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*DUE TO ONGOING CONSTRUCTION AT THE LOUISIANA SUPERDOME,  
TULANE UNIVERSITY'S UNIFIED AND UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE  
NEW ORLEANS ERNEST N. MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER  
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011  
4:00 P.M.*

*TULANE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL WILL HOLD A SEPARATE CEREMONY AT  
FOGELMAN ARENA  
FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011  
3:00 P.M.*

*DEDICATED SPECIFICALLY TO ITS 2011 LAW GRADUATES.*

The following information details this year's commencement activities:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15 & WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2011**

## TULANE UNIVERSITY GRADFEST

*Time to get prepared for your upcoming graduation! To make preparing for this important occasion a little easier, plan to attend Grad Fest 2011- a one stop planning event to meet all your graduation needs!*

**\*\*\* THIS IS THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE GRADUATION REGALIA! \*\*\***

**11 A.M. – 6 P.M.**

**LAVIN-BERNICK CENTER FOR STUDENT LIFE (LBC) (ROOM 212, QATAR BALLROOM)**

*Tickets are not required.*

- ✓ Purchase Your Cap and Gown
- ✓ Order Official Personalized Graduation Announcements, Tulane Ring, and Diploma Frame
- ✓ Take a Free Formal Cap and Gown Proof

*For more information, call university services at (504) 862-8064 or visit the [grad fest 2011 website](#).*

**THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011**

## TULANE UNIVERSITY UNIFIED COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY AND WAVE GOODBYE

**TULANE UNIVERSITY'S UNIFIED COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY** honors the graduates from all of the university's schools and colleges. It features the pomp and circumstance expected of a traditional Commencement celebration but with a New Orleans twist. At this ceremony, you can expect to see the procession of graduates and faculty, the conferral of degrees, and hear live jazz.

THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN will be the Commencement 2011 keynote speaker. Recent keynote speakers include President George H. W. Bush, President William J. Clinton, NBC news anchor Brian Williams, political commentators James Carville and Mary Matalin, Ellen DeGeneres, and Anderson Cooper.

**4 P.M. (DOORS OPEN AT 2 P.M.) (THE UNIFIED CEREMONY RUNS APPROXIMATELY 90 MINUTES)**

**NEW ORLEANS ERNEST N. MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER, DOWNTOWN NEW ORLEANS**

**OPEN TO ALUMNI, FACULTY, STAFF, GRADUATE STUDENTS, UNDERGRADUATES, PROSPECTIVE UNDERGRADS, PARENTS, VISITORS (GUESTS ENTER THROUGH GATE I)**

*Tickets are not required.*

- ✓ **Students** should arrive no later than **2:30 p.m.** Students will enter through **Gate J**.
  - \* Allow extra time to find a place to park and get to your robing location. Someone from your school will be in the room to help you robe.
  - \* The Bookstore will have a station in the robing area with extra caps, gowns, etc., in case of any problems.
  - \* All personal items should be left with parents or guests. Tulane University will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items.

- ✓ **Faculty** should arrive by **3 p.m.**, robing is at 3:15 p.m. Faculty will enter through **Gate J**.
- ✓ **Parking** is available at the **Convention Center** for **\$10 (cash only)**, or students and their guests may utilize the **free shuttle service** from Tulane's uptown campus to the Convention Center.
- ✓ **Guests** should enter through **Gate I**. (doors open at 2 p.m.; live music starts at 3:30 p.m.)
  - \* **Physically Challenged Guests:** Wheelchairs will be available for transportation to and from handicapped seating at the Convention Center at Gate I; however, for those who wish to have a wheelchair with them at all times, including at the Wave Goodbye party, it will be necessary to bring one with you.

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**WAVE GOODBYE** is an annual party given by President and Mrs. Cowen. New Orleans food and music by Shamarr Allen and Johnny Angel & the Swingin' Demons highlight the event. Graduates from all schools and their guests are invited to the party following Commencement on Thursday, May 12.

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**6:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M.**

**MARDI GRAS WORLD (JUST A SHORT, TWO-BLOCK WALK FROM THE COMMENCEMENT VENUE)**

**OPEN TO GRADUATES FROM ALL SCHOOLS AND THEIR FAMILY & FRIENDS; FACULTY/DEANS**

*Tickets are required.*

✓ **Tickets:**

- \* Graduates are allotted 10 tickets each, one of which the graduate will need to use to enter the party. Tickets for graduates will be available **here for download** in the weeks before the party.
- \* Children 10 years and younger do not need tickets.
- \* Faculty participating in commencement exercises are allotted two tickets each. Participating faculty can request tickets via an online form starting in early May 2011.

