

## Honorees show pride for Tulane, love of New Orleans

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Through the Sacks Family Foundation, alumnus Michael Sacks has supported important Tulane University initiatives in civic engagement and social entrepreneurship. On Sunday, (April 21) he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award and was one of five persons honored at the Tulane Alumni Association Awards celebration.



Five outstanding supporters and graduates receive honors at the 40th annual Tulane Alumni Association awards presentation. From left are Carter Flemming, Kathryn Roman, Martha Murphy, Michael Sacks and Madison Murphy. (Photo by Guillermo Cabrera-Rojo)

"Tulane alumni are the lifeblood of our university," said David Edwards, a member of the Board of Tulane, who presented the award to Sacks. "What sets them apart from the rest is their unwavering pride for Tulane and their love for the city of New Orleans ? which they carry wherever they go."

Sacks, a 1984 alumnus from Chicago, responded that the opportunity to support

Tulane and provide educational opportunities to young people “is really a privilege.”

The [celebration](#), in its 40th year, honors a broad spectrum of alumni and supporters. This year's event was held at the Audubon Tea Room.

Tulane President Scott Cowen presented the [Dermot McGlinchey Lifetime Achievement Award](#) to siblings and longtime Tulane supporters Martha Murphy and Madison Murphy of El Dorado, Ark., of the Murphy Foundation.

“Tulane deserves the accolades,” said Martha Murphy. “It has pressed everybody in this region to do more, reach further and try harder.”

“These recipients support the university in every sense of the word,” said Sharon Bourgeois, president of the [Tulane Alumni Association](#) board of directors. She presented the Young Alumna Volunteer Award to Kathryn Roman of Denver, who received her bachelor's degree from Newcomb College in 2005 and an MBA from Tulane in 2007.

Carter Flemming, a 1970 graduate of Newcomb College, received the Volunteer Award. She was president of the Newcomb College of Tulane University Alumnae Board just after Hurricane Katrina, and for decades has been a leader in her community of Alexandria, Va.

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