

Academic Tutoring Club leads donation effort for Roots of Music

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At the end of the spring semester, Tulane's Academic Tutoring club organized 100 self-care goody bags for Roots of Music students to help the students cope with the mental health challenges of COVID-19 isolation, as well as bring them some joy.

The Roots of Music is a New Orleans-based organization that provides music instruction for children ages 9-14, empowering them with academic support and mentorship as well, according to their website.

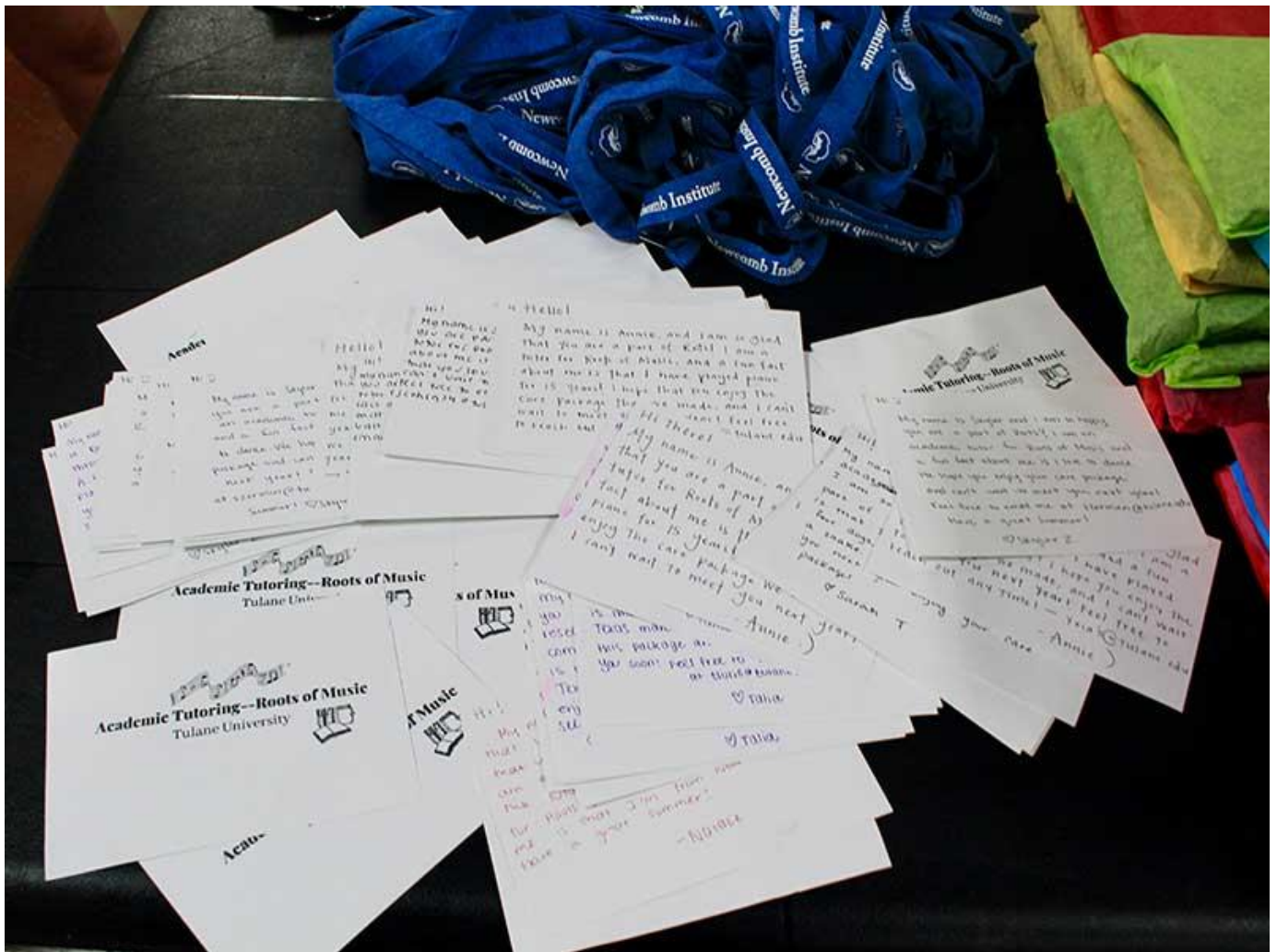
Recent School of Science and Engineering alumna Vidhatri Raturi organized the effort, with contributions from across the campuses and affiliated groups, including the Office of Admission, Tulane Alumni Association, Newcomb Institute, Athletics, Tulane Marching Band, The Phyllis M. Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design Thinking, School of Medicine, School of Social Work, A.B. Freeman School of Business, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, School of Science and Engineering, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Center for Sport, Tulane Brain Institute and Tulane American Medical Women's Association. "We were also able to get dinner from Cane's donated and help put forward a long-term partnership with Cane's and Roots of Music," she said.

Raturi and other club members worked with their adviser, Paul Colombo, the Louise and Leonard Riggio Professor in Social Entrepreneurship, as well as Roots of Music staff members Zachary Stanfill, manager of Strategic Partnerships and Community Engagement, and Moran Stewart, chief programs officer.

The event took place May 12. Photos provided by Vid Raturi.









The Academic Tutoring Club led an effort to provide gift bags for students of New Orleans' Roots of Music.

The bags contained contributions from across Tulane's campuses and were meant to help the children cope with COVID-19 isolation.

Handwritten notes encourage the children. Mentorship is one of the elements of Roots of Music's program.

Zachary Stanfill and Morgan Stewart of Roots of Music, along with Tulane Academic Tutoring President Vid Raturi and Vice President Arianna Cavalli display the bags before they are handed out to students.