

# Hoda Kotb, live jazz, second lines will highlight Tulane Commencement

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**WHAT:** Tulane University's [Commencement 2016](#)

**WHO:** More than 3,000 Tulane graduates, their families, friends and keynote speaker Hoda Kotb. Honorary degree recipients include Tulane graduate and internationally renowned artist Lynda Benglis and Christopher Paola, a world leader in the study of earth surface processes, particularly in river and delta regions. In addition to traditional graduation pageantry, graduates will be sent off in distinct New Orleans style with live jazz by Dr. Michael White and the Original Liberty Jazz Band, Mardi Gras beads, second-lining, confetti cannons and more.

**WHERE:** The Mercedes-Benz Superdome

**WHEN:** 9 a.m., Saturday, May 14, 2016

**MORE:** Media may park for free, after showing a press pass or Tulane-issued parking pass to the attendant in Garage 6, which is located on the Poydras Street side of the Superdome, to the right of Ground Level, Gate A. After parking, the media can enter the Superdome through Ground Level Gate A. A riser with a mult-box will be provided for media on the floor of the Superdome.

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