

## **On Being Empowered Luncheon celebrates women of color at Tulane**

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The Tulane University ALAAMEA Black Faculty & Staff Affinity Network and The Office of Multicultural Affairs recently hosted the fifth annual On Being Empowered Luncheon to highlight women of color at Tulane. More than 100 students, faculty, staff and alumni came together to celebrate the many contributions of women of color on campus and in the community. The luncheon featured keynote speaker Lisa D. T. Rice, past president of the Newcomb Alumnae Association, who offered 11 life lessons to empower the attendees.

The event also honored three members of the Tulane community with awards. The Scholar Activist of the Year award went to Dr. Andrea Boyles, associate professor of sociology and Africana Studies in the School of Liberal Arts. Tamia Toomer, a Tulane alumna who now works in the Office of Multicultural Affairs at Tulane, was named Empowered Influencer of the Year. Current student Treasure Joiner received the Pleasure Activist of the Year award.

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From left: Keynote speaker Lisa Rice, Anneliese Singh and Sienna Abdulahad are all smiles at the luncheon.

Marley Iqual and Treasure Joiner hug.

From left: Sienna Abdulahad poses with award winners Tamia Toomer and Treasure Joiner. Toomer was named Empowered Influencer of the Year and Joiner was named Pleasure Activist of the Year.

Lisa Rice addresses the crowd. Her keynote address featured 11 life lessons for attendees.

From left: Sienna Abdulahad, Katie Crook, Catheryn Major, Tamia Toomer and Brittany Young pose together.