

## **Photos: A Welcome Event**

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Art on display grabs the attention of Michelle Allen, left, and Tresha Eaglin, right, during a silent auction at Friday's (Sept. 17) event that welcomed multi-ethnic newcomers to Tulane. (Photos by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Rhonda Coignet, left, senior staff assistant and executive director of special projects, talks with Denise Woodall-Ruff and Scott Ruff, an associate professor in architecture, at the event in Goldring/Woldenberg Hall II.

Partygoers check out an array of auction items, from computers to Saints sports memorabilia to salsa dance lessons. Proceeds from the event will help fund a new mentoring program for students with interest in multi-ethnic topics.

Enjoying music on the courtyard are, from left, student Joelle Gomez, Salmon Shomade and communication faculty members Kai-Man Chang and Kukhee Choo. The Black Faculty and Staff Association sponsored the annual event.

Attorney Kim Boyle addresses guests at "An Evening in the Arts." A member of the Board of Tulane, she is a partner in the employment law group at the Phelps Dunbar firm in New Orleans.

Janice Sayas, right, celebrates her silent auction victory with event planner Reagan Sidney, left. Sayas, law academic instruction program coordinator, successfully bid for salsa lessons.