

## Does your mortarboard measure up?

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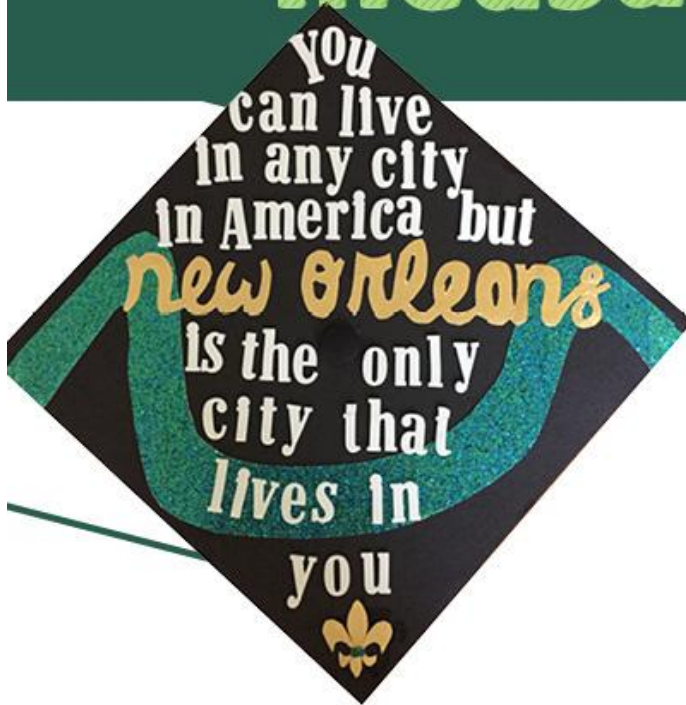
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Members of the Class of 2017 used a wide variety of materials — ranging from battery-powered lights to multicolored quinoa — to transform their plain mortarboards into memorable keepsakes. To see their handiwork, check out the nine boards in the infographic below, designed by Tulane University graphic designer Kim Rainey, for a preview of some of the unique designs that will be on display during the [Tulane University Unified Commencement Ceremony](#).



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**AMANDA WHITMAN, A. B. FREEMAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**  
"Leaving New Orleans after graduation will be hard, but this quote perfectly captures the impact it will continue to have on my life. I'll take pieces of Tulane and New Orleans with me wherever I go!"



**MATT NELSON-ABELL, A. B. FREEMAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**  
"For my mortarboard, I decided to make a Tulane Wave out of felt. I included interlocked rings to recognize my wife Leslie, whose generosity, patience and joy have been instrumental over these past three years."



**JORDAN FIGUEROA, SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS**  
"My best friend decided to surprise me and decorate my

