A gathering of some of the most influential women in Lousiana was held at Dillard University on Tuesday, Nov. 27 in the Professional Schools Building. The 4th Annual Louisiana Women's Conference presented by the Louisiana Diversity Council focused on "Finding Health, Wealth and Balance". Aimed at providing opportunities for discussion on how women can reach the highest points of success in their personal and professional lives, the conference "hoped to provide more skills that are essential to achievement", according to CEO & Founder, Dennis Kennedy.

After an opening session, an awards ceremony was held honoring the 2012 Most Powerful and Influencial Women including State Senator Karen Carter Peterson, Delgado Community College Chancellor Deborah R. Lea, Loyola University Dean Maria Pabon Lopez and many more distinguished guests.

Following a morning networking opportunity, attendees broke out into several specified sessions coverning topics such as work-life balance in the 21st century and entrepreneurship.

The highlight of the event was the keynote address by acclaimed author, Georgetown professor and political strategist, Donna Brazile. A New Orleans native, Brazile shared many fascinating stories about growing up in Louisiana. However, her focus of the address was on the need for cilivity and diversity especially in politics. Brazile, who was very active in the 2012 Presidential race, cited examples of partisan politics, bickering and grandstanding.

Several more breakout sessions were held after the keynote address, with participants sharing information on managing career risks and sacrifices as well as the importance of good health and fitness in order to succeed.