October 25th kick started the Tulane Presidential Speaker Series with Justice Sonia Sotomayor of the Supreme Court of the United States as the inaugural speaker. The event took place at McAlister Auditorium which was bursting with excited and anxious students, faculty and staff members to just get a glimpse of this legendary personality. Justice Sotomayor was born in Bronx, New York, on June 25, 1954. She earned a B.A. in 1976 from Princeton University, graduating summa cum laude and receiving the university’s highest academic honor. In 1979, she earned a J.D. from Yale Law School, where she served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal. Justice Sotomayor’s vast knowledge and experience at the highest levels of government, her long list of accomplishments, her brilliant legal mind, her commitment to justice and her genuine warmth and authenticity will resonate with the Tulane community for years to come. It was an honor to get an opportunity to meet with Justice Sotomayor along with a few other students and actively participate in a question and answer round with her personally.
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**MONSTERS & MAYHEM**

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**KREWE OF BOO PARADE 2019**

*By Natalija Jovanovic*

On Saturday, October 19th the Krewe of Boo Parade officially kicked off Halloween season. Since it was announced as the best of all Parades New Orleans has to offer, besides of Mardi Gras of course, expectations as well as anticipation were sky high. We got the chance to experience New Orleans official Halloween Parade. And the reputation that precedes the Parade is totally justified. It was a wonderful experience to enjoy all the colorful and scary floats along with the dancers in their fancy costumes as well as the essential brass brands.
Have you ever heard a city which celebrates a sandwich? New Orleans does. The Po-Boy Festival is one of the food festivals of New Orleans. You must try these delicious sandwich creations. If you could not make it this year, don’t miss out next year. I tried the Sexy Veggie Po-Boy, and it was simply delicious; I strongly recommend it if you like veggie food. Can you imagine a festival in New Orleans without music? Not a chance! grab your sandwiches and stroll around with live music all day long. If you plan to go to this event, you should skip your breakfast, because of the vast variety of mouthwatering options. You can’t see anyone who doesn’t have a sandwich in their hand! The prices are reasonable because they know that people are only coming to eat and want to try as many different po-boys as possible. Is there only food in this festival? No, you can also visit vintage bookstores, jewelry and art shops, clothing boutiques under the charm of Oak Street. There is literally something for everyone. So much fun!
Are you a multicultural foodie on a budget? Is one of your constant wails - so many food destinations, so little time? Say goodbye to all that pain and suffering, a tour of the international markets in New Orleans will get rid of your grief! One of the afore mentioned experiences I had on October 20th as part of the JAUNT series organized by the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life. The lovely Xin from the LBC and the savvy Dr. Nicole Caridad Ralston, multicultural food influencer and founder of @eatenpathNOLA were our guides in chief for this mouth watering expedition. We visited first Hong Kong Market (Westbank/925 Behhrman Hwy), then the International Market Metairie/behind Vets on 3940 Barron St.) and Ideal Market (Metairie/Airline Hwy). On the bus drive to each stop, Dr. Ralston would give us a fascinating introduction on the history of the food culture of New Orleans. This priceless knowledge effectively prepared us to shop the myriad offerings at each market and taste the unknown with criteria. It was an unforgettable experience that I hope will happen again; I am not exaggerating when I can honestly say this was one of the best food tours I’ve ever had!

See below Dr. Ralstons’ recommendations to continue our education in food history in and around New Orleans.

Documentaries:
· Leah Chase: The Queen of Creole Cuisine
· Ella Brennan: Commanding the Table (Netflix)
· Rotten (Netflix)
· Street Food (Netflix)