

Today Tulane celebrates president's inauguration

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Pierre Buekens, right, dean of the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, presents a globe to Tulane President Mike Fitts at a special party on Tuesday (March 15). The celebration, part of the weeklong events honoring the inauguration of Fitts, was co-hosted by the Schools of Medicine, Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and Social Work, and featured jazz music, a presentation of gifts to Fitts and refreshments. (Photo by Ryan Rivet)

The [inauguration](#) of Michael A. Fitts as the 15th president of Tulane University will take place at 2 p.m. today (March 17) in McAlister Auditorium on the uptown campus.

Fitts will be joined in the festivities by New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, Sen. David Vitter, the presidents of the University of Pennsylvania and Johns Hopkins University, almost 100 delegates from universities around the country, Tulane students, faculty and staff members, alumni, Dr. Michael White's Original Liberty Jazz Band, and the student a cappella group Green Envy.

A party with music, food, drinks and games will follow the inauguration, from 3:30 until 5 p.m. on the Lavin-Bernick Center Quad. All are invited to attend.

[Watch the inauguration](#) of Fitts as the 15th president of Tulane University as it is live-streamed. The broadcast will begin at 2 p.m. Central Time today (March 17).