

## [Tulane alumnus inspires many](#)

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During her [2016 commencement address](#) to Tulane University graduates, tv personality Hoda Kotb singled out an inspiring alumnus who attained success despite extraordinary odds.

Derrick Edwards exemplified one of the [10 life lessons](#) Kotb shared with graduates. The two met more than 20 years ago when Kotb was a local reporter in New Orleans and Edwards was a former football star left paralyzed by a game-related injury. [View the video.](#)