

Tulane begins construction on Goldring Tennis Center

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Construction has begun on the Tulane Goldring Tennis Center, the long-awaited new home for Tulane Tennis, which will also offer an additional, state-of-the-art venue for the New Orleans tennis community and area pickleball enthusiasts. Work on the project began this month and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2026.

“From providing funding for the buildings that house Tulane’s A. B. Freeman School of Business to helping establish the pioneering Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine, the Goldring family has supported the success and dreams of Tulane students for generations,” President Michael A. Fitts said. “This new center will further the historic ascent of Tulane’s athletics program and allow us to continue to attract the country’s most promising and accomplished student-athletes.”

“Constructing these courts will ensure that our student-athletes have a dedicated space to train, compete and represent Tulane University,” said David Harris, the Ben Weiner Director of Athletics Chair at Tulane. “This is an effort Green Wave fans have waited long for — one which further underscores our commitment to excellence in athletics and providing the best for our teams and supporters. We are forever thankful for the dedication of the Goldring Family in continually moving Tulane Athletics forward in every way.”

Located at 200 Broadway, on Tulane’s University Square campus, the Tulane Goldring Tennis Center will include six NCAA regulation tennis courts for the Green Wave men’s and women’s tennis teams and four pickleball courts.

“Our teams cannot wait for our new home to be completed,” said first-year tennis player Campbell Ricci. “Having dedicated courts, minutes from the main uptown campus will be a wonderful experience for all the student-athletes involved.”

The Tulane Goldring Tennis Center will be located on the river side of the site, abutting Carver Playground, while the four pickleball courts will be parallel to Leake Avenue. The pickleball courts will be positioned away from residential areas and with buildings as a buffer to alleviate potential noise issues.

“These courts will serve the Green Wave Tennis teams and the New Orleans community,” said Patrick Norton, senior vice president and chief operating officer of Tulane. “This project represents a valuable addition to both our campus and the surrounding neighborhood.”

The tennis courts will have planned hours for use by the Tulane tennis teams throughout their competitive seasons, with additional hours available for community use. The pickleball courts will have daily hours of operation for student and community use.

“The Tulane Goldring Tennis Center is a game-changer for our program, bringing Tulane tennis back home to campus,” said Head Men’s Tennis Coach Mark Booras. “We are grateful to all the contributing donors as well as the university for making this a reality for our department.”

The tennis courts will have permanent stands for fans to enjoy watching Green Wave matches. All matches are planned during daylight hours, as the courts will remain without lights. Small scoreboards will be on each court, with a larger facility-wide scoreboard displaying the match scores available for fan viewing.

“Having a dedicated place to call home will continue to elevate our program and the competition we can bring to New Orleans,” said Head Women’s Tennis Coach Maru Brito. “We cannot thank all those involved enough for this great facility, and we can’t wait to see it to completion.”

The Tulane Goldring Tennis Center will also have ample parking available at University Square for spectators and participants. It is part of the unprecedented growth underway at Tulane, which makes a \$5.2 billion impact on the state’s economy each year, supports more than 30,000 jobs statewide and generates \$88.2 million in annual state tax revenue.

The project is emblematic of the rising stature of Tulane Athletics, which includes the Cotton Bowl Championship in 2023, three consecutive football conference championship appearances, back-to-back American Athletic Conference baseball tournament titles, and a national championship in sailing in 2022. The Green Wave men’s cross-country team and the women’s indoor track and field teams have also recently won conference championships.

Academically, Tulane's student-athletes boast a 95 percent Graduation Success Rate — the highest in Louisiana and in the American Athletic Conference — and consistently post strong NCAA Academic Progress Rates.