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The fleur-de-lis symbol, expressing a graduating student's Crescent City pride, decorates her mortarboard at the Wave Goodbye party on the Gibson quad on Friday (May 14). (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)



Balloon hats, kettle corn and Roman candy add to the festive mood at the annual outdoor event on commencement eve. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)



As the Hot 8 Brass Band entertains beside Hebert Hall on the uptown campus, graduates and their families gather in the early evening to celebrate commencement weekend. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)



Band members welcome student Donald Levenson, who jumped on stage to show off his impromptu dance moves. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)



Perched on the Tulane sign in front of Gibson Hall, students enjoy a moment together before the Wave Goodbye party begins. (Photo by Sally Asher)



As dusk falls and lights go on in surrounding buildings, the Hot 8 Brass Band draws a crowd of music lovers at Wave Goodbye. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)