

## **Newcomb Scholars welcome most diverse class**

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The 2016 cohort of Newcomb Scholars is all smiles at their induction ceremony held last week at the Bea Field Alumni House on the uptown campus. (Photo by Jessica Bachmann)

Boasting the most diverse class since the inception of the program, the latest cohort of Newcomb Scholars includes women from as near as Metairie, Louisiana, to as far-reaching as Kamataka, India.

The four-year Newcomb Scholars program was founded in 2009 and is designed to present 20 undergraduate women with a unique opportunity to build scholarship and leadership skills among a diverse community. Alumnae of the program have gone on to graduate school in medicine and law, as well as sciences and the liberal arts.

This year's cohort has academic interests across a wide range of disciplines, from anthropology and art history, to neuroscience and political science. As Newcomb Scholars, these students will take one seminar course together each year, designed to prepare them for their senior year independent research projects. They also connect with the legacy of the historic women's college through research in the Newcomb Archives.

"The Newcomb Scholars Class of 2020 is an outstanding group of young women with diverse backgrounds and interests," said Jenny Irons, director of student leadership and engagement at Newcomb College Institute. "We are so excited to see what they will bring to NCI and what they will build with one another at Tulane."

"This is the greatest group of people I've met since I arrived at Tulane," said Margaret Munthali, a Newcomb Scholar majoring in English. "Everyone is so unique, and I'm grateful that we have this space to connect and grow with each other over the next four years."