

Catch a ride to Carnival courtesy of Tulane

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For the third consecutive year, University Services and Student Affairs at Tulane University are partnering to offer a shuttle service to Mardi Gras parades Feb. 23-26. Any student, faculty, or staff member with a Splash Card can ride the shuttles, along with three guests per person.

All shuttles except for the Saturday shuttle will pick up in front of Bruff Commons Dining Hall and drop off at Valence and St. Charles—just a few blocks before the start of the Uptown parade routes. The Saturday shuttle for Endymion will begin at Bruff Commons and end at South Carrollton between Palmyra Street and Cleveland Avenue.

All shuttles will run on a continuous loop during the times specified on the parade schedules. More details can be found [here](#). In addition to the requirement of showing your Splash Card, the Tulane community is reminded that food and drink (unless in covered containers and non-alcoholic) are prohibited on the bus.

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Katherine Simon, University Services coordinator, said the special shuttle program is utilized and appreciated by the entire Tulane community. Organizers “saw a need for safe, convenient transportation to and from Mardi Gras parade routes that would allow the Tulane community to enjoy the Mardi Gras season.” The shuttle service was the solution.

Brian Lowe, director of transportation at Tulane, said the transportation staff is excited for the parade shuttle program. “The drivers play jazz and wear beads on the bus. They have a good time doing it and they want everyone else to enjoy the ride as well.”

Parades rolling on the days shuttles are provided include Babylon, Chaos, Muses, Hermes, d’Etat, Morpheus, Endymion, Thoth and Bacchus.

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