

Fund Established to Honor Staff, Administrators

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In recognition of her 30 years of dedicated service to the university, the Board of Tulane honored Yvette Jones, executive vice president for university relations and development, by establishing the Yvette Milner Jones Endowed Fund. The board presented a resolution to Jones on Dec. 9.



"The Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund, the president, faculty, staff and students do hereby express their enduring gratitude and sincere appreciation to Yvette M. Jones for the crucial role she has played in the advancement of this institution over the last 30 years," the board resolution reads. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

The income derived from the endowed fund will support the Yvette Milner Jones Award, which will be given annually to an outstanding Tulane staff member or administrator for superior achievement, dedicated service and involvement in the affairs of the Tulane University community.

"Yvette is a remarkable person who has contributed extensively to the university for

three decades," said Tulane President Scott Cowen. "This fund will allow the university to recognize additional staff members and administrators in the coming years."

Jones has served in a succession of roles, including assistant to the vice president for development and university relations, chief of staff, vice president for finance and operations, vice president for finance, senior vice president for planning and administration, senior vice president for external affairs, senior vice president for external affairs and chief operating officer, and her current position.

In the resolution, the board commended Jones for "extraordinary dedication and tireless devotion to Tulane University by balancing a myriad of responsibilities with poise and good humor."

Jones was a key member of the senior leadership team that created the university's Renewal Plan to strengthen and focus the university's academic mission after Hurricane Katrina, and she has played a central role in the implementation of this comprehensive re-organization of the university.

Under her leadership and guidance, the university launched its "Promise and Distinction: The Campaign for Tulane" that raised more than \$700 million.

"I am deeply honored to have my name associated with a fund that will recognize and reward the extraordinary talents of the staff at Tulane," Jones said.