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Dear Tulane Alumni Parents of College-Bound Students,

As alumni parents of a child who may be entering the last year of high school, you and your family are about to begin the important process of selecting a college or university. We are proud of the generations of families who have attended Tulane University, and we honor this continuing tradition. As you begin the process, I would like to pass along some information regarding admission to Tulane. (Please accept my apologies if you are receiving this letter in error).

Tulane has long been recognized as one of the most selective private universities in the nation. For the entering class this fall, a record 39,920 students applied for admission representing an 80 percent increase in applications since 2007. More than 60 percent graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school classes, and the middle 50 percent had SAT or ACT scores between 1880 and 2140 and between 28 and 32, respectively. We are pleased to report that we will welcome 1,550 high school seniors to campus as members of the Class of 2013 this fall, the most academically competitive in Tulane's history. Our new students are from 49 states (75 percent who travel more than 500 miles from home) and 16 countries; and about 50 percent attended public schools. In addition, about 15 percent of our students are drawn from historically underrepresented minorities.

The admission process typically targets students with a balance between academic potential and the desire to contribute to campus life outside the classroom. In evaluating applicants for admission, Tulane is careful not to ascribe too much value to any single measure, such as rank in class, grade point average, or standardized test scores, and looks for personal qualities that we feel will help enrich our entering class.

The Tulane campus, curricula, and facilities are constantly changing to ensure each student receives the most rewarding education possible. The university's post-Katrina reorganization has brought a new look to some of our traditional programs, and has placed a new emphasis on undergraduate education, both inside and outside the classroom. For example:

- Newcomb-Tulane College is the academic home for all of Tulane's undergraduate students. The college provides academic services for students, including advising, honors, study abroad, and a range of academic student programs. (<http://college.tulane.edu>)
- The Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life (LBC) opened in January 2007 after a major renovation. To name a few of its attractions, the 152,000 square foot facility is home to a plethora of dining choices, an expanded bookstore, study and meeting areas, student organization offices, and the WTUL radio station. The American Institute of Architects named the LBC as 1 of the top 10 examples of sustainable architecture and green design solutions in the nation. (<http://www.universitycenter.tulane.edu>)
- The Wall Residential College opened in August 2005, replacing the Zemurray Residence Hall. Home to 250 students, the Wall Residential College is unique among Tulane's residential facilities. In addition to housing undergraduates, it provides a home for a faculty member, the Professor in Residence, and his family. Residence at Wall provides opportunities for leadership, self-governance and intellectual engagement with a mix of faculty, staff, and students outside the classroom. ([http://housing.tulane.edu/arrive/wall\\_f.html](http://housing.tulane.edu/arrive/wall_f.html))

- Our women undergraduate students benefit from learning opportunities through the H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College Institute. The Institute funds student research projects, participates in community rebuilding, and hosts events, speakers, symposia and international summits that are open to the Tulane community. (<http://newcomb.tulane.edu>)
- Recognizing that active, civic engagement builds strong, healthy communities and responsible citizens, the Center for Public Service merges academic inquiry with sustained civic engagement. All Tulane students must complete 2-3 credits of public service related to their majors as a formal part of their curricula. (<http://tulane.edu/cps/>)

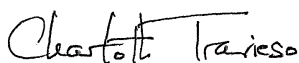
As it makes a greater commitment to its undergraduate education, Tulane continues to offer a broad range of studies within a highly regarded research university. A member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, Tulane has earned a reputation as one of the most respected research universities in the country. With research and educational partnerships that span the globe, top-ranked programs in the academic and professional schools, and its location in New Orleans, Tulane University offers an unparalleled educational experience.

Tulane also recognizes the importance of providing financial access to qualified students. One-third of all Tulane freshmen received some form of merit scholarship assistance. Overall, 84 percent of the class of 2013 is receiving financial assistance. The average Tulane need-based grant to first-year students is \$25,597 with an average financial aid package of \$33,083. A wide array of merit-based scholarships is available, with values ranging from \$17,000 to full tuition annually. If you have any questions, information about financial assistance is available at <http://finaid.tulane.edu> or you may call the Financial Aid Office at 504.865.5723 or 800.335.3210.

We would be delighted to have you and your family visit campus. Student-led tours of the campus are offered at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at 9 a.m. most Saturday mornings during the school year. During the summer, tours are held at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday. Please visit <http://admission.tulane.edu> for useful information including video clips of campus, student testimonials, student blogs, a message board, online tour reservations, and admission counselor and faculty profiles. You will also find a video parent section addressing questions that may be on your mind. The Office of Undergraduate Admission is available at 800.873.9283 or 504.865.5731 or by email to [undergrad.admission@tulane.edu](mailto:undergrad.admission@tulane.edu).

Tulane recognizes the importance of the college and university admission process. All of us wish you the very best during this exciting time.

Warm wishes to your entire family,



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