

## **Ellen honors life of alumnus, and other Tulane news**

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Transcript:

As we celebrate the graduating class of 2018, some Tulane alumni are making national headlines. That's part of Tulane News in Review.

[Ellen](#) paid tribute to Brian McKenna, a Tulane graduate who recently passed away. Brian's story of strength and his friendship with fellow Tulane alumnus Jackson Smith inspired people around the world, including Saints quarterback Drew Brees.

[NPR](#) talked to Tulane graduate Elizabeth Chamberlain about her research on the disappearing Louisiana coastline.

NPR affiliates around the country aired the story.

[Science](#) magazine talked to the Department of Classical Studies' Dennis Kehoe about lead pollution from the Roman Empire found preserved in Greenland's ice cap.

Political scientist Mirya Holman spoke with [Al Jazeera](#) about the power given to American sheriffs.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) quoted sociologist David Smilde in a story about Mexico's presidential election.

The [L.A. Times](#) also honored the 2018 Herb Alpert Award winners, including Tulane assistant professor of music Courtney Bryan.

Geoscientist Stephen A. Nelson talked to [FOX News](#) about the Kilauea volcano in Hawaii. The story was picked up by [MSN](#).

The [Washington Post](#) profiled Tulane President Emeritus Scott Cowen's new book about fixing higher education.

[The Post](#) also quoted political scientist Ashley Brown Burns in a story about how black women are leading Louisiana's three largest cities.

And this will have your mouth watering. [Food Network](#) highlighted some of the best pizza places around the country. Pizza Delicious, the New Orleans restaurant started by two Tulane grads, made the list.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018. Roll Wave!