Message from the Planning Committee

Homecoming 2022 is here! This is our chance to come together as a community of Trailblazers. No matter what you’re involved in, or whether you are a student, alumni, staff, faculty, or student organization member, we invite you to join in on the festivities! On behalf of the Homecoming Planning Committee, welcome to the greatest week of the year!

For any Homecoming related questions, please feel free to contact us at getinvolved@untdallas.edu

Check out the UNTD social media for more details, updates, and photos from the week’s events. Follow us on Instagram: @UNTD_getinvolved to stay up to date with all the events and points! You can also visit this link: https://bit.ly/HOCOdal22

Thank you to our committee for coordinating HOCO2022 events this year!
- Chase Ragland
- Tiffany Talamantes
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Interested in planning HOCO23? Complete the form at the link listed below or scan the QR code: https://bit.ly/HOCO23planning

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Homecoming is a proud initiative sponsored by the Office of Student Engagement, where we want you to BELONG. LEARN. THRIVE.
Deadlines & Forms

**Spirit Competition Registration** due Friday, October 21st at 11:59PM to the link listed below or scan the QR code on the left:

**Involvement Fair Registration** due by Friday, October 21st at 11:59PM to the link listed below or scan the QR Code on the left:

**Trailblazer Idol Registration** due by Friday, October 21st at 11:59PM to the link listed below or scan the QR code on the left:
https://forms.gle/InKGxzFsQHFXo728

**Students/Alumni vs. Faculty/Staff Soccer Game Team Registration** due by Friday, October 21st at 11:59PM to the link listed below or scan the QR Code on the left:
- Faculty/Staff Signup:
  https://bit.ly/SoccerGameFacStaffSignup
- Students/Alumni Signup:
  https://bit.ly/SoccerGameStudentAlumniSignup

**Tailgating Registration** due by Tuesday, October 25th at 11:59PM to the link listed below or scan the QR Code on the left:

**Tutu Run Registration** due by Tuesday, October 25th at 11:59PM to the link listed below or scan the QR Code on the left:

COURT
Nomination Form due by Tuesday, October 19th at 11:59PM to the link listed below or scan the QR Code on the left:

VOLUNTEER
Homecoming Volunteers sign up at the link listed below or scan the QR Code on the left:
Spirit Competition
Rules & Guidelines

Create your team and earn points to compete in this year’s Homecoming Spirit Competition! Prizes include a trophy, student organization banner, and up to $300! UNTD Homecoming welcomes and encourages everyone to participate in our week of events.

General Information
The Homecoming Spirit Competition awards points to registered teams for event participation, enthusiasm and spirit, and competitions. This document explains how points are earned and awarded for attendance and participation.

- Spirit Competition teams may consist of student organization, students, staff, faculty, and alumni.
  - Registered student organizations recognized and approved by the Office of Student Engagement are eligible to participate in Homecoming activities and receive points.
  - Groups may partner with groups to enter under one team name. Participation points are awarded to the partnering group as a whole.
- One overall Homecoming Champion will be announced at the Homecoming Tailgate on Saturday, October 29th. A second and third place will also be announced.
- Trophies/Certificates, prizes, publicity, and prestige await the successful groups.
- Complete the Spirit Competition Registration Form to participate.

Establishing a Team
The competitive events during Homecoming Week require teams to register for entry into the Spirit Competition. Teams earn 50 points just for registration!

- Homecoming teams may consist of one individual organization, a group of multiple organizations, or a group of individuals who have come together to form a team, without an organizational affiliation. A team cannot exceed two (2) organizations.
- All teams must have at least one (1) currently enrolled student or one (1) faculty/staff member employed at UNT Dallas.
- Teams must designate a team captain to serve as the main point of contact.
- Teams must provide a creative Homecoming Team name to be used during the week. Profane, vulgar, offensive, divisive, or discriminating names/terms will not be permitted. The Homecoming Planning Committee has the right to determine if a team’s name is within the Homecoming guidelines.
**Competition Code of Conduct**

It is the intention of the Homecoming Planning Committee to host a safe and enjoyable week of activities for all participants, students, staff, faculty, guests, and alumni. In order to ensure that all involved parties are treated with honor, respect, and dignity, the following Code of Conduct will be enforced starting Monday, October 24th, through Saturday, October 29th. Please note that the conduct policy also extends to any event(s)/program(s) prior to the start of Homecoming week (i.e. Homecoming info sessions, tabling, etc.)

- Participants and attendees will be expected to refrain from profane, offensive, or divisive language during, prior to, and after competitions. Participants and attendees will not engage in any altercations but will instead report any issues or disturbances to event staff and/or Campus Police.
- Participants and attendees will not consume alcohol before or during the competitions. Any participants who appear to be intoxicated during the competitions will be removed from the event.
- Participants and attendees will abide by UNT Dallas policies, state and federal law, and any other rules or guidelines as determined by the Homecoming Planning Committee.
- The Homecoming Planning Committee has the jurisdiction to remove any participant who violates one of these rules or any violation of the UNT Dallas Student Code of Conduct.

Any unsportsmanlike conduct including, but not limited to, drunken and disorderly behavior or vandalism of any kind during the week of Homecoming will result in immediate disqualification of the team or individual at the discretion of the Homecoming Planning Committee and/or other officials affiliated with the University of North Texas at Dallas.

**Prizes**

Winners will be awarded 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place.

