

Downtown Recycling Gets a Boost

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Tulane has received 60 bottle- and can-recycling containers from the spring 2011 Recycling Bin Grant Program offered by Keep America Beautiful and the Coca-Cola Co. The bins have been placed in break rooms and study lounges on the health sciences campus to provide convenient recycling for plastic bottles and aluminum cans.



Keep America Beautiful and the Coca-Cola Co. have provided recycling containers for the Tulane health sciences campus. Recycling are, from left, Lucy Daniels, Gwendolyn Taylor, Kiki Holliday, Chris Gray and Taneshea Davis. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Chosen from nearly 800 applications submitted, Tulane was one of 70 grant recipients representing a cross section of community groups, local governments, colleges and nonprofit organizations across the country.

Recipients were chosen based on a number of criteria, including where bins are likely to have the most impact on recovering beverage containers from the waste stream, ability of recipients to sustain their program in the future, and intention to support collection programs with recycling education and promotion.

Buildings on the downtown campus have had single-stream recycling since winter 2010, says Liz Davey, Tulane director of environmental affairs.

“The program recycles plastic bottles, aluminum cans, all types of paper and cardboard,” says Davey.

Graduate student Deepak Kumar developed the grant application, working in collaboration with Davey and George Kemp of the facilities services department.

More information on the university's recycling programs is available on the [Recycle Tulane website](#).