging Lab.



**Jordan Kirsh-Clemenceau**, from North Potomac, Maryland, is graduating with a bachelor of science in management in finance and a bachelor of arts in political economy.

During his sophomore year, Jordan researched information accessibility in U.S. Haitian populations and its impact on that community. He presented what he learned at Newcomb's Research Symposium and shared the information on many blogs, departmental websites and more. As an Altman Scholar, Jordan studied in Paris and Geneva for a year and completed two internships while abroad. The first was with a biotech startup and the other was a Swiss cryptocurrency brokerage startup. On campus, Jordan was the marketing strategy intern for the Goldman Center for Student Accessibility, a position he worked to create with the then-director of the center, and the sole undergraduate on the dean of libraries search committee. Jordan has also been an active member and leader of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity and other groups.

After graduation, Jordan will work for Google in their Associate Product Marketing Manager program in San Francisco. He was also accepted to Harvard's exploratory MBA program which he will attend in June.



**Anna LeJeune**, from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is graduating with a bachelor of science in biomedical engineering.

Anna's experiences at Tulane range from developing a walking cane that uses ultrasonic technology to providing free online educational support to K-12 students in



New Orleans and serving as a resident advisor. Anna's team in the Grand Challenges project has begun the patenting process for the StrydeGuide cane and produced a functional prototype. She is also part of a research team developing a tibial implant to help people with osteoarthritis. They are now working toward FDA approval of the device. Anna helped Remote Learning Buddies become a registered student organization at Tulane and has served on its executive board for the past two years. Her interest in helping others is also expressed through her work as a peer mentor. Anna received the Newcomb-Tulane College Dean's Service Award for her work supporting the campus community.

After graduation, Anna will start medical school at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and plans to pursue a career in orthopedic surgery.





**Marc Lyons**, from the Bronx, New York, is graduating with a bachelor of arts in homeland security studies.

He maintained a perfect grade point average while serving on both the Honor Board and on the School of Professional Advancement Student Advisory

Council to the Dean among other activities. Marc volunteers with the New Orleans Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness's NOLA Ready program on projects such as vaccine distribution, freeze shelters for the homeless and hurricane evacuation. The volunteer work that is most satisfying to Marc is planting trees and recycling oyster shells with Coastal Restoration Coalition of Louisiana. He says projects like these keep him going spiritually and allow him to give back to his community.

Marc will travel through Italy and Slovenia with his family this summer and will enter the work field of international disaster response when he returns. He plans to continue his work with both NOLA Ready and the Coastal Restoration Coalition of Louisiana whenever he is in New Orleans.



**Alejandra Marks**, from Athens, Ohio, is graduating with a doctor of philosophy in Cultural Anthropology.

She incorporated service to others in the Latin American Studies classes she taught by providing afterschool tutoring to newly arrived students from Central American countries with limited English skills. She and 20 of her students collaborated with International High School of New Orleans to help these students so they could graduate on time. Alejandra earned three nationally-competitive grants, including the Wenner Gren Foundation junior research scholar award to conduct research on abortion in Cuba and Brazil. This award is the highest national honor for a student in anthropology. In addition, Alejandra received a grant from the National Institutes of Health to research maternal health in Cuba and a Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation.



After graduation, Alejandra will join New Mexico State University as a tenure-track professor of medical anthropology.



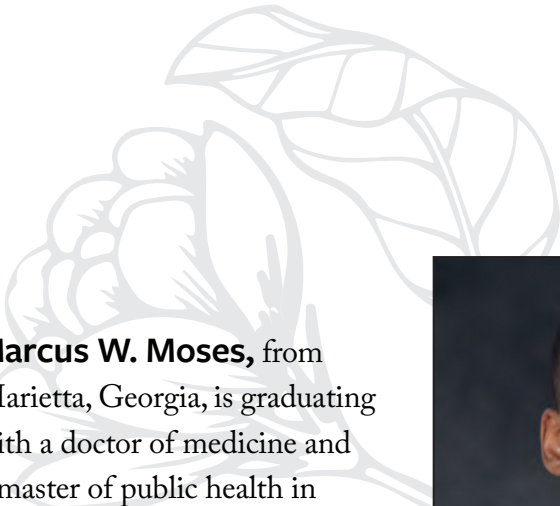


**Dahlia Michael**, from Los Angeles, California, is graduating with bachelor of arts degrees in political science and philosophy.

