

# Unified Commencement Ceremony is a tribute to 2023 graduates

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The culmination of the Class of 2023's academic achievements was celebrated at the Unified Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 20, in Yulman Stadium. The ceremony featured inspiring addresses, an appearance from Riptide, a fireworks display and all the excitement a Tulane Commencement is known for. Relive the highlights through photos by Cheryl Gerber and Tyler Kaufman.



























Elated graduates celebrate their Commencement as olive and blue streamers surround them. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Graduates process into the stadium carrying the ceremonial gonfalons. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

President Michael Fitts high-fives graduates as he heads to the stage. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Riptide dumps a cooler of confetti on Fitts following his speech to graduates. Fitts, donning a coach's cap and whistle, likened the grit, spirit and drive of the Class of 2023 to the Green Wave football team's magical season and Cotton Bowl victory. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Tony and Grammy Award winner Leslie Odom, Jr., who is best known for his breakout role as the original Aaron Burr in the hit musical 'Hamilton,' delivers the keynote address as graduates wave to the camera, appearing on a large screen behind him. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Da'Sean Spencer, a New Orleans native who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, addresses the Class of 2023 as a Commencement student speaker. (Photo by Tyler Kaufman)

Arianne D. Sacramento, who earned a Doctor of Medicine, a Master of Business Administration, a Master of Public Health, and was a recipient of the Tulane 34 Award, addresses graduates as a Commencement student speaker. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

The stands of Yulman Stadium are filled with family and friends, overlooking the graduates as they listen to addresses. (Photo by Tyler Kaufman)

(From left) Dr. Rosalind Picard, an inventor, engineer, scientist and pioneer in artificial intelligence, Quint Davis, producer of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, Leslie Odom, Jr., and President Michael Fitts pose for a photo. Picard, Davis and Odom were each bestowed with Commencement honors. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

With decorated umbrellas in hand, graduates process on to the field. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Excited graduates smile for the camera during the ceremony. (Photo by Tyler Kaufman)

A stellar fireworks display closes out the ceremony as graduates celebrate. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)