

# Honor Society Taps First-Year Students

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Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society has inducted 405 first-year Tulane students into the organization, the largest group of inductees in the 55-year history of the Tulane chapter.



First-year students who are new members of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society gather for the chapter's initiation ceremony. (Photo by Stephanie Stefanski)

The organization, which has the slogan, "Knowledge is power," is the nation's oldest and largest honor society for first-year college and university students in all disciplines.

Students elected to membership include those who have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale at the end of any first year, full-time curricular period, provided they have carried a normal academic load acceptable towards a bachelor's degree and rank in the upper 20 percent of their class.

In recognition of their academic achievements and contributions to the New Orleans community, members who maintain active membership in Phi Eta Sigma become eligible for a distinct honor cord and medallion at their graduation ceremony.

Each chapter of Phi Eta Sigma also may nominate two applicants each year to compete for national scholarships and awards including one \$10,000 Thomas Arkle Clark Scholar-Leader-of-the-Year Scholarship, \$4,000 endowed undergraduate scholarships and \$1,000 undergraduate awards.

At Tulane, 230 first-year students attended the initiation ceremony held on Feb. 24. Guests of honor at the event included James MacLaren, dean of Newcomb-Tulane College, and Michael Hogg, interim vice president for student affairs.