

[White House Lauds Architecture Faculty Member](#)

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Will Bradshaw, a member of the Tulane architecture faculty, was honored at the White House as part of President Barack Obama's "Champions of Change" program, which recognizes people for outstanding contributions to their communities.



Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, left, greets New Orleans architect Will Bradshaw on his visit to the White House. Mabus has worked extensively on the Gulf Coast recovery plan after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. (Photo from the Clean Economy Development Center)

Bradshaw, president and co-founder of [Green Coast Enterprises](#), along with four other New Orleanians, was recognized for his work to strengthen the local economy, create jobs and help the Gulf Coast recover from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. He is an adjunct lecturer in "Case Studies in Real Estate Development" in the Tulane School of Architecture.

In addition, two Tulane alumni were recognized at the White House. They are Carlton Dufrechou, a 1978 chemical engineering graduate who also earned a master of engineering degree in 1993, and Beth Galante, who earned her JD in 1991 received a master of laws degree in 1999. Dufrechou is general manager of the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway and former executive director of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation. Galante is director of Global Green.

The invitation to the July 19 event brought access to a range of administration officials to support expansion of the work accomplished by the honorees, Bradshaw said.

“We could not be more pleased to be recognized by the White House, and thank President Obama, his administration and our colleagues at the Clean Economy Development Center for their interest in our work to build a more energy-efficient and sustainable Gulf Coast,” Bradshaw said. “It is an honor to stand with the people of New Orleans and this region as we rebuild from the levee failures of Hurricane Katrina and the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.”

Since its founding in April 2007, Bradshaw's firm has focused on neighborhood redevelopment, energy-efficient retrofits and blighted corridor redevelopment in New Orleans.