

## **Paul Tulane Society members help drive Tulane's transformation and student success**

September 24, 2025 9:00 AM Mary-Elizabeth Lough  
news@tulane.edu



Board of Tulane Chair David Mussafer welcomed guests to the Paul Tulane Society Induction Ceremony and Gratitude Dinner, held at the New Orleans Board of Trade on Thursday, Sept. 18. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Tulane celebrated some of its most devoted philanthropic partners at the annual Paul Tulane Society Induction Ceremony and Gratitude Dinner, held at the New Orleans Board of Trade on Thursday, Sept. 18.

President Michael A. Fitts and Board of Tulane Chair David Mussafer (B '85) welcomed new members to the prestigious group, which honors donors who have made gifts totaling \$1 million or more to the university. Members of the society have

been transformative in re-envisioning the uptown campus, empowering groundbreaking research and elevating the student experience.

Fitts credited Tulane's outstanding progress in recent years to the "unwavering commitment" of the Paul Tulane Society, saying, "Tulane is on the rise. We are experiencing extraordinary success across every measure."

This year's inductees included:

- Capital One, represented by Katherine Gonzalez Kay
- First Horizon Bank and Louisiana First Horizon Bank (formerly IBERIABANK), represented by M. Cleland Powell III (A&S '70), Tony Adams and Ben Dupuy
- Mark A. Fogelman (B '92) and Margo C. Fogelman
- The estate of Louise R. Horn (NC '45)
- Walter S. Isaacson and Cathy Wright Isaacson
- The estate of Robert J. Peyser
- The estate of Charles E. Stokes Jr. (G '75)
- The estate of Barbara G. Sunderland
- The estate of Peter G. VonDippe, MD (M '75), represented by Marianne Rogoff
- Mark D. Wheeler (E '89) and Amelia J. Archer

Mussafer and Fitts alternated induction duties, with the board chair praising the members of the Paul Tulane Society as "visionary leaders who have reshaped the landscape of our great institution through your philanthropy."

As President Fitts welcomed Walter Isaacson and Cathy Wright Isaacson into the society, he extolled the Isaacsons for the many ways they have supported Tulane and made a positive impact on New Orleans, predicting that the New Orleans Book Festival would "soon rival Jazz Fest for its impact on the city."

Founded in 1983, the Paul Tulane Society has recognized the contributions of some of the university's most committed partners. In recent years, members' collective generosity has underpinned Tulane's expansive transformation and sustained its growing momentum.



Tulane President Michael A. Fitts greeted student volunteers Bryce Bohanon (left) and Gwen Shahboz (right) at the dinner. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)