

Carolyn Barber-Pierre Center for Intercultural Life, Center for Academic Equity celebrate new location with open house

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Tulane University students, faculty and staff celebrated the new homes of the Carolyn Barber-Pierre Center for Intercultural Life and the Center for Academic Equity last week with an open house. Both centers are now in Richardson Building on the Academic Quad of the uptown campus.

In 2019, [the university announced](#) that the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of Gender and Sexual Diversity, along with Religious Life, would be renamed the Carolyn Barber-Pierre Center for Intercultural Life. The center honors Carolyn Barber-Pierre, assistant vice president for Student Affairs and Intercultural Life, and a Tulane Trailblazer. The Trailblazers program is an ongoing initiative established by Tulane President Michael Fitts that celebrates the contributions of people from diverse backgrounds who have made a substantial and lasting impact at Tulane. To read more, [click here](#).

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With the renovation of Richardson Building complete, members of the Tulane community gathered on Friday afternoon, April 23, to celebrate the new location of the Carolyn Barber-Pierre Center for Intercultural Life and the Center for Academic Equity.



As a new group of visitors enters the building, another group shares well wishes on signage

outside the Center for Academic Equity. The number of guests allowed to enter the building was staggered in accordance with COVID-19 safety recommendations.



Tulane President Michael Fitts (right), and Kelly Grant (far right), senior associate dean for retention and strategic initiatives for Newcomb-Tulane College, walk through the spacious common area during a tour of the Carolyn Barber-Pierre Center for Intercultural Life. Fitts is holding a teddy bear the Center for Academic Equity was giving away to visitors.



Carolyn Barber-Pierre (right), assistant vice president for student affairs and intercultural life, shows off the sleek new kitchen, one of the highlights of the new building. □



Visitors walk past the first-floor waiting room as they tour the new facility.



Paula Booke (center), director of the Center of Academic Equity, leads a tour through the new space. Joining her are (from left to right) Dusty Porter, vice president for student affairs, Robin Forman, provost, Lee Skinner, dean of Newcomb-Tulane College, and Carolyn Barber-Pierre.