



TULANE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS
ANNUAL REPORT
2024-2025

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ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

FALL
423

STUDENT-ATHLETES
DEPARTMENT GPA: 3.273

3.0 Club	304	71.9%
3.000 - 3.499	128	30.3%
3.500 - 3.999	134	31.7%
4.0 Students	41	9.7%
Dean's List	114	27.0%

SPRING
397

STUDENT-ATHLETES
DEPARTMENT GPA: 3.237

3.0 Club	281	70.8%
3.000 - 3.499	103	25.9%
3.500 - 3.999	130	32.7%
4.0 Students	48	12.1%
Dean's List	92	23.2%

114

student-athletes made
the fall dean's list

92

student-athletes made
the spring dean's list

3.256

Department GPA



GRADUATED WITH HONORS

Through the generous support of Tulane alumnus Don Peters and his wife, Lora, every year Tulane Athletics recognizes student-athletes who graduate with honors. Their names are displayed on a “Graduated With Honors” wall in the Don and Lora Peters Academic Center.

Don Peters graduated from Tulane in 1981 and has been a longtime supporter of the university.

These student-athletes graduated with honors in the Class of 2025:

Chun Jie K. Ricci **Sailing**

BA: Sociology
BA: Communication
summa cum laude

Emily Heintzelman **Beach Volleyball**

BS: Exercise Science
summa cum laude

Raquel Shulman **Sailing**

BA: English
BA: Sociology
magna cum laude

Laura Fiabane **Women's Volleyball**

BS: Chemistry
magna cum laude

Samantha Green **Beach Volleyball**

BS: Cellular and
Molecular Biology
magna cum laude

Macy Turcotte **Women's Track & Field and Cross Country**

BS: Mathematics
BS: Economics
cum laude

Emma Simons **Women's Track & Field**

BS: Economics
cum laude

Elizabeth Spearman **Sailing**

BS: Psychology
cum laude

Jonathan Kahn **Football**

BA: Philosophy
BA: Homeland Security Studies
cum laude

Rachel Casebolt **Women's Swimming & Diving**

BA: Political Science
cum laude

Katherine B. Theis **Women's Tennis**

BS: Psychology
cum laude

Patricija Ozolina **Women's Track & Field**

BS: Economics
BA: Health and Wellness
cum laude



ACADEMIC AWARDS

Janae Dean (Women's Track & Field)

American Athletic Conference Marlon Dechausay Unity Award

Jackson Linn (Baseball)

Newcomb-Tulane College Student-Athlete Award

Samantha Green (Beach Volleyball)

Newcomb-Tulane College Student-Athlete Award

Kierra Middleton (Women's Basketball)

A. B. Freeman School Of Business Dean's Service Award

Cj Ricci (Sailing)

Department of Communication The Ashton Phelps, Sr. Memorial Award

Brenda Ellis (Women's Track & Field)

School of Science and Engineering Frederick H. Fox Activity Award

School of Science and Engineering The Francis M. Taylor Award

Laura Fiabane (Volleyball)

Chemistry Department The American Institute of Chemists Award

Domini Johnson (Graduate Assistant)

Tulane 34 Award

CUSA SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: 1

Samantha Green (Beach Volleyball)

CSC ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

FOOTBALL: 3

Alex Bauman

Ethan Hudak

Vincent Murphy

SWIMMING: 4

Maya Wilson

Paige McKenzie

Catherine Russo

Andrea Zeebe

VOLLEYBALL: 4

Sabrina Skyers

Agata Beksha

Avery Burks

Sami Jacobs

MEN'S BASKETBALL: 1

Kaleb Banks

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: 2

Victoria Keenan

Amira Mabry



2024-2025 GRADUATING SENIORS

BASEBALL

Carter Benbrook
Wes Burton
Theo Bryant
Trey Cehajic
Will Clements
Luc Fladda
Matthias Haas
Logan Hurd
Jackson Linn
Andrew McKenna
Tracey Mitchem
Taylor Montiel
Jacob Moore
Dominic Pioto
Gavin Schulz
Henry Shuffler
Brock Slaton
Gavin Smith
Blaise Wilcenski

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Logan Stephens

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Vee Keenan
Kierra Middleton
Sherese Pittman
Kianni Westbrook
Kyren Whittington

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

McKenzie Cutler
Samantha Green
Kara Griffin-Ruwin
Madison Hall
Sara Hall
Emily Heintzelman
Alexandra Hennessey

