

## Essential staff at Tulane celebrated with laughter and sincere appreciation

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Essential employees at Tulane were invited to an event in the fall in celebration of their unwavering dedication and relentless efforts to keep the university operating smoothly. The celebration featured spirited games and a strong sense of community. (Photo by Sabree Hill)

The Essential Employee Event, which took place on Tuesday, Oct. 24, was a celebration of the unwavering dedication of the essential staff of Tulane, and it was also a joyful occasion filled with gratitude and a strong sense of community spirit. Employees' relentless efforts span across various domains, including ensuring

seamless campus operations, robust security, effective human resource practices, nurturing student life, managing advanced technology, upholding stringent biosafety and environmental health standards and maintaining comprehensive health and risk management protocols. It is their collective dedication that keeps Tulane thriving.

The celebration, held at the Audubon Zoo Pavilion beneath the beautiful autumn sun, featured the appreciation of Tulane's senior leaders. Provost Robin Forman, Chief Operating Officer Patrick Norton, Chief Diversity Officer Anneliese Singh and Vice President of Human Resources and Institutional Equity Jonathan Small were in attendance to express their gratitude to these essential teams. Their attendance underscored the importance of each role in nurturing a safe, supportive and inclusive Tulane community.

The afternoon of relaxation and fun featured a delectable spread of food and beverages, as well as spirited games such as sack races, egg and spoon races and three-legged races, along with cornhole, horseshoes and Connect 4. These activities brought smiles and a sense of lighthearted competition, showcasing the strong bonds within the Tulane family.

A gallery of moments that capture the laughter, team spirit and communal pride of the event can be found [here](#).

The contributions and resilience of every member of the essential workforce extend far beyond their daily tasks. Their efforts not only contribute to Tulane's place of academic excellence but also create a haven of care, support and community.