The Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of International Students and Scholars at Tulane University held the annual Fall Harvest Festival on Nov. 26 in the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life. The event is a Tulane tradition that supports the student, faculty and staff community who may not be able to go home for Thanksgiving. Attendees enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner while learning about aspects of American culture surrounding the holiday.

The Tulane community gathered to celebrate Thanksgiving during the 2019 Fall Harvest Festival on Tuesday, Nov. 26 in the Qatar Ballroom in the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life. The traditional meal included turkey with gravy, stuffing, candied yams, salad, mac ‘n cheese, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, corn bread and assorted desserts. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

A line forms outside the Qatar Ballroom just before the doors open. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Volunteers are all smiles before the event begins. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Autumn-themed centerpieces adorn the tables in the Qatar Ballroom for the annual gathering which promotes togetherness, generosity and gratitude. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Tulane President Mike Fitts talks with students during the celebration. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

(left to right) Friends Kopila Dhakal, Annika Tabassum, Nirasha Thilakaratne and Kanun Pokhare, hang out after dinner. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)