

Tulane benefactor Bill Goldring receives national honor as 'Influential Leader'

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Bill Goldring, a Tulane University business graduate, board member and major benefactor, has been recognized as one of the first 100 Influential Leaders by [AACSB International](#), the global accrediting body and membership association for business schools.

The honor celebrates the AACSB's Centennial Anniversary by recognizing alumni from AACSB-accredited schools who are making an impact in the world through their business acumen, leadership or entrepreneurial success.

“Bill Goldring has played an essential role in the life of both Tulane and New Orleans,” Tulane President Mike Fitts said. “I can't think of one area of the university that has not benefited from his support, vision or guidance.”

Goldring, chairman of Sazerac Co. and Crescent Crown Co., provided funding for buildings that house Tulane's [A. B. Freeman School of Business](#). In addition to serving on the Board of Tulane, Goldring is also a member of the Tulane University Business School Council and was named the A. B. Freeman School of Business Outstanding Alumnus in 1989. He is a past member of the President's Council at Tulane; president of the Howard-Tilton Memorial Library Association; and a recipient of the Tulane University Paul Tulane Society Award, the A. B. Freeman School of Business Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year Award and the Dermot McGlinchey Lifetime Achievement Award. He also helped establish [The Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine](#) at Tulane University, the nation's first medical school teaching kitchen.

“The Goldring family has been central to our identity and success as one of the country's top business schools,” said Ira Solomon, dean of the A. B. Freeman School of Business. “Every business dean, every city wishes they knew a Bill Goldring, not only for his philanthropy but for the generosity of his time, advice and humanity.”

"I'm so honored by this recognition," Goldring said. "On my 21st birthday my father told me to use any success I achieved to help others. He told me that was the key to happiness and he was right."