Tulane University’s Wave’20-at-Home featured several events and activities for Homecoming, Reunion and Family Week last week. Virtual events included an opening celebration with the introduction of the Homecoming court, the annual Lighting of McAlister, cooking demonstrations and reunion webinars. This year’s Tipping Point concert, an annual fundraising concert that supports student scholarships, was livestreamed and featured a line-up of top local acts and guest appearances.

While virtual events took place throughout the week, there were in-person activities and festivities, such as homecoming-themed giveaways and window decorating across campus.

On Friday, the Green Wave took on the nationally ranked Southern Methodist University Mustangs in Yulman Stadium. Fans had the option of virtually tailgating ahead of the matchup, and a limited number of fans attended the game while socially distanced. The Green Wave fought valiantly, losing by three points in overtime, 37-34, that also featured performances by the Tulane University Marching Band (TUMB), the Tulane Cheerleading squad, the Shockwave Dance Team and the Tulane Color Guard.
Members of the Tulane University Middle Eastern Union Club carry on the tradition of window painting for Homecoming in the LBC. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Outside the LBC, members of Tidal Wave (left), the student group that organizes Homecoming events for their fellow classmates, distribute free picnic blankets and pastries. Commemorative
The new WAVE OF CHANGE football jerseys debuted during the nationally televised game against SMU. The special wording represents the Green Wave's player-focused group that is committed to bringing awareness to injustices and inequalities facing society. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
Despite being socially distanced, the Tulane University Marching Band (TUMB) played a tight music set for an appreciative crowd. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Tulane senior Didi Ikeji (left) is crowned Homecoming Royalty as court members Trey Sartor (center), and Reagan Orloff (right) cheer at the announcement. (Photo by Sally Asher)
The 2020 Homecoming court: (left to right) Didi Ikeji, Reagan Orloff, Trey Sartor, Aaliyah Butler, Amy Sethna, Ingeborg Hyde, Tyler Welch and Trejon Shelton enjoy a celebratory apple juice toast. (Photo by Sally Asher)

The Shock Wave Dance Team (top), and the Tulane University Cheerleaders (bottom) perform in the student section at Yulman Stadium. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
TUMU trumpet player Richard Shao gets into the groove during the game. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

As the sun sets over New Orleans, the Tulane Color Guard flags blow in the breeze on the upper rows of Yulman Stadium. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)