

[Tulane officially opens The Commons with a celebration](#)

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A new building on Tulane University's New Orleans campus officially opened on Aug. 26, providing the student population with expanded gathering, studying and dining space, as well as a new home for the Newcomb Institute. [Read more about The Commons here.](#)











Tulane's new building, The Commons, opened in the heart of the Uptown campus with a celebration on Aug. 26. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Students and friends of the university help themselves to free Tulane gear during the event. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Student Sophie Lazear takes a souvenir cup from Tulane cheerleaders Anna Rodriguez, Tori Isaacson and Megan Spilmann. (Photo by Sally Asher)

Decorative cookies sweeten the celebration. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Friends enjoy the Commons event, which included giveaways and prizes. (Photo by Sally Asher)

The 610 Stompers whip the crowd into a frenzy with their fearless dance moves. (Photo by Sally Asher)

President Mike Fitts, with a signature 610 Stompers-style accessory, greets the crowd of students. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

A festive atmosphere prevails as President Fitts addresses the audience. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)