Get a glance at life in Hollywood without leaving the Tulane campus

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Tulane University students have the opportunity to film and direct a movie this week as a part of a visiting program called <u>Campus MovieFest</u>. The traveling student film festival provides students a chance to explore the filmmaking process by providing the necessary equipment, technology and direction needed to create short fiveminute films.

During the movie-making process, students take on the roles of directors, scriptwriters and actors.

This is the first year Tulane has hosted Campus MovieFest, an experience Tulane hopes will give students the opportunity to explore filmmaking, directing, or acting as potential career paths.

"We're excited to bring CMF to campus because the program will allow students with zero or limited experience in filmmaking to gain a small amount of exposure, which they may be able to apply to their overall career development direction," said Byron Kantrow, Director of Career Wave programming. "We always look for opportunities to enhance our current career development offerings with lagniappe opportunities like CMF."

Approximately 150 Tulane students will participate in this week's film festival. The top 16 student films will premiere at a red-carpet-style showcase on Thursday, April 27, in McAlister Auditorium. From there, four films will advance to the CMF national showcase, where students have the potential to earn up to \$150,000 in cash, prizes and professional opportunities.

After the close of the student film festival, Tulane's Career Wave programming will host a <u>"Tulane to Hollywood,"</u> career panel on Friday, April 28, which will feature several top Tulane entertainment executives from Los Angeles and New York.

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