

Illuminating 'The Power of Tulane'

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'The Power of Tulane' presents a compilation of the university's greatest accomplishments during the 2017-18 academic year. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

In the [Academic Year in Review](#), Tulane University President Mike Fitts presents an exclusive look at the university's achievements during the 2017-18 academic year. Its theme, The Power of Tulane, serves to highlight the people and programs committed to taking on global challenges while also serving the local community.

The academic year's accomplishments include:

- \$126 million was raised during a record-breaking fundraising year.

- [Jesmyn Ward](#), a professor of [English](#) in the [School of Liberal Arts](#) and Tulane's [2018 Commencement](#) speaker, was featured among the *TIME* 100 Most Influential People of 2018.
- Archaeologists [Marcello A. Canuto and Francisco Estrada-Belli](#) are part of a team of researchers that revealed dozens of ancient cities in Guatemala using jungle-penetrating LiDAR (light detection and ranging) technology.
- Several campus improvements, such as the construction of [Mussafer Hall](#), the [Steven and Jann Paul Hall for Science and Engineering](#) and [The Commons](#), are in development. The [Goldring/Woldenberg Business Complex](#) was dedicated on March 2.

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