Founded as the Medical College of Louisiana, Tulane University School of Medicine is the second oldest medical school in the Deep South and the 15th oldest US medical school. The School recruits top faculty, researchers and students from around the world, and pushes the boundaries of medicine with groundbreaking research and surgical advances. Two Nobel Laureates did their seminal work while at Tulane, and we count Dr. Michael DeBakey among our distinguished alumni. Looking to the future, we are actively engaged in a school-wide strategic planning process to outline a coherent vision with an actionable and sustainable plan to differentiate our School over the next five to seven years.

HIGHLIGHTS: EDUCATION

• For the Class of 2017, 10,134 applications were considered for 197 seats, demonstrating that one in three US medical school candidates applied to the School.

• The MD/MPH combined degree program is the largest such program in the US, with over 150 students currently enrolled and over 900 graduates since its inception in 1971. The School of Medicine and School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine cosponsor this program, which serves as a model for combined degree programs nationwide.

• The School incorporates proven approaches to educating future physician leaders including the Tulane Center for Advanced Medical Simulation and Team Training; DeBakey Educational Center; Team Based Learning (TBL); and Just-in-Time Teaching (JITT). The School is one of five national TeamSTEPPS Training Centers. The Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine and the Teaching Kitchen provide students with an educational foundation in nutrition instruction to enhance the quality of patient counseling, care, and management of diet-related and chronic diseases.

• Committed to Louisiana and regional healthcare needs, the School has a satellite campus in Baton Rouge, through a strategic partnership with Baton Rouge General Medical Center, that provides a valuable resource for training doctors in Louisiana.

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“Our school is one of the most distinctive in the country. Building on our rich history and location, we are one of the most attractive schools for talented faculty and high caliber students and residents. We are committed to excellence in research innovation and discovery, nationally-recognized education initiatives, and outstanding patient care.”
• The School is collaborating with Eli Lilly to provide medical students with rotation experiences addressing aspects of the pharmaceutical company’s business from drug discovery and development to bioethics and patient safety.

• Thirty-five ACGME-accredited residency and fellowship programs provide training for 480 residents and fellows each year. Eighty-six of the 126 US AAMC-certified medical schools are represented within our residencies and fellowships. Our trainees exceed the national mean in resident quality score, USMLE scores, class rank and research publications.

HIGHLIGHTS: RESEARCH

• Among the strengths of the Tulane research enterprise are several collaborative efforts housed in the recently renovated J. Bennett Johnston Health and Environmental Research Building which fosters interdisciplinary and translational research among faculty in the School of Medicine, School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine, and School of Science and Engineering.

• The Tulane National Primate Research Center (TNPRC) is one of eight NIH-supported National Primate Research Centers in the US and the only one with a Regional Biosafety Laboratory. The TNPRC fosters collaborative science with investigators having academic appointments primarily in the School of Medicine, but also in the School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine and the School of Science and Engineering.

• The Tulane Cancer Center relocated to the state-of-the-art Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium building which houses scientists from Tulane, Louisiana State University, Xavier University, and Ochsner Health System.

• The DeBakey Scholars program offers medical students the opportunity to engage in a longitudinal, structured, mentored research experience.

HIGHLIGHTS: PATIENT CARE

• The School’s faculty and trainees provide the highest quality care at three hospital systems: Tulane Medical Center, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans. Maternal and pediatric services are provided at Tulane-Lakeside Hospital. In addition to our hospitals, we have expanded to outpatient locations in the region.

• We have implemented cutting-edge software to capture patient quality data and set the stage for faculty practice plan partnerships with insurers on improved care over the continuum of health management.

• The School collaborates with Access Health, a multisite Federally Qualified Health Center, providing medical homes for underserved patients. Based on our demonstrated commitment to community service and partnerships, the School received the prestigious Spencer Foreman Award for Outstanding Community Service in 2010 from the AAMC.

• Among our prominent programs, Sports Medicine is one of three sites in the country to receive an NFLPA Trust grant to provide diagnostic and supportive care to former professional athletes and their families.