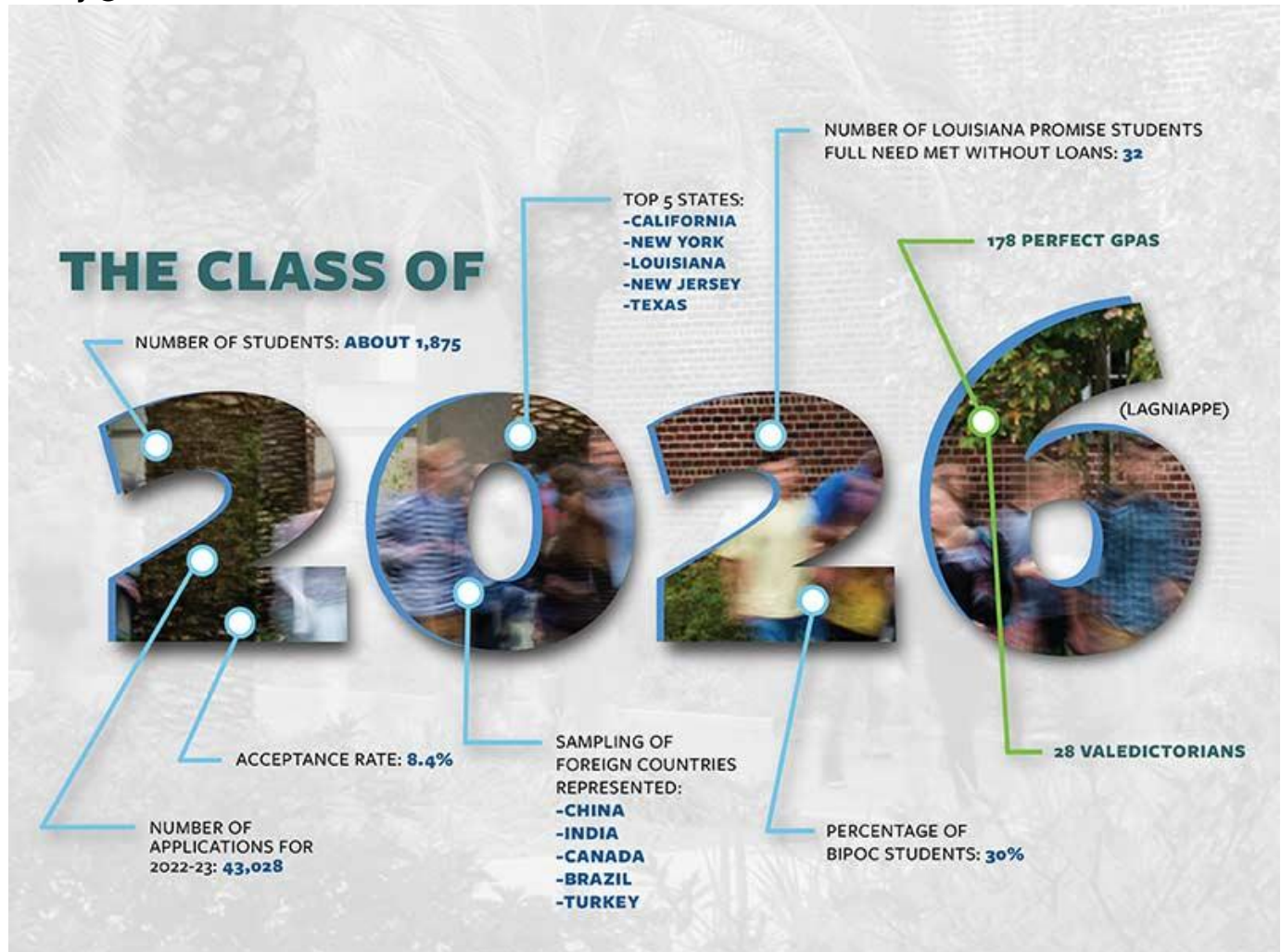


A Tulane welcome to the Class of 2026

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This week, the Class of 2026 arrives at Tulane, with plenty of hopes and dreams as they begin their first-year college experience. The incoming class once again sets a precedent for being the highest-achieving and most selective class in university history, as well as the most diverse class ever, with 30% identifying as students of color.

More than 30 students in this class will attend Tulane thanks to [Louisiana Promise](#), which meets the full financial need, with no loans, for students whose families make less than \$100,000.

And a little lagniappe to start the academic year: The class boasts 28 valedictorians, and the most common name is “Ella.” (For more information on the Class of 2026, click [here](#) and [here](#).)

Convocation for first-year students is Thursday, Aug. 18, and the academic year officially begins on Monday, Aug. 22.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026 and welcome to Tulane University!