

## Phi Theta Kappa recognizes Tulane SoPA for exemplary transfer pathways

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The Tulane School of Professional Advancement was named among 228 colleges and universities to the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) its 2024 Transfer Honor Roll in recognition of the dynamic pathways they have created to support transfer students.

The Transfer Honor Roll is determined by 40 key metrics related to the support and success of transfer students, including college cost and financial aid, campus life for transfer, admission practices, and bachelor's degree completion. The Transfer Honor

Roll was based on analysis from the National Student Clearinghouse, and on data submitted through the four-year institution's profile on PTK Connect, Phi Theta Kappa's online tool designed to help students find their best-fit colleges and career pathways.

"Our school is the ideal destination for Phi Theta Kappa members because we offer a unique supportive community, PTK exclusive financial aid, and tailored academic resources," says Sheila Gold, assistant dean of admissions at Tulane SoPA. "SoPA offers a PTK scholarship in addition to a 20% tuition discount on all bachelor's and master's degrees. The graduate degree discount sets us apart as one of few institutions to provide PTK scholars with an affordable pathway to an advanced degree."

Colleges completing the PTK Connect profile are given a Transfer Friendliness Rating. The Honor Roll is chosen from among the top 25 percent highest-rated colleges. The Transfer Honor Roll recognizes the importance of creating strong transfer pathways that lead to excellence and success among community college transfer students, and this year's winners had exceptional outcomes, and several of these included:

- Average percent of transfer in undergraduate population – 37%
- Average bachelor's degree completion rate among transfers – 77%
- Average credit transferred toward a degree major and/or plan – 82%
- Average percent of transfer students receiving merit-based financial aid – 67%

"The goal of most students attending community college is earning a bachelor's degree, but few do because of financial barriers and the complexity of the transfer process," says Dr. Lynn Tincher Ladner, President and CEO of Phi Theta Kappa. "We are proud to recognize the exceptional colleges and universities that go above and beyond to create accessible pathways to bachelor's degree completion for community college transfer students."