**2010 Melton Orientation**

Since1869, Dillard University has been committed to providing students with a quality four-year liberal arts education. Dillard is a fully accredited private, historically black university. In 2010, U.S. News & World Report ranked Dillard among the nation's Top 10 HBCUs, based on comprehensive undergraduate studies. Dillard also was awarded a Top 10 Ranking in 2010 for liberal arts schools in the social mobility category by Washington Monthly.

The cornerstone of New Orleans's Gentilly Community, the university sits on a beautiful and serene 55-acre campus, replete with signature live oak trees and a mixture of historic buildings and modern facilities.

Dillard students go on to some of the best graduate schools in the world. Dillard currently has alumni studying at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Johns Hopkins and the London School of Economics, among others. Dillard University is also the only university in the United States that is a partner in the Melton Foundation. Dillard students who become Melton Fellows participate

in intercultural training, leadership development, and global education through symposia, travel, online activities, project grants, and social service. Host countries include China, Chile, Germany, India and the United States.

**Dillard Highlights:**

- In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Dillard completely restored and refurbished 32 campus buildings and three off-campus residential complexes, and built two new LEED®* registered (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) buildings: the Professional Schools and Sciences Building, and the Student Union and Health & Wellness Center.
- In 2010, Dillard entered a partnership with the New Orleans Recovery School District for a new teacher education program that may revolutionize teacher education in New Orleans and, perhaps, serve as a model for programs across the country.
- Dillard's physics program has acquired a $1.8 million pulse laser system that allows students to perform graduate level research.
- Dillard’s highly acclaimed nursing program was the first of its kind in Louisiana.
- Dillard offers 22 academic majors across seven departments and schools.
- Dillard’s student-faculty ratio is 11 to one.
- Dillard University boasts one of the few Student Success divisions in the nation, a model that focuses on recruitment, retention and support of undergraduates.

Graduates of Dillard represent a wide range of highly successful global leaders in fields ranging from medicine and law, to higher education and international business, to arts and entertainment. Here are just a few of our notable alumni:

**Karen Drake, M.D., ’79**
*Perinatologist*
Iowa Methodist Medical Center

**Lisa Frazier-Page, ’84**
*Staff Writer*
The Washington Post
*Co-Author*
The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream

**Glenda Goodly-McNeal, ’82**
*Senior Vice President*
Global Partnerships, American Express Corporation

**Michael Jones, Esq., ’82**
*Attorney/Partner*
Kirkland & Ellis, LLP

**Warren Jones, M.D., ’71**
*Distinguished Professor of Health Policy/Executive Director*
Mississippi Institute for Geographic Minority Health, University of Mississippi Medical Center

**Ellis M. Marsalis, Jr., ’55**
*Jazz Pianist*

**Frank Mason, ’71**
*Owner*
Franglo, LTD (McDonald’s Franchise Owner)

**Garrett Morris, ’58**
*Actor/Comedian*

**Revius Ortique, Jr., Esq., ’47**
*Louisiana Supreme Court Justice (Deceased)*

**Brenda Marie Osbey, ’78**
*Poet Laureate for Louisiana*

**Joyce M. Roche, ’70**
*Former CEO and President*
Girls, Inc.

**John Ruffin, ’65**
*Director*
National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities

**Ruth Simmons, Ph.D., ’67**
*President Brown University*

**Dwayne Thomas, M.D., M.M.M.,’80**
*Associate Dean for Health Quality and Patient Safety*
LSU Health Sciences Center

**(LEED is a trademark owned by the U.S. Green Building Council.)*