BOWLING

Nancy Kohut
Cassidy Williams

FOOTBALL

Jacob Barnes
Luke Besh
Bryce Bohanon
Reggie Brown
YulKeith Brown
Elijah Champaigne
Dante De Rosa
Bailey Despanie
Johnathan Edwards
Trevor Evans
Jalen Geiger
Derrick Graham
Tyler Grubbs
Eric Hicks
Sam Howard
Ethan Hudak
Adin Huntington
Jonathan Kahn
Brandon Kim
Shi-keem Laister
Michael Lunz
Jared Moorer
Bobby Noel
Rishi Rattan
Micah Robinson
Caleb Thomas
Ty Thompson
Trey Tuggle
Adam Uppuluri
DeMario Williams
Rod Williams

GOLF

Matilde Innocenti
Ruhee Pandit
Luna Xu

SAILING

Sara Grace Clifton
Alex Makoid
CJ Ricci
Bobby Rielly
Raquel Shulman
Jack Solmo
Ellie Spearman
Lucy Spearman
Brady Starck

SWIMMING & DIVING

Anna Behrman
Rachel Casebolt
Reese Dunkenberger
Paige McKenzie
Catherine Russo
Maya Wilson

MEN'S TENNIS

Luc Hoeijmans
Luka Petrovic

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Katherine "Brooke" Theis
Jiayun "Lulu" Zhu

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY/ TRACK & FIELD

Ryan Adkins
Adam O. Aldahir
John J. Jennings
Illia Kunin
Arturs Lapins
Tucker E. Poshard
Jordan Bendura
Wondifraw F. Summa



WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY/ TRACK & FIELD

Danna Valentina Diaz Romero
Brenda M. Ellis
Paula Jazmin Vaquera Cervantes
Patricija Ozolina
Norah Bice
Leah Kennedy
Egbe Ndip-Agbor
Patricija Ozolina
Emma Simons
Alyssa Taylor
Kaia Todd
Shamiso Zihumo
Lily Porth
Gemma Rebollo Osma
Macy Jacqueline Turcotte

VOLLEYBALL

Ceren Aki
Agata Beksha
Ilayda Demirtas
Laura Fiabane
Samantha "Sami" Jacobs
Sabrina Skyers
Ava Derbes
Annabelle He
Jordan White
Katherine Crosley

ATHLETICS BY THE NUMBERS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (TEAM) - 3

Men's Cross Country
Women's Indoor Track
Sailing

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP (INDIVIDUAL) - 1

Bernard Cheruiyot (Men's Cross Country)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (EVENT TITLES) - 14

Tharushi Karunaratna (Women's Track & Field / 800 M)
Dorcas Naibei (Women's Track & Field / Mile)
Maya Wilson (Swimming and Diving / 100 Free & 200 Free)
Catherine Russo (Swimming and Diving / 50 Free)
Bernard Cheruiyot (Men's Track & Field / 5,000M & 10,000M)
Silas Kiptanui (Men's Track & Field / 3,000M Steeplechase)
Illia Kunin (Men's Track & Field / 1,500M)
Blezzin Kimutai (Women's Track & Field / 5,000M & 10,000M)
Swimming and Diving 400 Free Relay (Hatipoglu, Wilson, Sumida, Russo)
Swimming and Diving 800 Free Relay (Zeebe, Wilson, Sumida, Coetzee)
Swimming and Diving 200 Free Relay (Hatipoglu, Wilson, Sumida, Russo)

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES (TEAM) - 4

Football
Sailing
Men's Cross Country
Men's Basketball

POSTSEASON (INDIVIDUALS) - 8

Kaia Todd (Women's Track & Field)
Egbe Ndip-Agbor (Women's Track & Field)
Janae Dean (Women's Track & Field)
Blezzin Kimutai (Women's Track & Field)
Bernard Cheruiyot (Men's Track & Field)
Illia Kunin (Men's Track & Field)
Silas Kiptanui (Men's Track & Field)
Jack Jennings (Men's Track & Field)



ATHLETICS BY THE NUMBERS

ALL-AMERICANS

Men's Track & Field - 2

Bernard Cheruiyot
Silas Kiptanui

Football - 1

Rayshawyn Pleasant

Sailing - 7

Ava Anderson
Kelly Holthus
Sammie Gardner
Hope Bresin
CJ Ricci
Christian Ebbin
Ella May Corckran

COACH OF THE YEAR - 3

Adrian Myers (Cross Country)
Men's Cross Country Staff
Amanda Caldwell (Swimming & Diving)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR - 1

Bernard Cheruiyot (Men's Track & Field)

