

Splashdown for New ID Cards

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Today (May 18) marks the debut of the new Tulane Splash ID Card. The new card goes into effect across all university campuses.



Use the new Splash Card on copiers and printers, for dining and entrance to residence halls and many other uses. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

A major improvement over the former ID cards, the new versions contain a microchip with an antenna and a magnetic strip to allow access to campus buildings, dining facilities, libraries and copiers, as well as for purchases at some off-campus merchants (beginning in August).

The systems have been tested and a smooth transition is expected from the old card to use of the new ones, says Doug Olson, director of Tulane Card Services.

The Tulane Splash Card identifies members of Tulane University, and includes name, photo and classification. It also uses a new identity number for every student, faculty and staff member. Social Security numbers previously were used, and the newly assigned numbers will reduce opportunity for identity theft, Olson says.

To accommodate any issues that may arise with the debut of the new system, the Tulane card office will be open extended hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Wednesday (May 19) and Thursday (May 20).

Anyone with questions can contact Tulane Card Services at 504-865-5629, check the [card services website](#) or visit 102 Bruff Commons on the uptown campus. The office's regular hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.