Tulane, Loyola partner to host international conference

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Members of the Tulane University Undergraduate Admission staff bring New Orleans vibes to Boston Thursday, Sept. 14, for the announcement of the joint Tulane and Loyola hosting of the 2018 International Association for College Admission Counseling conference in July. (Photo from Jeff Schiffman)

Tulane and Loyola universities are joining forces in 2018 to host the International Association for College Admission Counseling (ACAC) conference when it heads to New Orleans July 10-13. The partnership was recently announced during the National ACAC conference in Boston in true southern form — using a second line and brass band.

"Tulane and Loyola have always been terrific neighbors, so we're thrilled to have the opportunity to host International ACAC with our friends from across the fence," said Rebecca Ancira, associate vice president for enrollment management at Tulane. "The Green Wave and the Wolfpack are going to host the most exciting International ACAC to date and we can't wait to welcome the international college counseling community to New Orleans."

Ancira said the conference will bring more than 1,300 high school guidance counselors, college admission counselors and representatives from community-based organizations from more than 90 countries to the Tulane and Loyola campuses. Many will stay in residence halls during their visit.

While conference sessions will be hosted on Tulane's campus, Loyola will host the pre-conference institute and a dinner for conference attendees.

"By hosting, our hope is to expose the international community to all we have to offer, both as excellent institutions of higher education, and as a city," said Ancira. "The South is not typically on the radar for most prospective international students, so hosting counselors here from all around the world is a great way to bring us to the forefront."

The planning committee is accepting volunteers to help ensure the success of the event. Interested staff and faculty should contact Jeff Schiffman (
jschiffm@tulane.edu) and students who wish to volunteer should contact Nora Colman (ncolman@tulane.edu).

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