Lepage Center announces 2020-21 Student Fellows

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The Albert Lepage Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Tulane University's A. B. Freeman School of Business has announced its 2020-21 Lepage Student Fellows.

Student fellows support the Lepage Center by assisting Tulane student entrepreneurs during virtual spark hours, conducting entrepreneurship research, writing blog posts about innovation at Tulane and working with the Lepage Center's community partners on various projects. This accomplished cohort of six undergraduate and graduate students was selected from a highly competitive pool of more than 30 applicants.

"We're glad to welcome our new student fellows for this year," said Rob Lalka, executive director of the Lepage Center. "They bring a variety of professional and

life experiences to contribute to our work — from serving in the Peace Corps, to starting and selling a business, to working with a startup accelerator in New Zealand — which will enhance their fellowship experience together. But most important of all, they all share one thing in common: a commitment to supporting entrepreneurship at Tulane and in the greater New Orleans region. We are excited to have them on our team this year."

Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, the 2020-21 student fellows will primarily complete their work virtually. The 2020-21 Lepage Student Fellows are:

- Jillian Blanski (MBA '21)
- Chris Flowers (MBA '21)
- Neera Kennedy (BSM '23)
- Joey Noguera-Zuniga (BSM '22)
- Amy Wu (BSM '22)
- Matthew Yam (BSM '23)

"Lepage Student Fellows play a vital role in supporting entrepreneurship at Tulane and throughout the community," said Ira Solomon, dean of the Freeman School. "While they may be working a little differently this year due to COVID-19, I have no doubt these outstanding and dedicated students will make a meaningful impact."

The Albert Lepage Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Tulane University's A. B. Freeman School of Business brings together scholars, inventors, investors and students to solve problems and build businesses. Their programs provide direct support for Tulanians, New Orleanians and communities across the Gulf South.