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - 2

Kendall Sneed (Women's Basketball)
Campbell Ricci (Women's Tennis)

RUNNER OF THE YEAR - 1

Bernard Cheruiyot (Men's Cross Country)



ATHLETICS BY THE NUMBERS

ALL-CONFERENCE

Baseball - 5

Michael Lombardi
Connor Rasmussen
Gavin Schulz
Jason Wachs
Tanner Chun

Beach Volleyball - 7

Skylar Ensign
Gigi Gallegos
Emily Heintzelman
McKenzie Cutler
Sara Hall
Molly Trodd
Samantha Green

Men's Basketball - 3

Rowan Brumbaugh
Kaleb Banks
Kam Williams

Women's Basketball - 4

Sherese Pittman
Kyren Whittington
Sadie Shores
Kendall Sneed

Women's Tennis - 1

Campbell Ricci

Men's Cross Country - 4

Bernard Cheruiyot
Jack Jennings
Illia Kunin
Wondu Summa



ATHLETICS BY THE NUMBERS

ALL-CONFERENCE

Women's Cross Country - 2

Blezzin Kimutai
Danna Diaz

Women's Track & Field:

Indoor - 9

Janae Dean
Naheima Dumonteil Cabanas
Tharushi Karunaratna
Lily Porth
Dorcas Naibei
Danna Diaz
Reese Ragland
Blezzin Kimutai
Paula Vaquera

Outdoor - 7

Egbe Ndip-Agbor
Janae Dean
Dorcas Naibei
Reese Ragland
Alex Sharp
Blezzin Kimutai
Kaia Todd

Men's Track & Field:

Outdoor - 5

Lee Harris
Illia Kunin
Silas Kiptanui
Bernard Cheruiyot
Jack Jennings

Football - 18

Derrick Graham
Shadre Hurst
Makhi Hughes
Patrick Jenkins
Mario Williams
Josh Remetich
Vincent Murphy
Tyler Grubbs
Sam Howard
Bailey Despanie
Micah Robinson
Rayshawn Pleasant
Rashad Green
Alex Bauman
Kameron Hamilton
Adin Huntington
Caleb Ransaw
Yulkeith Brown



ATHLETICS BY THE NUMBERS

ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Increased scanned attendance at football games by **13.4%**

Increases in student attendance at both volleyball and men's basketball games

TICKET SALES MILESTONES

#1 Season in revenue for football season tickets

#1 Season in revenue for football single game tickets

#1 Season in revenue for all ticketed home events

#1 Season in average football attendance in the last ten years

Sold out of season tickets in the Jill H. and Avram A. Glazer Family Club

ACHIEVEMENTS IN SOCIAL MEDIA

(all platforms and all sports)

21.78% increase in total impressions

147.89% increase in engagements

142.43% increase in video views

GREEN WAVE CLUB RECORDS

ANNUAL FUND MILESTONES

\$3.915 million raised in unrestricted cash

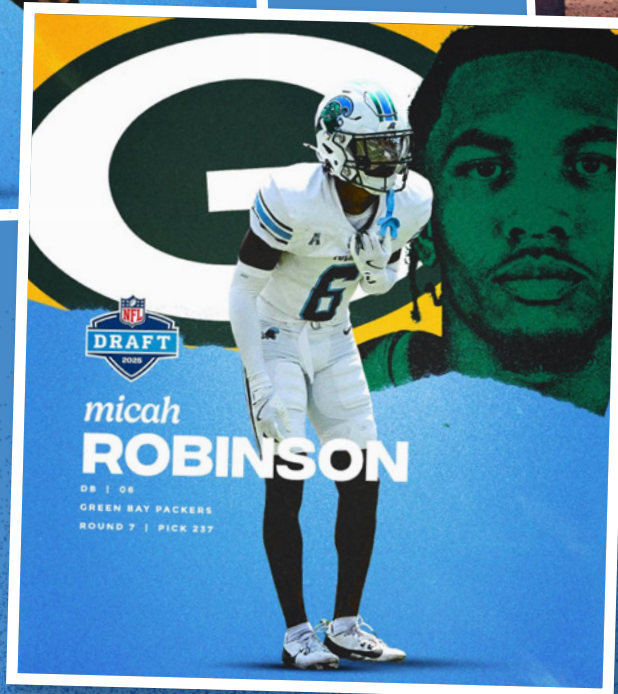
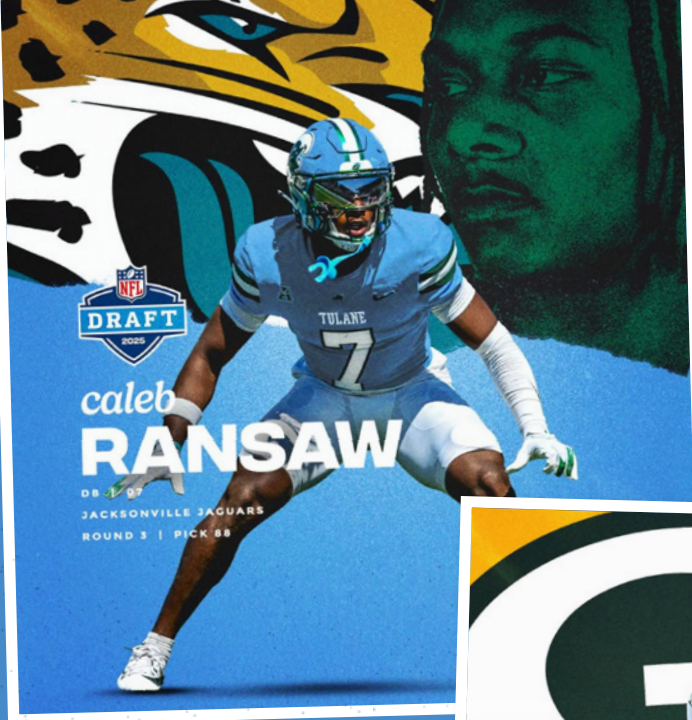
3,544 donors

