Teach for America beckons 26 Tulane grads to the classroom

September 12, 2013 9:00 AM New Wave staff newwave@tulane.edu

Twenty-six Tulane University students who graduated this past May have headed into the classroom as part of the 2013 corps of <u>Teach for America</u>. Tulane ranks No. 17 among medium-sized colleges and universities in its number of graduates in this year's corps who have committed to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools.

This fall, more than 11,000 first- and second-year corps members will be teaching in high-need classrooms across 48 regions. The 5,900 incoming corps members represent more than 800 colleges and universities across the nation.

Teach For America recruits seniors and graduates from all academic majors and backgrounds who have demonstrated achievement, perseverance, leadership, commitment to educational equity and a deep respect for diverse experiences and backgrounds.

"We are grateful to the outstanding colleges and universities that cultivate graduates with the leadership skills and deep commitment necessary to expand educational opportunities for students facing the challenges of poverty," said Elisa Villanueva Beard, co-chief executive officer of Teach For America. "Our corps members bring a vast array of experiences and accomplishments to the classroom, and they are poised to make a meaningful impact in the high-need schools and communities where they will be teaching."

This year's corps members will reach more than 750,000 students across 35 states and the District of Columbia. They join Teach For America's nearly 32,000 alumni who work inside and outside of education to expand opportunity for students and families.