

'Ellen DeGeneres Show' reunites old friends

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The Ellen DeGeneres Show introduced the world to a story of tragedy, friendship and hope featuring Class of 2007 Tulane University alumni Jackson Smith and Brian McKenna back in October 2015. When McKenna was [paralyzed in a mountain biking accident](#) in June 2015, the set of events that followed resulted in a heartwarming parable that becomes more uplifting each time DeGeneres, a native of New Orleans, reaches out for an update.

Smith is a graduate of the [School of Liberal Arts](#) and is a current [Tulane Law School](#) student. McKenna earned his degree from the [A. B. Freeman School of Business](#). The two recently made the trip to Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank, California, for their first in-studio visit with DeGeneres. Grab a tissue and watch what happens when you mix a recipe with these basic ingredients: love, Ellen, Drew Brees, New Orleans and Tulane.

"I'm inspired by their friendship."
Drew Brees