- 1st Place Winners receive $300 and a trophy
- 2nd Place Winners receive $200 and a certificate
- 3rd Place Winners receive $100 and a certificate

**Judging & Points Tracking**

Homecoming events are tracked by attendance sheets and judges to award winners for each competition as well as the overall Homecoming Spirit Competition Winner. Points will be posted and announced throughout the week via social media, and/or inside the Student Center via the banner.
HOCO 2022
Events Schedule

Monday, October 24th
Homecoming Kick-Off
from 2PM-7PM inside the Student Center (SC) Campus Hall
- Chalk the Walk Competition, check-in begins at 2PM
- Involvement Fair begins at 4PM, check-in begins at 3PM

Career 360
from 6PM-8PM inside Founders Hall (FH) Room 138

Tuesday, October 25th
Blood Drive
from 9AM-3PM inside FH room 138

Aaron Golub: Speaker Event
from 12PM-1PM inside SC Campus Hall

Canned Food Castle Competition
from 4PM-6PM inside the SC Lobby

Alumni Town Hall
5:30PM-6:30PM (virtual)

Hypnotist
from 6PM-8PM inside the SC Campus Hall

Wednesday, October 26th
Jax’s Birthday
from 10AM-1PM inside the SC Lobby
- Voter Registration & Resource Drive
- Homecoming Court Voting

Trailblazer Idol
from 6PM-9PM inside the SC Campus Hall
Thursday, October 27th
Homecoming Challenge
from 4PM-6PM inside the Student Center (SC) Campus Hall
- Jax Feud begins at 4PM
- Individual & Team Challenges
- Scavenger Hunt
- Rap Improv Challenge with nationally recognized group, Free Daps

Friday, October 28th
Faculty & Staff vs. Students & Alumni Soccer Game
from 5:30PM-7PM outside at the Soccer Field

Movie Night
from 8PM-10PM outside on the lawn

Saturday, October 29th
Tutu Run
from 10AM-12PM outside at the SC Courtyard
- Check-in for walk/run begins at 9AM
- Run/Walk 1 mile or 5K/3.1M

Alumni Receptions
10AM-11:30AM in various locations
- School of Behavioral Health & Human Services in the SC Skytop Reading Room
- School of Liberal Arts & Sciences in FH 116

Homecoming Tailgate
from 12PM-2PM outside at Parking Lot #1 (facing DAL 1)
- Golf Cart Parade begins at 1PM
- Trunk or Treat

Basketball Games
from 2PM-6PM at Trinity Basin Preparatory Athletic Complex: 2524 W. Ledbetter Drive Dallas, TX 75233
- Women’s Game Begins at 2PM
- Men’s Game Begins at 4PM
Spirit Competition
Points Breakdown

Points are awarded for various categories during homecoming events. This list provides a breakdown of how points are awarded. Total points possible this year: 1500+

Attendance
Attending homecoming events earns your team one (1) point per individual, up to 25 points per event. Make sure you check-in at each event.

Competitions
Participating in the competition(s) during the week will award your team 50 points. If your team wins the competition, the following will apply:

- 1st Place: 50 points
- 2nd Place: 30 points
- 3rd Place: 20 points

Each competition event is broken down in the list below:

Chalk the Walk
Decorate your assigned spot and be sure to incorporate the following:

- Team theme, colors, and name
- UNT Dallas name, mascot, colors, etc.

Supplies will be available for pickup at the Homecoming Kick-Off Event.

Canned Food Castle
Bring your canned food donations and your best architecture skills to this event and build a castle or other monument to win the competition.

Golf Cart
Decorate your assigned golf cart and be sure to incorporate the following:

- Team theme, colors, and name
- UNT Dallas school spirit

Completing the driver safety course and driving the golf cart during the parade will also earn you 25 points for your team.

Trunk or Treat
Decorate your vehicle for the Homecoming tailgate. The Best Overall
**Court Nominations**
Nominate someone from your team for Homecoming Court. This will earn you 50 points for one (1) nomination. Your team can nominate up to two (2) individuals for court. Nominees who win either of the Homecoming Court positions will earn your team an additional 50 points. See HOCO Court Nominations Packet.

**Donation Drive**
This year we are collecting toys for Toys for Tots and non-perishable food for the UNT Dallas Trailblazer CARES Pantry. Each toy donation will count for 5 points and each non-perishable food item donation will count for 1 point, up to 100 points.

**Homecoming Challenge**
Participate in this event by completing the different stations at this event.
- **Jax Feud**: Get a team of 5 together to be part of the game show. Participation will earn your team 25 points and winning Jax Feud will earn you 50 points.
- **Dodgeball**: Participation will earn your team 25 points.
- **Nerf Wars**: Participation will earn your team 25 points.
- **Scavenger Hunt**: Individual activity to win prize packs.

**Registration**
Complete the registration form to earn 50 points.

**Spirit**
Display of team or school spirit through clothing, props, accessories, or other items is encouraged at each homecoming event and is rewarded with 15 points per event (10 Events max). Examples include:
- Bringing a banner or other prop to one of the events.
- Saying a team chant at one of the events.
- Taking a selfie at the selfie station as a team!
- Wearing school or your team colors, shirts, etc.
- Ask your alumni to attend.

**Tutu Run**
Register your team to participate this year to earn 50 points.

**Volunteer at HOCO Events**
Help the homecoming committee throughout the week to earn 20 points per event (10 events max) that your team member(s) volunteer for.