Tulane summer program explores women decision-makers

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Expanding on last year’s success, high school students interested in women’s leadership will once again have the opportunity to participate in Newcomb Summer Session, a pre-college program offered by Newcomb College Institute. This summer’s three new course offerings include Women’s Literature, Women’s Advocacy and Women Decision-Makers.

“In 2017, Newcomb Summer Session was a small but mighty program in women’s literature,” said Molly Pulda, director of Newcomb Summer Session. “This year, I can’t wait to meet a new cohort of high school students with all kinds of interests: communications, policy, business and literature.”

Students in Women’s Advocacy will practice communications tactics, from public speaking to social media, to advocate for change in their communities. Women Decision-Makers will put students in the shoes of women leaders facing real-life issues in the public and private sector.

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Students in Women’s Literature will analyze how women have been written out of literary history and gain strategies for writing the most important essay of their high school career: the college application essay.

Each course is designed to inspire leadership, promote collaboration and prepare students for college-level reading and discussion.

Laura Arenas, a student from the 2017 Newcomb Summer Session, said the program was instrumental in her preparation for college courses.

“From the program, I deepened my knowledge of literature and history, but I also discovered how to apply that knowledge to our society,” said Arenas.

Applications for Newcomb Summer Session will be accepted through March 31. Tulane staff and faculty can receive a 10 percent discount on program tuition. Scholarships are also available.