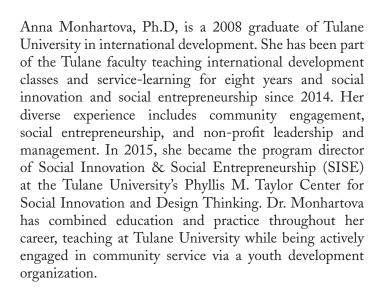
Louisiana Hero of Excellence:

Anna Monhartova, Ph.D.

A's & Aces - New Orleans



While still a doctoral student at Tulane in 2008, Dr. Monhartova was motivated to help post-Katrina New Orleans recover and began giving back to a community that had provided her with opportunity. She co-founded a sports-based youth development non-profit organization, A's & Aces, to address the lack of safe, enriching, outof-school-time activities for New Orleans underserved children. She has been a volunteer ever since, while also guiding the organization as president of the board of directors and teaching full-time at Tulane University. Her social entrepreneurial and non-profit experience with A's & Aces includes guiding the organization since its foundation, being responsible for the overall strategic planning, financial management, monitoring, evaluating, fundraising and grant-writing (contributed to raising over \$1,500,000 in cash and over \$1,000,000 of in-kind resources since 2008). In 2013 the organization was selected by the United States Tennis Association as a National Junior



Tennis & Learning Chapter of the Year (out of 600 plus organizations nationally)

Dr. Monhartova has received numerous awards for her community work, which are:

- Recognition for Community Service and Non-Profit Work
- Millennial Award (2015), Social Entrepreneurship, the Spears Group
- New Orleans Saints Community Quarterback Award (2013)
- St. Elizabeth Guild Volunteer Activist Award (2013)
- Gambit's 40 Under 40 Award (2013)
- City Business Women of the Year Honoree (2011)
- USTA Louisiana Charles Turner Volunteer Service Award (2010)
- Angel Award for volunteer service from the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Louisiana (2010)
- Tulane T. Sykes Award for the Talented (2010)
- City Council Proclamation (2009)
- USTA Southern Section Educational Merit Award (2008)
- USTA Louisiana Educational Merit Award (2008, 2010)
- Torch Award from Tulane Athletics (2008)
- Clinton Global Initiative University, Outstanding Commitment Award (2008)