

Tulane grads host 'watch parties' to view the virtual Unified Commencement Ceremony

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Many Tulane graduates hosted watch parties to view the Unified Commencement Ceremony, which was held virtually this year. The livestream took place on Saturday, May 22. Members of the Class of 2021 broke out their caps and gowns, along with decorations and party favors to mark the momentous event. [Read more about the virtual ceremony here.](#)













Madyson Barbain (right) celebrates the virtual Commencement at home in New Orleans with family including (from left) her mother, Nicole Martin, her uncle, Mike Burns, and her sister, Cade Alphonse. Photo by Matthew Hinton.

Barbain poses for the camera as Martin (left) and Barbain's aunt, Thea Perrin, look on. Photo by Matthew Hinton.

Barbain hugs her brother, Cole Alphonse, as President Fitts suggests in his Commencement address: "Please turn and hug your loved ones in real time." Photo by Matthew Hinton.

At the New Orleans apartment of graduates Eli Perlmutter, Adam Morris (back, yellow shirt), Tyler Welch (middle), Jared Imber and Hayes Barton, family and friends gather to celebrate the virtual Commencement. The students are dancing to the performance of the band Galactic. Photo by Kathy Anderson.

Roommates and graduates (from left) Hayes Barton, Tyler Welch, Eli Perlmutter, Jared Imber and Adam Morris pause for a group photo. Photo by Kathy Anderson. The five graduates give their mortarboards a toss after the ceremony. Photo by Kathy Anderson.

Tulane graduate Layla Babahaji (with umbrella) celebrates graduation with her parents (from left), Davoud and Nadia, and her younger sister, Soraya, during the virtual Commencement ceremony at an Airbnb in Treme. The family lives in Dallas.

Photo by Cheryl Gerber.

Layla Babahaji cuts a cake decorated in her honor. Photo by Cheryl Gerber.

Layla Babahaji and her family members watch the Unified Commencement Ceremony. In the fall, she will begin studies for a master's degree in public health at Tulane. Photo by Cheryl Gerber.