## **Raising a Flag for New Center**

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Students and faculty members returning to the Tulane campus after spring break are finding quad lampposts adorned with flags, and buildings and boulevards draped in banners advertising the presence of a new center on campus. The Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching (CELT) launched pilot operations this spring, and is now operating out of room 310 in the Richardson Building.



A lamppost flag on the uptown campus celebrates the new Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching (CELT). (Photo by Claire Barry)

The dressing of campus, as well as a slate of special activities in March, are all part of the public relations campaign to inform the campus community about CELT. Last month, a series of <u>video promotions</u> went online that highlight the ways students can enrich their college experience at CELT.

"Undergraduate research and social innovation initiatives are in place at CELT, and we hope that students will stop by to use resources to help them develop their projects and programs," says <u>Michael Cunningham</u>, executive director of CELT. "Beginning in 2012, students can come to find internships and externships."

Faculty members also will find resources at <u>CELT</u>.

"The classroom engagement core begins this summer. Faculty can find resources for engaging students and attend workshops on pedagogy," says Cunningham. "We hope faculty will use CELT to share best practices associated with student engagement as well as to receive support for their teaching efforts."

A CELT Info Week will be held on campus during the week of March 21, with free gelato and CELT T-shirts to be given away to students as another way to create buzz for the new center.

CELT is the result of the <u>Tulane Quality Enhancement Plan</u>, developed in preparation for the 2011 reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.