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The Sophie B. Wright Charter School Band marches down McAlister Place Pedestrian Way at the dedication ceremony for the new walkway on the uptown campus. (Photos by Paula Burch-Celentano)



Cutting the ribbon to formally open McAlister Place are, from left, Clem Benenson and his father, James Benenson Jr., center, whose financial support was crucial to the project, and Tulane President Scott Cowen.



Guest speakers talk about the “green” project, which closed McAlister Drive to cars from Freret Street to Drill Road and fosters a pedestrian-friendly culture on campus, at the ceremony on Thursday (March 18).



President Scott Cowen, right, takes a private moment to thank the Benensons for their philanthropy.



The Louisiana-style dedication party included Cajun music and dancing, with plenty of boiled shrimp and crawfish on hand.