

*Center for Public Service*

New Orleans, May 19, 2015

Dear STARS Review Committee Members,

It is my pleasure to support Tulane University in submitting the STARS application.

The Center for Public Service (CPS) plays an integral part in the life of our University. Since 2006, CPS has been promoting and supporting all community-engaged activities involving our students, faculty, and staff with the support and guidance from our community partners.

After Katrina, Tulane introduced a curricular requirement for all students to complete two distinct public service courses during their time of studies. This intense two-tiered public service requirement has been widely recognized as an innovation in the field of university public engagement. To date, Tulane is the only major research university with such an intense and expanded public service requirement.

Every day, we see our constituencies working together on addressing issues of poverty, sustainability, education, preservation, health, food access, and many others. This work and dedication changes campus culture and the approach to community, especially in New Orleans.

We are proud to receive many awards and recognition for the Tulane's public service requirement, administered by the Center for Public Service, which included:

- Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification, 2015
- U.S. News and World Report Best College Ranking for Service-Learning, 2010- 2013
- President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction, 2012 & 2014
- President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for Excellence in General Community Service Finalist, 2011
- President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, 2010
- President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction, 2007-2009
- The Washington Center's 2012 Higher Education Civic Engagement Award

Thank you for considering our application and please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director