Dahlia explored the criminal justice system in her externship with District Judge and Tulane Professor Dr. Nghana Lewis

where she observed court proceedings and compiled research for a multimedia project on jury nullification. Her honors thesis, incorporated information she gained from her externship and explored alternate systems of justice and how they could be implemented in the state. As a Lead Community Engagement Advocate, she facilitated workshops on equity and inclusion for Tulane students and several local organizations. Dahlia also worked as a peer mentor, for the Office of Multicultural Affairs and collaborated with many campus and local groups through her work.

After graduation, Dahlia will join Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison LLP in New York City as a litigation paralegal. She plans to attend law school and work in civil or human rights. In this work, she hopes to be an advocate for policies that advance equity and prioritize local needs.



**Marcus W. Moses**, from Marietta, Georgia, is graduating with a doctor of medicine and a master of public health in epidemiology.

As president of the Student National Medical Association, Marcus created the Racial and Social Justice in Medical Education Committee. He



led a team of faculty, staff and students to spark a culture shift and integrate racial and social justice topics into the curriculum. During this past year, Marcus helped design and implement the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) course for third-year medical students. As part of his work as an Albert Schweitzer fellow, Marcus developed Brothers Linked Against Cancer, a culturally-tailored initiative to address prostate cancer racial disparities in New Orleans. For these and other efforts, Marcus was recognized by his peers for induction into the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Marcus will complete an internal medicine residency at Emory University after graduation, then he intends to pursue a fellowship in medical oncology to promote equitable access to cancer care in urban and rural communities.



**Sofia Pedrelli**, from Glenview, Illinois, is graduating with a bachelor of science in management in finance and a bachelor of arts in international relations.

Sofia’s nominator said she has “shined brightly” in both academics and out of class experiences. She excelled as an

equity research analyst in the Burkenroad Reports program and helped local and minority entrepreneurs find and obtain funding through her internship with Fund 17. Sofia’s nominator said her extracurricular activities “illustrated her intentions to enhance the student experience.” Sofia served as an executive board member in Delta Sigma Pi and a representative in Freeman Student Government and participated in many other organizations and programs, both on campus and in the community.

Following graduation, Sofia will work at the U.S. Department of Commerce.



**Clarke Perkins**, from New Orleans, is graduating with a juris doctor.

As vice president of the Tulane Black Law Student Association (BLSA), Clarke spearheaded events to connect the Law School and New Orleans, such as Know Your Rights programs for the



Son of a Saint organization and St. Augustine High School and the inaugural LinkedUP New Orleans Black professional student mixer. She continued her outreach while working as a student attorney in Tulane's Environmental Law Clinic. Clarke advocated on behalf of Gordon Plaza residents and conducted an appeal to the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. She connected with students on campus as well as a Dean Rufus Harris Peer Fellow and LSAC Plus Mentor. This year, Clarke served as the first Black woman chief justice of the Tulane Law Moot Court program. In this role, she created a community outreach committee and built a partnership with the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Teen Court program.

Clarke will work as an associate attorney at Gordon Arata Montgomery Barnett's New Orleans office after graduation.



**Thu A. Phan**, from Marrero, Louisiana, is graduating with a master of health administration.

Thu's nominator says she has a passion for creating inclusive and collaborative environments and Thu demonstrated this through her work with the School of Public Health and

Tropical Medicine Student Government Association. She served as secretary for the organization and advocated for students' needs while working to support the goals of the organizations under the SGA umbrella. Through her graduate assistantship with the Office of Admissions, Thu connected with current and prospective students and has served as an unofficial mentor to new students. Her excitement about the program and its people and her positivity make Thu stand out. In addition to her on campus activities, Thu works as an administrative resident at West Jefferson Medical Center.

After graduation, Thu will work as an administrative fellow at MultiCare Health System in Tacoma, Washington.

**Isabelle Eve Ramras**, from Needham, Massachusetts, is graduating with bachelor of science in psychology.



Isabelle has been an active member of Project DIRECT, a lab that provides clinical services to vulnerable populations and researches effective intervention methods. Through this work, Isabelle volunteered at Educare New Orleans, a headstart preschool, and treasured the opportunity to get to know the students and help make the classroom more positive and productive. These experiences, plus a graduate course she took this semester, have inspired her to pursue a career in school psychology. This past year, Isabelle served as a supplemental instruction leader in two classes. In the extra-help sessions she led, her goal was to increase students' understanding of the subjects and to teach effective study strategies that can carry over to other classes.

