Pre-college students get a glimpse of life at Tulane

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The Office of Strategic Summer Initiatives kicks off its Tulane Pre-College Summer Programs this week, during which approximately 500 high school students will live and study on the uptown campus. (Photos by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Summertime has traditionally been a somewhat somnolent time on Tulane's campuses, but the newly created Office of Strategic Summer Initiatives is changing that through numerous efforts including the Tulane Pre-College Summer Programs that will welcome approximately 500 pre-college students to Tulane's campus beginning this week.

The new office identifies and builds new programs and provides operational support to Tulane units that offer summer programming. It will serve as the gateway for current, guest and prospective students to participate in Tulane's summer offerings, and can assist academic units in coordinating programs, arranging summer housing and dining options, and setting up online application and payment portals.

"We are really excited about this summer" said Jamie Northrup, senior associate vice president for strategy. "As we continue to support our existing programs and build new ones, our goal is to have a vibrant campus during the summer. Giving access to the great facilities and academic resources to the pre-college population is a great opportunity to show off Tulane."

Middle and high school students in the pre-college programs will have the opportunity to study and live on campus and experience courses in science, engineering, architecture, coding and leadership.

The Tulane Summer Enrichment Program offers STEM enrichment courses tailored to the needs of middle and high school students; Career Explorations in Architecture offers high school students an introduction to the ideas, methods and issues of architecture; Newcomb Summer Session uses workshops and collaborative projects to study women in leadership; and the Tulane Science Scholars Program gives high school students the opportunity to take college-credit courses in a variety of science and engineering fields.

For more information on these programs contact summer@tulane.edu or 504-314-7619.

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