Tulane surges to No. 41 in latest 'U.S. News' ranking

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More than 1,700 students make up the Tulane University Class of 2019, the largest first-year group in the university"s history. They chose to come to New Orleans from 47 U.S. states and 28 countries. (Photo by Sally Asher)

Tulane University shot up 13 points to No. 41 in the 2016 *U.S. News & amp; World Report* Best Colleges rankings released today.

Tulane ranked No. 41 among the best national universities while the undergraduate program of the A. B. Freeman School of Business was ranked No. 43. Tulane also

was ranked the 38th best university by high school counselors and No. 33 among best colleges for veterans.

"This is a testament to the hard work and determination of everyone at Tulane,"
Tulane President Mike Fitts said. "While rankings such as this should always be taken
with a grain of salt, it is certainly a clear sign that we are a top university and
recognized as such."

Fitts added that the good news about the rankings simply adds to exciting momentum already building at Tulane.

"This is obviously a tremendous achievement in which we are all delighted. In addition to this our efforts to enhance the student experience, increase our academic collaborations, improve our financial efficiency and implement our campus master plan, position us to provide a leading model in higher education," Fitts said.

The full rankings can be viewed at www.usnews.com/colleges and in the "Best Colleges 2016" guidebook, which will be available for sale through Amazon, Barnes & Samp; Noble and other retail outlets later this month.