Both of these are **department records**. The previous high in dollars was \$3.681 million, set last year (FY24) and the previous donor high was 3,158 set in FY23

GIVE GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Tulane Athletics celebrated its most successful Give Green ever, setting records for both unique donor contributions and dollars raised on the University's annual day of giving.

Tulane Athletics saw **more than \$400,000 in contributions to the Green Wave Club from 987 individual donors**, setting new high-marks in both categories for any individual school or unit in the eight-year history of Give Green.



ATHLETICS BY THE **NUMBERS** DRAFT PICKS

FOOTBALL - 2

Caleb Ransaw (Third Round, 88th, Jacksonville Jaguars)

Micah Robinson (Seventh Round, 237th, Green Bay Packers)

BASEBALL - 3

Michael Lombardi (Second Round, 61st, Kansas City Royals)

Tayler Montiel (12th Round, 363rd, Arizona Diamondbacks)

Connor Rasmussen (15th Round, 458th, Kansas City Royals)

NEWEST HALL OF FAMERS

2025 HALL OF FAME CLASS

The following individuals will be inducted to the Tulane Athletics Hall of Fame.



SUE BOWER

1992-2016
Women's Golf coach/
administrator



DEVON BREAU

2012-16
Football and Track & Field



TEA JURIC

2013-17
Volleyball and
Beach Volleyball



NATHAN SOUTHARD

2003-06
Baseball



LESLIE VORPAHL

2013-17
Women's Basketball



2008-09
WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM



JOE SCHEUERMANN

Baseball
Don and Lora Peters
Career Achievement Award



RICHARD YULMAN

Billy Slatten Award

GREEN GLOBES WINNERS

Bracely Williams

SAAC Staff Person of the Year

Kendall Sneed

Women's Basketball
Female Newcomer of the Year

Rowan Brumbaugh

Men's Basketball
Male Newcomer of the Year

McKenzie Cutler

Beach Volleyball
Female Breakthrough Athlete of the Year

Michael Lombardi

Baseball
Male Breakthrough Athlete of the Year

Emma Brady

Swimming
Female Teammate of the Year

Zander King

Sailing
Male Teammate of the Year

Emily Heintzelman

Beach Volleyball
Female Comeback Player of the Year

Wes Burton

Baseball
Male Comeback Player of the Year

CJ Ricci

Sailing
Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Jonathan Kahn

Football
Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Tonka Zacharovska

Golf
Female Wilson Award

Eric Hicks

Football
Male Wilson Award

Cassidi Stabile

Beach Volleyball
Assistant Coach of the Year

Adrian Myers

Cross Country/Track & Field
Head Coach of the Year

Jackson Linn

Baseball
Performance/Play of the Year

Men's Cross Country

Best Win

Women's Indoor Track & Field

Female Team of the Year

Baseball 2024

Male Team of the Year

Maya Wilson

Swimming
Female Athlete of the Year

Bernard Cheruiyot

Men's Cross Country/Track & Field
Male Athlete of the Year



NEW INITIATIVES

ASCEND TUgether LAUNCH

In January 2025, Tulane Athletics launched Ascend TUgether, a Green Wave Club fundraising campaign dedicated to growing philanthropic support of Tulane Athletics to record highs, empowering student-athlete success and strengthening Green Wave Athletics. The campaign aims to fortify Tulane Athletics amidst the evolving collegiate athletics landscape.

