

Tricentennial tributes honor Tulanians

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Several Tulanians, including (from top left) Michael White, Dr. Karen DeSalvo, Scott Cowen, (from bottom left) Dr. Norman McSwain, Irma Thomas and Phyllis Taylor, are featured in ongoing tricentennial projects produced by 'The Times-Picayune' and 'The Advocate'. (Graphic by Kim Rainey)

In celebration of New Orleans' tricentennial year, *The Advocate* and *The Times-Picayune* are producing several series to chronicle the city's illustrious history over the past three centuries.

Tulane University has held an integral role in that history.

Through ["300 unique New Orleans moments,"](#) *The Advocate* presents a timeline of unforgettable and significant events. Some of the moments spotlight influential

Tulane alumni, like A. Baldwin Wood, whose invention of screw pumps received a patent on July 6, 1920, and Quint Davis, producer of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

The full list of historic moments, available [here](#), includes the establishment of the Medical College of Louisiana, which would become Tulane University, in 1834 and [the first Sugar Bowl held at Tulane Stadium in 1935](#) and much more.

The Times-Picayune is also producing an ongoing [300 for 300](#) series, in which 300 people who have impacted the Crescent City will be highlighted by the project's end.

The honorees were chosen by a selection committee led by 1987 [A. B. Freeman School of Business](#) graduate Tim Williamson, former president of NOLA Media Group.

Several of the featured New Orleans notables hold ties to Tulane, like president emeritus Scott Cowen, who was instrumental in the university's recovery from Hurricane Katrina, and Irma Thomas, the Grammy-winning "Soul Queen of New Orleans" who received an honorary doctorate from the university in 2018.

See the list below for other Tulanians who have been featured in the series so far.

[Roy Alciatore](#)

[Tom Benson](#)

[Congressman Hale Boggs](#)

[Robert H. Boh](#)

[William E. Borah](#)

[Scott Cowen](#)

[Quint Davis](#)

[Dr. Karen DeSalvo](#)

[Ruthie Frierson](#)

[Joseph Merrick Jones](#)

Rosa Keller

John Koerner III

Alden "Doc" Laborde

Eleanor McMain

Dr. Norman McSwain

Anne Milling

Josephine Louise Newcomb

Dr. Alton Ochsner Sr.

W. Boatner Reily III

Jerry Romig

Edgar Stern Jr.

Phyllis Taylor

Irma Thomas

John Kennedy Toole

Paul Tulane

Michael White

Vernon "Doctor Daddy-O" Winslow

John Minor Wisdom

A. Baldwin Wood

Sam Zemurray