After graduation, Isabelle will attend Teachers College at Columbia University to complete a master in education in school psychology.






**Aaliyah Randall**, from Lafayette, Louisiana, is graduating with a bachelor of science in neuroscience.

The list of Aaliyah's campus and community involvement is extensive. She worked for three years as a resident advisor for

Housing and Residence Life where she helped first-year students build community and adapt to university life in Sharp Hall.

Aaliyah has been a student ambassador for the Office of Gender and Sexual Diversity for several years and was captain of the Tulane Women's Rugby Team during her senior year. In addition, she was a producer of the 2022 *Hers, Theirs, Ours* production which raised money for the New Orleans Family Justice Center and Women with a Vision, organizations dedicated to fighting gender-based violence. Aaliyah has completed internships with the Technology and Digital Humanities Lab and RoboRecovery. Not surprisingly, Aaliyah is part of the 2023 Newcomb Institute Oak Wreath.

After graduation, she plans to work in technology, launch a ceramics business and explore New Orleans for a year before applying to graduate programs.



**Aneeka Ratnayake**, from Toronto, Canada, is graduating with a doctor of philosophy in epidemiology.

Aneeka cites the instances in which she was able to help others as among her most significant experiences at Tulane. She has been the principal investigator for a study assessing the effectiveness



of multiple COVID-19 vaccinations since 2021 and has served as data manager for other studies about COVID-19 and policies for future pandemic preparedness. In addition, Aneeka received very positive feedback from the students in the undergraduate class on leadership and ethics in public health she taught and enjoyed helping them learn. Aneeka's academic credentials are excellent — she is first author of a textbook chapter on the epidemiology of COVID-19 which will be published in August of this year, and she has co-authored several papers while at Tulane. In addition to her other volunteer work, Aneeka has particularly enjoyed volunteering with the Louisiana SPCA since 2020.

After graduation, Aneeka will be starting a post-doctoral fellowship in Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics at Northeastern University in Boston.





**Ivy Robinson**, from Thomasville, Georgia, is graduating with a master of business administration in strategic management and innovation.

Ivy was a graduate student fellow with the Lepage Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and served as the liaison for the Career Management Center and Alumni Affairs on the Graduate Business Council. In addition, Ivy served as president of the Freeman Consulting Group and was awarded the Freeman Leadership Award in 2022. This year, she represented the MBA program in the IDEACORPS Challenge and was runner-up in the final pitch competition.

After graduation, Ivy will continue her work as the director of strategic development at St. Thomas Community Health Center and plans to continue her involvement with the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce and Fund 17 and looks forward to being involved with the Tulane Alumni Association. In addition, Ivy is a visual artist and hopes to dedicate more time to supporting local arts, music, culture and entrepreneurship.

**Darren Domoine Rutledge,**

from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is graduating with bachelor of arts degrees in philosophy and cognitive studies. Darren has maintained a high grade point average and has regularly been on the Dean's List even though he challenged himself by taking seven 6000-level philosophy



courses. He achieved this while also working for Congressman Troy Carter in Louisiana's Second Congressional District. As staff assistant, Darren resolved constituents' issues, provided resources to communities and represented the district at various events. As a result of this work, students from the district entered the two congressional competitions for the first time in several years. In addition, Darren created the Black History Essay contest and the winner had her essay published in *The Times Picayune/New Orleans Advocate*.

After graduation, Darren will work as staff assistant for Senator Bill Cassidy in Washington D.C. He plans to spend a year in this role and then attend law school.





**Arianne D. Sacramento**, from Las Vegas, Nevada, is graduating with a doctor of medicine and a master of business administration in strategic management and innovation.

Arianne served in a variety of leadership positions, including two years as president of the Graduate and Professional Student

Association (GAPSA). In this role, Arianne enhanced inclusion and diversity in the organization through increased collaboration and communication between the administration and student leaders from underrepresented groups. As GAPSA vice president for finance, she helped establish the Graduate Diversity Committee to examine EDI concerns and facilitate inclusive events and created the Affinity Fund to support graduate diversity organizations.

Arianne was awarded a scholarship through the Veteran's Affairs Health Professional Scholarship Program for her last year of medical school and completed an internal medicine clerkship at the New Orleans VA Medical Center.

After graduation, Arianne will move to Sacramento, California to complete an internal medicine residency program at the University of California – Davis and to be closer to family.



