

## **Tulane celebrates global connections with 2023 International Education Week**

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Attendees at last year's International Education Week enjoyed guest speakers and events highlighting Tulane's global footprint. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Tulane University's global footprint is impactful, with international students and scholars representing 124 countries and totaling nearly 4,800. Tulane also boasts more than 160 study abroad programs worldwide, over 10,000 international alumni and groundbreaking research taking place in more than 70 nations.

The Office of International Affairs, also known as Tulane Global, spearheads this year's [International Education Week](#) (IEW), alongside its key partners, the Office of International Students and Scholars, the Newcomb-Tulane College (NTC) Center for Global Education and over 15 schools and units across campus.

"For this year's IEW we are exploring the theme of Sustainability and Environmental Justice, to foster reflections about climate change, environmental equity and sustainable futures locally and globally," shared Laila Hlass, associate provost for International Affairs at Tulane.

The events will take place Monday, Nov. 13, through Thursday, Nov. 16, with an array of programming across Tulane's uptown and downtown campuses, including a keynote session delivered by Olga Morales-Pate, [Tulane's Language Day](#), the NTC's [Study Abroad Fair](#) and a closing performance by the [Dow Dance Company](#).

Among the highlights will be the inaugural keynote lecture by Morales-Pate, an accomplished and experienced leader in environmental justice and rural community development issues who became CEO of the [Rural Community Assistance Partnership \(RCAP\)](#) in October 2022. RCAP is a national nonprofit network providing guidance to small communities in all 50 states, U.S. territories and tribal lands to ensure access to safe drinking water, sanitary wastewater disposal and economic prosperity for all rural America. Morales-Pate will deliver the lecture Monday, Nov. 13, at 5 p.m. in the Kendall Cram Lecture Hall of the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life, followed by a reception.

"At Tulane, we are eager to learn more about Olga's work around water as it inevitably resonates with our local community in New Orleans, the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico as a living example of how water and climate change have shaped and will continue to shape every fiber of our history locally and globally," Hlass said.

Events throughout the week are open to students, faculty and staff, with some events open to the public as well. Visit [IEW's website](#) to view the full calendar of events and to learn about the many other ways Tulane celebrates its global footprint.

Sponsors and collaborators for IEW 2023 include: Tulane ByWater Institute; the Altman Program; the Department of Theatre and Dance; the A. B. Freeman School of Business; the Fulbright Association; Tulane Law School; the Middle American

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