Online voting counts for Jamie Kaplan

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A native of Melbourne, Florida, Jamie Kaplan is a neuroscience major and senior captain of the women"s basketball team. She needs online votes from Tulane fans from now until March 23 to be chosen for the national Senior CLASS Award. (Photo by Parker Waters)

Senior <u>Jamie Kaplan</u> has quite a list of accomplishments during her Tulane University career, but there is one national honor that could still come her way, if Green Wave fans will join in online voting between now and March 23. The senior captain of the women"s basketball team, Kaplan is one of 10 national finalists for the prestigious Senior CLASS Award.

The first Tulane women"s student-athlete to be chosen for the award, she was named a finalist on Feb. 12. The award honors those NCAA Division-I student athletes who have made notable achievements in community, classroom, character and competition. CLASS, an acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their athletic platforms to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

"To be recognized for achievements not only on the court, but off the court, is very rewarding," Kaplan said. "I am really excited that I have been able to make a positive impact in my community as a student athlete."

A neuroscience major with a 3.832 GPA, Kaplan plans to attend medical school after graduation. She has volunteered at several hospitals throughout the area to extend her education, but also has been active in community programs, from tutoring at a New Orleans school to rebuilding and renovation projects.

To view her accomplishments both on and off the court, and to vote for Kaplan, visit her profile page on the Senior CLASS website.

Nationwide fan voting extends through March 23. Fan votes will be combined with those of the media and Division-I head coaches to determine the winner, who will be announced during the 2015 Women"s Final Four.

Fans can cast votes daily for Kaplan, all the way up to the March 23 end date.

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