

## [New fund provides for undergraduate study](#)

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Alyssa Cruse, a senior cross-enrolled in the School of Science and Engineering and the School of Liberal Arts, is one of many to benefit from financial support from programs like the Tulane Undergraduate Education Fund. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Alyssa Cruse wanted to attend Tulane University because it would enable her to pursue both her passion in music and science simultaneously. She knew she would need financial assistance, though.

For students like Cruse, who is now a senior cross-enrolled in the School of Science and Engineering and the School of Liberal Arts, the newly developed Tulane Fund for Undergraduate Education supports her studies.

“I’ve been able to experience so much at Tulane — from my research opportunities, to playing in the orchestra ensemble, to studying abroad in Copenhagen,” said Cruse. “I know it’s all been possible because of the support that I’ve received.”

As Cruse looks back on her experience at Tulane, she knows it wouldn’t have been possible without the generosity of alumni and donors, who help make the fund possible.

“The financial support I received is what initially attracted me to Tulane,” said Cruse, a neuroscience and music major from Thibodaux, Louisiana.

The Tulane Fund for Undergraduate Education ensures that students continue to discover, research and explore in a learning environment that only New Orleans can offer. Every dollar given to the Tulane Fund for Undergraduate Education strengthens the undergraduate experience both inside and outside of the classroom.

“When you give to the Tulane Fund for Undergraduate Education you can be confident that you are directly supporting undergraduate students,” said Robert Allen, executive director of the Tulane Fund. “This fund ensures that current students receive the same distinct Tulane education as generations of Tulanians have before them. I’m so glad students like Alyssa will benefit from this fund.”

Cruse is currently applying for medical school and hopes to study ophthalmology.

“You just can’t put a number on the opportunities that Tulane has given me and the personal growth that I’ve achieved,” said Cruse. “I’m so grateful to be here.”

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