DON AND LORA PETERS GIFT

Tulane Athletics received a transformative \$3.5 million gift from longtime supporters Don and Lora Peters to continue upgrading its sports facilities and launch the Green Wave Talent Fund, an initiative to expand Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) opportunities and other benefits for Tulane student-athletes.

THE GREEN WAVE TALENT FUND

The Green Wave Talent Fund is a critical component in ensuring on-field success, empowering our coaches to recruit, retain, and develop championship-caliber student-athletes. Gifts to the Green Wave Talent Fund will directly support NIL/pool payment initiatives for Tulane Football, Men's and Women's Basketball, and Baseball.

WAVE RIDERS

Wave Riders is the new official student fan group of Tulane Athletics that was started for the 2024-25 school year. All Tulane students can join for a one-time fee of just \$20, and once they join, they are a member the entire time they are a student at Tulane. Members receive benefits, including a shirt, decal, koozie, priority access to postseason tickets, and exclusive members-only giveaways. They also get access to the Wave Rewards program, which allows them to earn points and rewards like gift cards for attending Tulane home games. Over 347 Tulane students joined in the new program in its inaugural year.



NEW INITIATIVES

FACILITIES PROJECTS FINISHED 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

JAMES W. WILSON CENTER

Phase II Renovation – Completed August 2024

- Football Operations Office Wing
- Atrium/Lobby
- Olympic Sports Locker Rooms Hallway
- Olympic Sports Coaches Offices Hallway

AVRON. B. FOGELMAN ARENA IN THE DEVLIN FIELDHOUSE

Courts Redesign and Training Room Upgrade – Completed 2025

GREER FIELD AT TURCHIN STADIUM

Renovation of Wet Locker Room – Completed October 2024

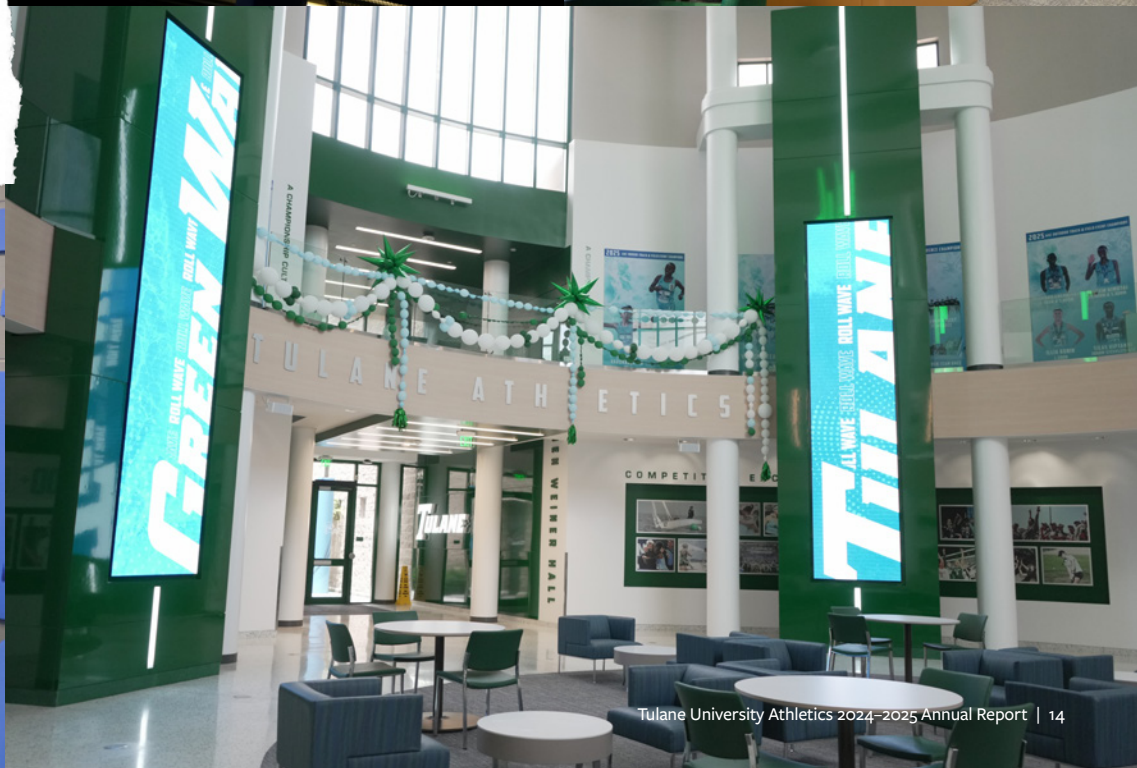
Construction of Golf Practice Area – Completed January 2025

