Netscape co-founder, Saints hero, Grammy winner, healthcare advocate to be honored at Tulane commencement

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Netscape co-founder James H. Clark, Saints hero and ALS activist Steve Gleason, Grammy-winning singer Irma Thomas and Dr. Paul E. Farmer, who has dedicated his life to improving health care for the world’s poorest populations, will receive honorary degrees at Tulane University’s 2018 Commencement. The ceremony will take place at 9 a.m., May 19 in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

“Each of these individuals reflect the best of humanity through their achievements, their triumphs over adversity and their service to others,” Tulane President Mike Fitts said.

Steve Gleason, who earned an MBA from Tulane in 2011, played eight seasons in the NFL, but his
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James H. Clark is a computer scientist and former Tulane student who co-founded Netscape, one of the internet’s first browsers, and two other innovative companies, that have changed the way society interacts with technology. These include Healtheon, an online medical records technology that merged with WebMD, now one of the world’s leaders in online health information. In addition, Clark is co-founder of Silicon Graphics Inc., one of the nation’s leading options for Hollywood visual effects and 3-D images. Clark will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters from Tulane.

Dr. Paul E. Farmer is a medical anthropologist and physician who has dedicated his life to improving health care for the world’s poorest populations. He is a founding director of Partners In Health (PIH), an international nonprofit organization that provides direct healthcare services on behalf of the sick and impoverished. Farmer is chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School and has written numerous books on health, human rights and the consequences of social inequality. Farmer will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Tulane.

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