*For more information send email to [pr@tulane.edu](mailto:pr@tulane.edu) or by phone 504-865-5210.  
Additional information may be found at the event website at <http://tulane.edu/grads/>.*

**FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011**

**TULANE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL  
AWARDS RECEPTION AND COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

**TULANE LAW SCHOOL AWARDS RECEPTION**

*Only after final spring grades are received and all calculations and selections have been finalized, the Office of Academic Services personally contacts award winners to invite them to this event.*

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**11 A.M. – NOON**

**TULANE LAW SCHOOL, JOHN GIFFEN WEINMANN HALL (6329 FRERET STREET), UPTOWN CAMPUS (#32)**

**BY INVITATION ONLY. APPROXIMATELY 30 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS; FACULTY/DEANS**

*Tickets are not required.*

- ✓ Awards will begin promptly at 11 a.m. in the W. H. Gauthier Appellate Moot Court Room (Room 110).
  - ✓ A light reception will follow in the Berkett Multipurpose Room (MPR).
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**TULANE LAW SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

*Individual school and college ceremonies follow the Unified Commencement Ceremony. Undergraduates will participate in the Undergraduate Ceremony in the Convention Center immediately following the Unified Commencement Ceremony. Graduate and professional students will attend separate ceremonies scheduled for either Friday, May 13 or Saturday, May 14. It is at these ceremonies that a graduate's name will be called and he or she will walk across the stage.*

*Due to the earlier date of this year's ceremony, diplomas will not be issued at the individual school and college ceremonies. Graduates who select the "pick up" option on their degree application may pick up their diplomas beginning Wednesday, May 18 in the Registrar's office on the first floor of Gibson Hall. For all other graduates, the Registrar's office will begin mailing diplomas on Monday, May 23. Diploma mailings will be completed no later than June 10.*

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**3 P.M. (DOORS OPEN AT 1:30 P.M.; THE LAW SCHOOL CEREMONY RUNS APPROXIMATELY 90 MINUTES)**

**FOGELMAN ARENA (CORNER OF FRERET ST. AND MCALLISTER DR.), TULANE UPTOWN CAMPUS**

**OPEN TO ALUMNI, FRIENDS & FAMILY, ADMINISTRATION, AND STAFF**

*Tickets are not required.*

- ✓ **Arrival**

- \* **Graduates, as well as Faculty/Deans**, should report to Weinmann Hall no later than 2:15 p.m.  
Volunteers should arrive at the Freret Street entrance no later than 12:30 p.m.

\*\*\* **PERSONAL ITEMS ARE DISCOURAGED**  
**(IF LOST OR STOLEN, TULANE UNIVERSITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE)** \*\*\*

- ✓ **Parking** will be available at the [Diboll Parking Garage](#) next to the Reilly Recreation Center. TUPD officers will be on campus to direct you where you need to go.
- ✓ **Seating** in Fogelman Arena is on a first come— first served-basis unless otherwise notified by Ellen Brierre, Alumni Relations
  - \* For physically challenged individuals, reserved seating will be available on the ground level of Fogelman Arena, directly behind the graduates. A family member or friend is welcome to accompany this individual throughout the ceremony.
  - \* Wheelchairs will be available for transportation to and from handicapped seating at the Convention Center at Gate I; however, for those who wish to have a wheelchair with them at all times, including at the Wave Goodbye party, it will be necessary to bring one with you.
  - \* Please do not hesitate contacting [Lauren Gavioli](#) for more information: (504) 865-5976.
- ✓ **Food and Beverage:** a handful of dining venues on the first floor of the LBC (behind Fogelman Arena) have been open in the past.

**FOLLOWING THE LAW SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY, GRADUATES AND THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A RECEPTION AT WEINMANN HALL—HOME TO TULANE LAW SCHOOL (6329 FRERET STREET).**

### [TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS](#)

Tulane has preferred relationships with many local hotels that offer discounted pricing. For assistance in booking accommodations, please contact **Chris Cavalier** at (504) 587-1669 or [click here](#) for assistance with booking airline tickets and hotel reservations through the [Tulane University Travel Portal](#).

[Click here](#) for a detailed map of Tulane University's Uptown Campus.

We encourage all third-year law students to visit the [Tulane Law School Intranet](#), TWEN site, and [Tulane University Commencement 2011 Website](#) for updates and additional information.

Additional information for visitors, including everything from [directions](#) and [campus services](#) to [weather](#) , [local headlines](#), and [lagniappe](#), is right at your fingertips, just a **CLICK** away.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

[Lauren V. Gavioli](#), Executive Asst. to the Law Dean at (504) 865-5976

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