The green party

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Family and friends gather on the Gibson Quad for the annual Wave Goodbye celebration on Friday evening (May 13). The event featured entertainment by Big Sam's Funky Nation, and food booths offering New Orleans and southern Louisiana cuisine.

Graduate Brittani Coore, second from right, and family members strike a pose for the camera. Coore, from Palm Beach, Florida, received her master's degree from the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine on Saturday, May 14.

A Gibson Hall stairway is the best place to grab a bite and watch the party happen. Family members gather around graduate Shakthi Unnithan, center. Unnithan, the daughter of former Tulane employee Syam Unnithan, second from left, earned a dual degree in math and French at the 2016 Commencement Ceremony.

Sam Williams of Big Sam's Funky Nation belts out the funk on his slide trombone. Crowds relax under the oaks on the Gibson Quad. The festival-like atmosphere of Wave Goodbye includes food booths that rival the ones at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

Master of accounting and finance graduate Trevor Eymard feels the love from his grandmother Laurina Eymard.