

Tania Tetlow to be first woman president of Fordham University

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Tania Tetlow has been unanimously elected the next president of Fordham University. Tetlow will be the first woman and the first layperson to lead the 181-year-old Jesuit institution. She replaces Joseph McShane, who announced his intention to step down from nearly two decades of leadership last fall.

Tetlow joins Fordham from Loyola University New Orleans, where she was also the first woman and layperson to serve as president. She is credited with increasing both enrollment and student retention at Loyola during her four-year tenure.

Prior to her time at Loyola, Tetlow, a graduate of Harvard Law School, taught law at Tulane University. There, she was also the school's senior vice president and director of Tulane's domestic violence law clinic. Her legal research helped change the way the Department of Justice regulates police departments.

In a letter announcing Tetlow's election, Robert Daleo, chair of Fordham's board of trustees, called it a historic moment for the university.

“I know you all join me in giving Tania Tetlow a warm welcome to Fordham. We look forward to working with her in the years to come in furthering Fordham’s distinctly Jesuit mission in the greatest city of the world.”