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Transcript:

Bill Gates names a Tulane student as one of his inspirational heroes...and a Tulane professor's big grant earns national headlines. Welcome to 2018 and to this edition of Tulane News in Review.

School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine student and Nigerian doctor Adaora Okoli survived Ebola and is now studying how to prevent future epidemics.

Bill Gates featured Adaora's story on his [website](#) and also in the latest issue of [TIME magazine](#), which he edited.

[Fox News](#) featured an op-ed by Tulane President Mike Fitts, in which he urged parents to talk to their college students about drinking. Fitts was also quoted in a [Politico](#) story about higher ed.

Computer scientist Michael Mislove received a \$3.7 million military grant to help develop computer technology, a story picked up by the [Associated Press](#) and [U.S. News & World Report](#).

Feeling lucky? [Fortune](#) listed the many things that are more likely to happen than winning the massive Powerball jackpot. Among research the magazine cited - geoscientist Stephen A. Nelson's finding that you have a 1 in 1.6 million chance of dying from a local meteorite, asteroid or comet impact. Your chances of winning last Wednesday's Powerball drawing? One in 292.2 million.

The [New York Daily News](#) quoted Catherine Burnette of the School of Social Work for a story about ending sexual assault and harassment.

[Marketwatch](#) cited economist Patrick Button's research in a story about how to battle age discrimination when applying for a job.

And [The Undefeated](#) listed two-time national book award winner and Tulane associate professor Jesmyn Ward as one of the black women who owned 2017.

That's all for Tulane News in Review. Stay tuned for more and happy new year!