



## Partners in Learning

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[www.parents.tulane.edu](http://www.parents.tulane.edu)

Dear Tulane Family,

Congratulations! We are happy to welcome you and your student to Tulane University. We believe the support that students receive from their parents and families is critical to their academic success. Your journey as a valuable community member at Tulane University has begun. In the next few years, you will experience the pride that accompanies belonging to the Tulane family.

Approximately every 2 weeks during the summer, we will send you our e-newsletter, *Partners in Learning*. These newsletters contain information about different departments on campus, a checklist of reminders for you and your student to complete prior to your arrival in the fall, as well as interesting facts about Tulane and New Orleans. In addition, these e-newsletters also contain reflections from current Tulane parents and families.

If you have questions about our e-newsletters or want more information about resources, please call the Office of Parent Programs at 1-877-TUP-WAVE or e-mail us at [parents@tulane.edu](mailto:parents@tulane.edu). All of us at Tulane look forward to meeting you during Summer Orientation or Fall Welcome Week.

Sincerely,

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### Summer Orientation

Tulane's two-day **Summer Orientation** sessions provide new first-year students with valuable assistance to ease their transition from high school to college. One of the most beneficial aspects of **Summer Orientation** is the opportunity to consult with academic advisors in person prior to registering for fall classes. Participants also learn about housing options, dining plans, campus safety, student organizations, community service activities and more.

"Besides its obvious usefulness for class scheduling and other administrative tasks, Summer Orientation begins the emotional and psychological process of moving away from home to a new world of responsibility and maturity...by the time Move-In Day and Welcome Week roll around, the savviest, most self-assured and relaxed students are usually the ones who attended Summer Orientation." --Cassady Adams, 2008 participant

The \$125 student fee includes overnight residence hall housing, meals and social activities including off-campus transportation.

Our Summer Orientation program also offers a complete schedule of specialized information sessions just for parents. Up to two parents per student may attend the program for a \$50 person fee which includes meals and parent networking socials. Optional on-campus housing is offered for \$75 per person.

There are still plenty of spaces in Sessions 2, 3, 6, & 7: **June 4-5, June 8-9, June 25-26, and June 29-30**. Visit [orientation.tulane.edu](http://orientation.tulane.edu) for more details, schedules and the link to the [online reservation system](#).

### Community Responsibility

Summer orientation is a great opportunity for students and families to become acclimated to the university community before arriving for the Fall semester at Tulane University. The Division of Student Affairs expects personal and community responsibility.

During orientation, students will be held accountable to the university's community standards and code of conduct [www.studentconduct.tulane.edu](http://www.studentconduct.tulane.edu). To promote a safe community students are encouraged to follow 3 simple rules of community engagement.

- **Respect others.** Respect their space, their dreams, their right to express opinions and their lives.
- **Take Responsibility.** Admit mistakes, make amends, and take responsibility for your surroundings and behavior.
- **Offer Assistance.** When someone is in need, lend a supportive hand.



### What is the NOLA Experience?

The **NOLA Experience** is a weeklong, pre-Welcome Week program which offers incoming Tulane students a unique introduction to the Tulane, New Orleans and Louisiana communities. Each student is placed in a small group of 12 - 15 students to explore the various cultural, social and historical aspects of New Orleans through one of nine thematic tracks:

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| Down and Dirty in the Big Easy      | N'Awlins Native Style                   |
| Take a Bite out of New Orleans      | God and Bourbon Street                  |
| Explore Louisiana Outdoor Adventure | Totally TUBE-ular                       |
| Let the Good Times Rock and Roll    | Local Politics and Community Leadership |
| Newcomb and the City (Women Only)   |   |

Because spaces are limited, an application including a few short essay questions is required. The application deadline is **12:00 pm CST, July 1, 2009**. Applicants will be notified of their application status by July 8, 2009. For more information including track descriptions and the online application, go to the [NOLA Experience](#) website.



### Tulane Tidbits: Tulane University Logo

The shield with overlapping "TU" letters has been a symbol for the university since the late 1800's. It was used as a building detail for several structures on the uptown campus, including Tilton Memorial Hall and Robert C. Cudd Hall. Today it is a major element of the university's visual identity and appears on publications, clothing and memorabilia.



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Currently, you are on the Office of Parent Program listserv to inform you of upcoming events. If you do not wish to receive this information, you may leave the list at any time by sending a "SIGNOFF PARENTS2012-L" command in the body of an email to [LISTSERV@TULANE.EDU](mailto:LISTSERV@TULANE.EDU). Be aware your removal from this listserv may mean that you will not receive any pertinent information regarding your role as a Tulane Parent.