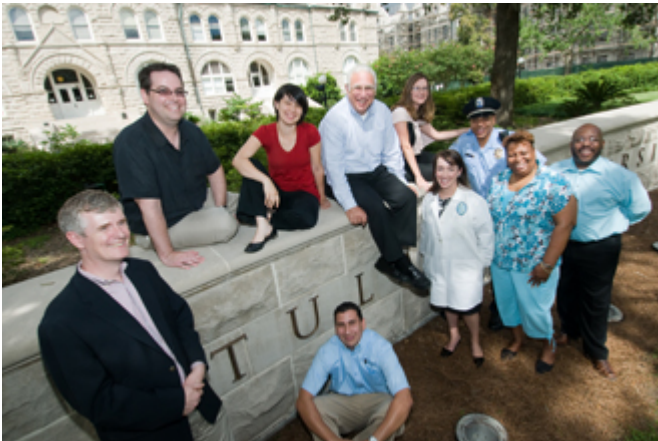


No. 1 Workplace in New Orleans

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For the second time in as many years, Tulane University has been named the "best place to work" in the New Orleans area by the readers of *Gambit*, topping Ochsner Hospital and Harrah's Casino.



A group of employees gathers around president Scott Cowen (from left to right): James MacLaren, dean of Newcomb-Tulane College; Aaron Martin, manager of Web communications; Aryanna Gamble, administrative secretary; Cowen; Kathryn Hobgood, assistant director of Web communications and public relations; Joseph Lundy, Tulane police officer; Dr. Marlowe M. Maylin, assistant professor of internal medicine; Antoinette Mills, executive secretary; Luther Jackson Jr., equal employment opportunity specialist/office manager; and, seated, Galo Yopez, environmental services manager. (Photo by Tracie Morris Schaefer)

Each year, readers of the popular weekly news and entertainment paper vote for the best of New Orleans in categories ranging from "favorite pizza" to "favorite Big Easy Rollergirl." The survey asks people to write in their picks and the results appear in the weekly paper's "Best of New Orleans" issue.

In the write-up, *Gambit* touts the university saying, "Tulane knows how to keep its employees satisfied, providing competitive salaries and benefits packages ? not to mention the free tuition ? but it goes beyond this by maintaining a friendly and challenging workplace with plenty of room for growth and advancement."

The honor "affirms what Tulane employees already know," says Anne Bañ±os, chief of staff and vice president.

"We are fortunate to have faculty and staff who are passionate about their work, their institution and their desire to create a strong university community," Bañ±os continues. "I think our employees enjoy coming to work every day because they make a difference, and they are part of a dynamic organization."

Tulane has 3,950 faculty and staff employees.