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On Friday (Sept. 9), Tulane University held a groundbreaking ceremony for the \$7.4 million Donna and Paul Flower Hall for Research and Innovation.



[Flower Hall](#) will be a catalyst for Tulane's emergence as a science and engineering powerhouse, says Nick Altiero, dean of the [School of Science and Engineering](#).



Tulane President Scott Cowen, left, and Paul Flower, President's Council member and benefactor, chat on their way to the groundbreaking ceremony. (Photos by Tracie Morris Schaefer)



Breaking ground for the new Flower Hall are, from left, the benefactors' granddaughter, Mary Catherine Flower; Nick Altiero, dean of the School of Science and Engineering; Donna Flower, benefactor; Paul Flower, President's Council member and benefactor; Wade Herpin, senior project engineer of the Economic Development Administration; and Tulane President Scott Cowen.