

'Tulane 34' awards recognize 34 outstanding graduates

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Tulane 34 Award recipients from the Class of 2020 received a stole in honor of the university-wide recognition. (Photo provided by the Office of Student Affairs)

Tulane University Office of Student Affairs recently bestowed the prestigious “Tulane 34” awards on 34 members of the Class of 2020.

Named for the year 1834, when the university was founded, Tulane 34 is among the most coveted university-wide honors that a graduate can receive.

Every year, the Tulane 34 Award is presented to 34 graduates who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate life at Tulane. Students can come from any school at Tulane and are recognized for their exemplary leadership, service and academic excellence.

This year's award ceremony, held via Zoom, included a welcome from President Michael Fitts, who noted the difficult circumstances under which the Class of 2020 finished their educations.

"You have handled this transition magnificently," he said. "I've been so proud of how Tulane University has responded; it's a reflection of the resilience, the character and the dedication of the entire community."

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Robin Forman announced this year's recipients, who include:

Lauren Marie Andress

Hunter L. Bohlen

Tessa Marie Curry

Zoe Diaz-Martin

Eva Dils

Lauren Gaines

Kendall Madison Gardner

Kansas Guidry

Musa Guillerman

Molly Gummersheimer

Ryan Herrschaft

Olivia Rose Johnson

Zachary Kanzler

Hannah Lafrance

Michael Joseph Lauth

Jackson Taylor Levine

Lilian Maldonado-Garcia

Julianna Martel

Abi Mbaye (also received the Tulane 34 Award when she graduated with the Class of 2019)

Olivia Mertensmeyer

Dyllan Muller

Rebekah Oviatt

Ashton Pallitto

Shalini Persaud

Jenna Raden

Emma Lillian Rogers

Gabriella St. Angela

Lucy Satzewich

Michael Stephen Sepsich Jr.

Isabella Me'l Smith

Joseph Sotile

John Woodard

Juharah Worku

Stephanie Yaxin Zhao