

## [Photo recap: Unified Commencement Ceremony honors Class of 2024](#)

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The Unified Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 18, in Yulman Stadium highlighted the Class of 2024's extensive academic achievements. The ceremony featured all the New Orleans-inspired flourishes that Tulane Commencements are known for: encouraging addresses, second lines, fireworks and more. Relive the highlights through photos by Cheryl Gerber and Tyler Kaufman.

























Graduates carrying the university's ceremonial gongfalons, which represent Tulane's schools and colleges, kick off the procession. (Photo by Tyler Kaufman)

With their decorated second-line umbrellas in hand, excited graduates celebrate at the ceremony. Students are given plain parasols at their Convocation and encouraged to adorn them with memorabilia throughout their time at Tulane. (Photo by Tyler Kaufman)

President Michael A. Fitts addresses the Class of 2024, commending them on their accomplishments and perseverance throughout their academic journeys. (Photo by Tyler Kaufman)

Jon Meacham, acclaimed presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, delivers the keynote address. (Photo by Tyler Kaufman)

Commencement student speaker Tamunoboma Dominion Fenny addresses graduates. Fenny earned her Juris Doctor degree from Tulane Law School and served as president of the Graduate and Professional Student Association. (Photo by Tyler Kaufman)

Leona Tate, civil rights activist and educator, waves from the stage after receiving an honorary degree and a standing ovation. Along with Tate, Dr. Victor Dzau,

globally recognized physician scientist, administrator and healthcare leader, and Jon Meacham were also given honorary degrees at the ceremony for their significant contributions to society. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Graduates from all nine schools filled the field at Yulman Stadium for the Commencement ceremony. (Photo by Tyler Kaufman)

Graduates share a sentimental moment at the ceremony. (Photo by Tyler Kaufman)

Graduates turn the tassels on their mortarboards, representing their shift from students to graduates. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Graduates cap off their Commencement by throwing their hats in the air. (Photo by Tyler Kaufman)

A fireworks display lights up the sky above Yulman Stadium to close out the ceremony. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)