



UNT DALLAS
2022 HOMECOMING COURT
PACKET

Description

The Homecoming Court is a part of the annual Homecoming festivities at UNT Dallas. The purpose of the court is to recognize members of the student body who make invaluable contributions to the UNT Dallas community and represent the core ideals of the University as student leaders. These individuals are identified by their peers, faculty, and staff. Throughout the week of Homecoming, they are expected to be present at various Homecoming activities and serve as ambassadors of school spirit and pride as a UNT Dallas Trailblazer. The opportunity to serve on Homecoming Court is available to all currently-enrolled students who meet the qualifications outlined in this packet. The true purpose of the Homecoming Court is to bring students together as one student body.

Court Structure

The Homecoming Court will be comprised of a maximum of 6 nominees. Of those 6 nominees, 2 individuals will be crowned at the 2022 Homecoming Royalty.

Selection Process

General Overview

The selection process for Homecoming Court is a three-step process, which includes an application, eligibility review, and open voting among the student body. Each step in the process has detailed rules, guidelines, and/or processes, so applicants are encouraged to read this packet in its entirety before submitting their materials. The process rules, and logistics for

Homecoming Court are all coordinated through the Department of Student Engagement. All questions or concerns regarding Homecoming Court may be sent to:

- Chase Ragland, Director of Student Engagement, at james.ragland@untdallas.edu

Applicant Qualifications

- Credit hour requirement:
 - Graduate Student Applicants: must have completed at least 1 semester of their graduate program
 - Senior Applicants: must have completed a minimum of 72 credit hours
 - Junior Applicants: must have completed a minimum of 48 credit hours
 - Sophomore Applicants: must have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours
- Applicants must hold a 2.75 GPA or higher
- Applicants must be registered for at least 6 credit hours during the fall 2022 semester
- Applicants must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the University
- Applicants must be nominated by a registered student organization/homecoming team.
 - Student Organizations/homecoming team and academic programs may only nominate two candidates.

Application

The individual court candidate must fill out, and submit, the Homecoming Court Application prior to 5:00pm on October 19, 2022. The link to the application can be found on the Homecoming website here: <https://bit.ly/HOCODal22>. In addition to contact information, a short bio, and resume, the application contains three questions that candidates will be expected to answer (answers will be limited to 300 words or less):

- What is one piece of advice you would tell yourself when you were a freshman that you now know could benefit you?
- Which experience at UNT Dallas has had the greatest impact on you, and why?
- What do you consider to be the greatest challenge facing college students today?

Campaigning/Voting

Final candidates will be notified on October 21, 2022 by 3pm via email and text to let them know if they have been selected as finalist. Campaigning starts October 24, 2022 at 8:00am and goes to October 28, 2022 at 12:00pm (noon). Voting will be conducted via Qualtrics starting at 8:00am on October 24, 2022 and will end at 12:00pm (noon) on October 28, 2022. All currently enrolled UNT Dallas students will be able to vote for one candidate. The Homecoming Winners will be determined by popular vote results; the top two candidates with the most votes win.

Campaigning Rules:

- Campaigning will not be allowed prior to 8:00am on October 24, 2022.
- Campaigning must end by 12:00pm (noon) on October 28, 2022.
- All policies concerning reservation of space must be followed. If campaigning is going to be done in a specific location on campus, you or your sponsoring organization must

have an approved reservation for that space. If you have any questions concerning this policy, please contact Chase Ragland (james.ragland@untdallas.edu).

- All posted campaign materials must follow all UNT Dallas and Student Engagement posting policies. It will be the candidate's responsibility to request approval from the appropriate building authorities should he/she/they wish to post campaigning materials outside of the Student Center in academic or administrative buildings.
- Displaying of campaign flyers and/or posters on campus is permitted only on approved surfaces and in approved locations. Each candidate may not be represented more than twice on any bulletin board or posting area. Remember: candidates are not guaranteed space.
- Displacing, altering, or removing another candidate's flyer(s) is strictly prohibited and grounds for disqualification of represented candidate(s) if proven to be responsible. This extends to anyone acting on behalf of a candidate.
- Campaigning inside University buildings is allowed as long as it does not disrupt routine University activity or classroom instruction and follows all reservation policies. Complaints from instructors or campus employees will be taken seriously and may result in disqualification.
- The Director of Residence Life or their designee must approve any and all campaigning in Wisdom Hall without exception.
- No campaign material may be taped to the ground, windows, doors or walls of any office, building or UNT Dallas property.
- Chalking is NOT permitted anywhere for the Homecoming Court campaign.
- One-to-one e-mail communication and e-mailing across list-serves that students have voluntarily joined is permitted.
- Electronic campaigning is permitted through means of social media outlets (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.). Student Engagement will not monitor these forms of campaigning; however, proof of willful intent to hurt, harm, or damage the character of any candidate in the process may result in disqualification.
- Personal computers and laptops may not be set up as polling stations by any individual or organization during the election window. Any candidate found guilty will be automatically disqualified.
- All grievances for campaign violations must be submitted via email to Chase Ragland (james.ragland@untdallas.edu) within twenty-four (24) hours of the alleged violation. The grievance must include the following: your name, phone number, the name of the alleged violator (if available), time and date of the violation, and a detailed description of the violation. Strong, physical evidence is highly recommended when submitting a grievance. The Department of Student Engagement will make decisions concerning violations, and decisions will be final. Grievances will not be accepted after 5:00pm on October 28, 2022.
- Please include supporting documentation (e.g., screen shots, pictures, emails, etc.) with your grievance.
- Any violation of the above stated rules or failure to comply with the regulations may result in disqualification or other penalties.

Homecoming Week Events to Attend

Homecoming Kick-off (Monday, October 24, 2022, from 2pm-7pm) in the Student Center: This event will have music, vendors, food trucks, and tons of fun. Homecoming Court candidates will be announced and in attendance so the student body, and campus community, can see them and chat.

Sailesh the Hypnotist (Tuesday, October 25, 2022, from 6pm-8pm in Campus Hall): This event is an opportunity for you to hang out with you friends and maybe even get hypnotized!

Trailblazer Idol (Wednesday, October 26, 2022, from 6pm-9pm) in Campus Hall: This annual event will feature the talents of UNT Dallas students competing to become the 2022 Trailblazer Idol. **Homecoming Court candidates will be announced during this event, so please make sure you are in attendance.**

Free Daps (Thursday, October 27th, 2022, from 6pm-7pm) in Campus Hall: This is a rap collective that takes suggestions from the audience and then creates a rap from them. It's soooo fun! You're not going to want to miss this!

Movie Night (Friday, October 28, 2022, from 8pm-10pm) on the Lawn/in Campus Hall: This year, Monsters University will be shown to get us in the Homecoming spirit. This is an opportunity for Homecoming Court candidates to be involved with a signature event that is well attended.

Golf Cart Parade (Saturday, October 29, 2022 at 12pm) start location to come: Student Organizations/Homecoming Teams and departments will decorate golf carts and drive through a parade on campus. As a Homecoming Court member, you can ride on a Golf Cart during the parade!

Tailgate (Saturday, October 29, 2022 at 12pm) at the parking lots: This event will be right before the Homecoming Basketball games and will happen on campus. This event is full of spirit and will get our Trailblazer community excited about the games! **Homecoming Royalty will be announced during this event! So please be present.**

Homecoming Basketball Games (Saturday, October 29, 2022 at TBD) location TBD: Homecoming Court Candidates are required to be in attendance at both the Women's and Men's games. In between the games, the Court will be announced on court. During halftime of the Men's game winners of Homecoming Court will be announced.