

# **Changemakers Converge at TEDx Event Hosted by Tulane University**

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Some of New Orleans' most active innovators, from entrepreneurs to educators to students, will share their vision for positive social change in New Orleans Nov. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Kendall Cram room of Tulane University's Lavin-Bernick Center. A reception will follow. Dubbed TEDxTU, the event will feature:

- Kyle Berner, founder of Feelgoodz, a company that produces biodegradable flip flops from 100% natural Thai rubber, grown by fairly treated farmers;
- Avery Brewton, of Tulane's Center for Public Service, who coordinates volunteer opportunities throughout New Orleans;
- Matt Candler, founder of 4.0 Schools, chairman of the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools and co-founder of the city-wide teacher support community Closing the NOLA Gap;
- Andrea Chen, co-founder of Social Entrepreneurs of New Orleans, an organization that helps innovators take their ideas from vision to reality;
- Janet Davas, executive director of Liberty's Kitchen, a social enterprise dedicated to transforming the lives of New Orleans' youth by providing a path to self-sufficiency through food service-based training, leadership and employment programs;
- John Elstrott, Executive Director of the Levy- Rosenblum Institute for Entrepreneurship at the Tulane A.B. Freeman School of Business;
- Robert X. Fogarty, executive director of evacuteer.org and founder of Dear New Orleans + Dear World;
- Egwaoje Ifeyinwa Madu, who has committed her life to reducing maternal mortality through community work in Nigeria.

The event is free and open to the public. RSVP at <http://tedxtu.eventbrite.com>.

TED is a nonprofit organization headquartered in New York and devoted to "ideas worth spreading." In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local,

self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. The TEDxTU event was organized by a group of Tulane students and New Orleans community members committed to changemaking, in partnership with Social Entrepreneurship Initiatives at Tulane. For more information visit <http://tedxtu.com/>