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Openings

The Urban League's Women's Business Resource Center has opened its Five Star Learning Academy at 4441 Old Gentilly Road.

Maurice's, a clothing store for young women, will open in November at Elmwood Shopping Center, 1200 South Clearview Parkway.

Salú Small Plates and Wine Bar has opened at 3226 Magazine St.

Stirling Properties has announced that Academy Sports and Outdoors will open at Hammond Square Shopping Center in Summer 2011.

Business notables

The Experitas Group has launched an insurance agency and consulting firm headquartered at 109 New Camellia Blvd., Covington. The group also has offices in New Orleans, Slidell, Baton Rouge and Jackson, Miss.

Christwood Retirement Community held a groundbreaking ceremony Aug. 31 for its Atrium Apartments at 100 Christwood Blvd., Covington.

Miscellaneous

The Tulane University School of Architecture has launched a new master's degree program in

sustainable real estate development.

First Book-Greater New Orleans is accepting applications for its fall 2010 book grant cycle. Grant applications are due Sept. 24 by 5 p.m. For more information or to download a copy of the grant application, visit www.firstbook.org/nola or e-mail neworleans_la@firstbook.org.

The East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its Athena Award which will honor an individual who has achieved business or professional excellence, has served the community and has assisted women in reaching their full leadership potential. Nominations are due by Sept. 20, and the winner will be honored at an Oct. 13 luncheon. To download an application, visit www.estchamber.com.

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