

[Jamie Kaplan stays loyal to Tulane](#)

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Jamie Kaplan, a Green Wave basketball standout and neuroscience major, will stay in New Orleans after graduation to attend the Tulane School of Medicine. (Photo by Parker Waters)

When [Jamie Kaplan](#) arrived at Tulane University in 2011, she had two things on her mind: basketball and academics.

“My highest priorities when choosing where I would attend college were the

combination of academics, the coaching staff and my future teammates. Tulane blew me away," Kaplan says.

She was confident that she would excel in both areas, but never imagined how vast her success would be.

During her career with the Green Wave, Kaplan helped her team reach the NCAA Division-I Basketball Tournament for the first time since 2005; reached 582 career assists, ranking second all-time for the Green Wave and 11th among all active Division-I players; played the third most games in program history at 130; was named American Scholar Athlete of the year, the first in program history; and was a [Senior CLASS Award Finalist](#).

Kaplan, a native of Melbourne, Florida, will graduate on May 16 from Tulane with a degree in [neuroscience](#). She was accepted into the Tulane [School of Medicine](#), and calls it her greatest accomplishment to date despite all of the awards and accolades she's received in the past four years.

"The day I got the letter saying I was accepted into medical school was probably my proudest moment. It's something I've always wanted, and I couldn't be more excited to stay in the Tulane family," Kaplan says.

Kaplan always knew that she wanted to assist people through medicine, and says she was attracted to this field at a very young age. Now, she will have the opportunity to help people in the community, as well as cheer on her former teammates. Kaplan says as long as her schedule allows it, she plans to come back often during the women's basketball season.

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