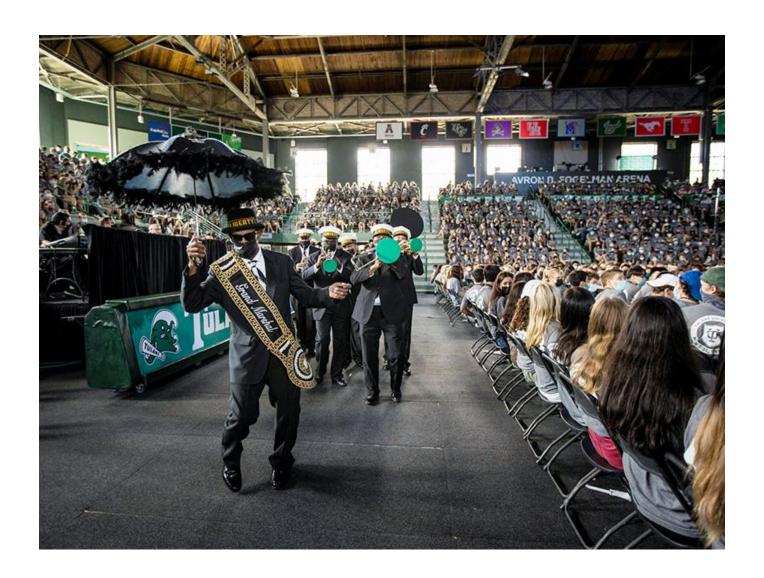
<u>President Fitts opens the 2021-22 academic year</u> with Convocation address

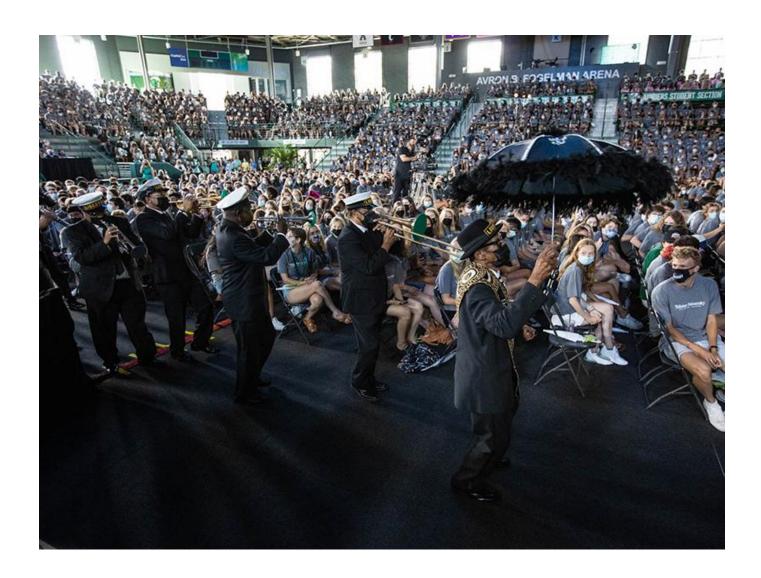
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Tulane University welcomed almost 2,000 first-year students on Aug. 19 at the 2021 President's Convocation for New Students, the first official event for the Class of 2025. The Convocation was held at Avron B. Fogelman Arena in the Devlin Fieldhouse.

















Second-line umbrellas await first-year students.

Gonfalon carriers enter Fogelman Arena at Devlin Fieldhouse.

The Original Liberty Brass Band enters Fogelman Arena at Devlin Fieldhouse playing "Just a Closer Walk with Thee."

The Original Liberty Brass Band parades past students. This year's Convocation address was delivered completely in person to the crowd of about 2,000 first-year students.

President Mike Fitts gives a fist bump to a new student.

In front of the platform party of deans and university administrators, President Fitts welcomes the students at their first official event of the academic year.

The energy was high in Fogelman Arena at Devlin Fieldhouse as first-year students prepared to start their academic journey at Tulane.

New students received Tulane T-shirts with the university motto to celebrate their new status as Tulanians.