

## Five-year anniversary at the Taylor Center

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Phyllis M. Taylor addresses the crowd at the five-year anniversary celebration reception at the Phyllis M. Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design Thinking. (Photo by Sally Asher)

The Phyllis M. Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design Thinking celebrated its five-year anniversary at the center's headquarters on the fourth floor of Tulane University's Howard-Tilton Memorial Library on Nov. 13.

The Taylor Center helps students engage in positive social change by offering programs that facilitate design thinking, social entrepreneurship and social innovation. A \$15 million gift from Phyllis M. Taylor, member of the Board of Tulane and a Tulane Law alumna, and the Patrick F. Taylor Foundation contributed to the creation of the Taylor Center in 2014. For more about the Phyllis M. Taylor Center for

Social Innovation and Design Thinking, [click here](#).









Taylor Center students (in blue shirts) are having a laugh with Tulane President Mike Fitts at the anniversary reception. (Photo by Sally Asher)

Mrs. Taylor reads letters from current Taylor Center students. The students wrote about their learning experiences while at the center and how much the Taylor Center means to them. (Photo by Sally Asher)

(From left to right) President Mike Fitts, Stephanie Barksdale, adjunct lecturer who teaches Leadership and Senior Seminar courses in the Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship Minor, Phyllis M. Taylor, Rhea Lewis, Newcomb-Tulane College alumna, and Kenneth Schwartz, founding executive director of the Taylor Center. (Photo by Sally Asher)