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Tulane University’s Latest Class of Newcomb Scholars Includes Three Women from Scottsdale

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Over 1,500 miles from home, three young women from Scottsdale, Arizona are part of the newest class of Newcomb Scholars, a select cohort of twenty undergraduate women in their first year at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Stephanie Chen, graduate of Xavier College Preparatory, Kate Grover, graduate of Notre Dame Preparatory, and Natalie Hare, graduate of North Canyon High School, were chosen to be part of this unique group from among almost one thousand freshman women.

Tulane’s Newcomb College Institute selects twenty students each year from a variety of majors as Newcomb Scholars. This elite cohort of women students takes one interdisciplinary course together each year cultivating their leadership skills and developing their intellectual capacities. Each scholar pursues her own research project during her senior year, and as part of the application process, the students shared their potential research initiatives. Chen hopes to investigate the intersections between public health and anthropology, Grover is interested in aspects of popular culture and their impact on life in the United States, and Hare intends to explore education in rural and poverty-stricken areas, particularly how education can further development in developing countries.

Charlotte Maheu is the Associate Director of the Newcomb College Institute, and heads the Newcomb Scholars Program. She notes, “Although all from the Scottsdale area, these impressive first-year women were selected for the program because they each bring a unique perspective and set of experiences to this community of intellectually curious and hard working Tulane students. Their research agendas vary, yet they are all interested in improving the lives of others.”

The young women were drawn from to Tulane University and to New Orleans for a variety of reasons. Stephanie Chen wants to be an integral part of the rebuilding of her new city, and she knows that the opportunity to learn leadership skills among a select group of women will help her do that. “When I look around at the current social climate, it seems ridiculous that we still don’t have women represented equally in a lot of public venues: in politics, business, research. It’s going to be really exciting to experience and contribute to New Orleans’ renaissance in the next few years with the Newcomb scholars, our advisers, and the rest of Tulane.”

About Newcomb College Institute:
The Newcomb College Institute’s mission is to educate undergraduate women for leadership in the 21st century. Under the leadership of Executive Director Sally Kenney, we support women students’ research initiatives, advocate for a gender-integrated curriculum, develop community engaged service-learning courses, promote student organizations for women, and bring women leaders to campus. NCI carries on the legacy of Newcomb College
by offering a women-centered educational experience in a co-educational institution. Newcomb College Alumnae are invited to participate in their Alumnae Association through a variety of events and volunteer opportunities. To learn more about NCI and their contributions to Tulane and the community, visit tulane.edu/newcomb.

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