**Joni M. Schultz**, from Covington, Louisiana, is graduating with bachelor of arts degrees in homeland security and general legal studies.



Joni maintained a high grade point average while distinguishing herself through her leadership in her activities on and off campus. She was inducted into both Alpha Sigma Lambda and Lambda Epsilon Chi honor societies. Her efforts within the School of Professional Advancement resulted in the creation of an official peer mentoring group within the general legal studies program so students like Joni can share and benefit from the knowledge and experience students bring into the program. Joni's experience is extensive. She is currently working as a paralegal at a firm in Mandeville and has volunteered with the New Orleans Paralegal Association's Military Outreach program and several other groups.

Joni plans to transition from her work as a paralegal to a career in homeland security after graduation.



**Khamani Williamson,** from Norfolk, Virginia, is graduating with a master of public administration with a concentration in economic development.

Khamani was deeply involved in Tulane's International City/County Management Association (ICMA) as a founding member, vice president and secretary of the organization. She represented ICMA at the parent organization's regional conference and was selected to present at the annual conference with a colleague in the organization. The idea they developed involved using specific data to tackle health issues in localized areas. Khamani was invited to be part of the Changemaker Institute at Tulane to further explore this work. Khamani works as a project manager at Julep Consulting where she determines ways rural and urban minority communities can be supported and examines obstacles that hinder the growth of small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Khamani will start a doctoral program in policy studies at Clemson University after graduation.

**Lahari Yelamanchili**, from Burr Ridge, Illinois, is graduating with a bachelor of science in management in finance.

Lahari balanced the demands of being an accomplished athlete with an excellent record of academic achievement and involvement with the community. Lahari is an Intercollegiate Tennis



Association (ITA) Scholar Athlete and has an ITA doubles ranking career high of #14. She reached the NCAA Doubles Sweet 16 in 2022 and led the team at #1 singles and doubles in 2023. Despite the many hours spent on travel and practice, Lahari was invited to participate in the Darwin Fenner Student Managed Fund class and was a member of Tulane Women Investing in Women and the Tulane Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. In addition, she and the women's tennis team volunteered at St. Michael Special School and Lahari completed almost 60 hours of volunteer work outside of the required service learning program.

After graduation, Lahari will complete her master in business analytics and will compete on the women's tennis team for a final year. Once her master's degree is complete, she will work for Ernst & Young in the Structured Finance department.





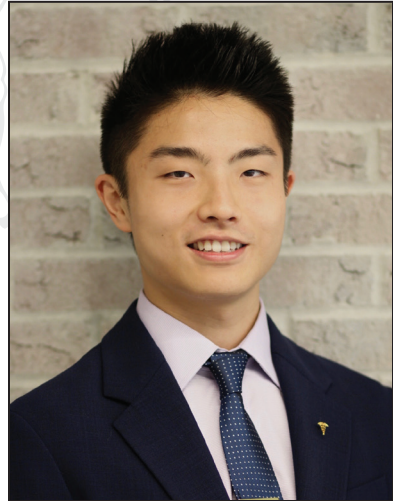
**Kendall Zenk**, from Orange County, California, is graduating with a master of business administration with a concentration in entrepreneurial hospitality.

Kendall was an active member of the Graduate Business Council and served as the Student Affairs liaison. She planned the social and networking events for the organization this year and said the events allowed “students to learn the value of in-person networking and relationship building,” an important lesson after the impact of COVID-19. In addition, Kendall has been a member of the Junior League for many years, first in Orange County and now in New Orleans.

She has already transferred her Junior League membership to the Austin chapter where she plans to move after graduation to continue her career in event sales management.

**Yichi Zhang**, from Beijing, China, is graduating with a doctor of medicine and a master of business administration.

His academic work includes authorship of more than 18 peer-reviewed publications plus numerous oral and poster presentations. He designed and led a study on personalizing treatment for cardiac arrhythmias



and also designed a study to investigate racial and social biases in lung cancer screenings. Yichi was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society for these and other achievements in the medical program. He spent many hours leading the free clinic at the New Orleans Mission and volunteering with the Asian Pacific American Medical Association to provide screenings and care to underserved AAPI communities. In addition, Yichi served as a tutor and mentor for pre-medical students who are underrepresented in medicine, a supplementary instructor for more than 30 undergraduate students and as a tennis and academic coach with As and Aces.

Following graduation, Yichi will start residency training in internal medicine at the Harvard Medical School-affiliated Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.



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