

US Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to appear at Tulane on Friday

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U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor will appear at Tulane University as the inaugural Presidential Speaker, a part of the newly launched Presidential Speaker Series. President Michael A. Fitts will host a conversation with Justice Sotomayor on Friday for members of the Tulane community.

Tulane President Michael A. Fitts will welcome U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to Tulane's Uptown campus this week.

Justice Sotomayor is the inaugural Presidential Speaker, a part of President Fitts' newly launched [Presidential Speaker Series](#), which aims to bring in renowned leaders to share their perspectives, experiences and accomplishments with the Tulane community. A conversation with Justice Sotomayor will take place on Friday in McAlister Auditorium.

The event is only open to the Tulane community.

Justice Sotomayor was nominated by President Barack Obama in May 2009 as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and assumed the role in August 2009. The Bronx, New York, native earned a Juris Doctor degree from Yale Law School, where she and President Fitts were classmates.

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In an email to Tulane faculty, staff, administrators and students, President Fitts said when launching the Presidential Speaker Series, he immediately thought of Justice Sotomayor as she has reached the “pinnacle of the legal profession.”

“I know Justice Sotomayor's vast knowledge and experience at the highest levels of government, her long list of accomplishments, her brilliant legal mind, her commitment to justice and her genuine warmth and authenticity will resonate with the Tulane community and hold lessons for us all,” he wrote.

Attendees must present their tickets and their Tulane Splash Card in order to gain entry into the auditorium.