

Lawsuit, protests paved way for first Black Tulane students

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Pearlie Hardin Elloie, left, and the late Barbara Guillory Thompson were the plaintiffs on the landmark case that desegregated Tulane. They are pictured here during a campus visit in 2013. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Black History Month is a great time to explore the culture and struggles of Black people living in America.

At Tulane University, Black history was made in 1963 when the first students of color fought for—and won—the right to integrate.

Learn more about the African American student experience at Tulane by reading [The Desegregation of a University](#). Then, delve into a world of resources available on the

uptown campus including the Howard-Tilton Memorial Library and the Amistad Research Center.

The article on Tulane's desegregation was originally printed in the Fall 2013 issue of *Tulane* magazine to mark the 50th anniversary of the event. The author, Alicia Jasmin, currently serves as Director of Marketing and Communications for the [Tulane School of Professional Advancement](#).

Full text [here](#).

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

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BARBARA MARIE GUILLORY and PEARLIE HARDIN ELLOIE

Plaintiffs

versus

THE ADMINISTRATORS OF THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF
LOUISIANA, and HERBERT E. LONGENECKER, PRESIDENT
OF TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA, and THE
ADMINISTRATORS OF THE TULANE EDUCATIONAL FUND

Defendants

NO. 11484-B

CIVIL ACTION