YULMAN STADIUM

Concessions Enhancements – Completed August 2024

Installation of NE Video Board – Completed August 2024

New LED Lights in stadium – Completed August 2025



NEW INITIATIVES

FACILITIES PROJECTS FINISHED

2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR (CONTINUED)

HERTZ CENTER

Re-Design/Re-Surface of Courts – Completed August 2024

Branding Gymnasium – Completed 2025

Beach Volleyball/Bowling Locker Room redesign – Completed 2025

LIBBY AND ROBERT ALEXANDER COMMUNITY

SAILING CENTER – Completed April 2025

UPCOMING LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS STARTED

2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

GOLDRING TENNIS CENTER

Location: University Square Parking Lot

ENCLOSED PRACTICE FIELD

Location: Claiborne Parking Lot





SPAIN STUDY ABROAD

The Green Wave visited three cities (Madrid, Valencia and Barcelona) on a 13-day trip across Spain with 38 student-athletes and six staff members in tow. On the trip, the group took part in the SLAM 4830 – Sport Leadership & Culture: Heroes, Icons, and Global Influence class, taught by Dr. Marcus Coleman. Among the sites visited were Las Ventas Bullring, Basílica de la Sagrada Família and Santiago Bernabéu Stadium (home of Real Madrid CF Soccer club). The Green Wave also visited the Mediterranean and learned to cook paella. The Study Abroad program is generously supported by longtime Tulane Athletics’ supporters Jill H. and Avram A. Glazer.

STUDY **ABROAD**

STUDENT-ATHLETE **ENHANCEMENT**

CAREER/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

4 CONFERENCES

- AAC Consortium (sent 2 student-athletes and 1 administrator)
- BSA Summit (Sent 4 student-athletes and 3 administrators)
- NCAA Career and Sports Forum (sent 1 student-athlete)
- LeaderShape Institute (sent 1 student-athlete)

CAREER PREP

- Mock interview day
- Over 500 career programming connections
- Over 130 1-on-1 career meetings

W.A.V.E. ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Tulane's W.A.V.E. Enhancement Program champions holistic success with a fully comprehensive and engaging initiative focused on academic, personal, professional, and leadership development, and community engagement. The W.A.V.E. Student-Athlete Enhancement Program individually focuses on each classification, their needs at that time, fulfilling those needs, and preparing them for the next step in their journey.

SAAC

- AAC's Commissioner's Annual Trailblazer Award – Carolyn Barber-Pierre
- 79 members
- Awarded 2024-25 AAC SAAC Cup (2nd consecutive year)

NEW INITIATIVES LAUNCHED IN THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

CAREER TOUR

- First-ever Career Tour at Hancock Whitney in downtown New Orleans
- 6 student-athletes across 5 different sports

NIL PITCH CONTEST

- Conducted the first ever pitch competition in which 2 teams of 4 student-athletes pitched their own personal brand/company to local Tulane Business partners. Firehouse Subs, Coca-Cola, and Campus Connections participated while Green Wave student-athletes looked to align their brand and build potential partnership opportunities. One team walked away with a NIL brand deal.





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

6,077 community service hours in the 2024-25 academic year

Finished **#7 among all DI institutions** for community service in NCAA Helper Helper competition

#1 finish in the AAC

9th consecutive year finishing in the **Top 25 nationally** among all DI institutions

Seven teams ranked in the Top-10 among their respective sport

Women's Beach Volleyball #1

Bowling #2

Sailing #2

Men's Tennis #5

Swimming #5

Volleyball #5

Women's Tennis #9

97% student-athlete participation

100% team participation

67+ organizations served

Top 10, Top 5, Top 3 Finalist:

2025 NACDA Community Service Award presented by Fiesta Bowl

Awarded the **Community Champion Certificate** by Helper Helper:

Awarded for excellence in community engagement by meeting the following qualifications: **70%** or more student-athlete participation, **5** hours of service per student-athlete, and **50** hosted events.



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