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STUDENT ACTIVITY BOOK

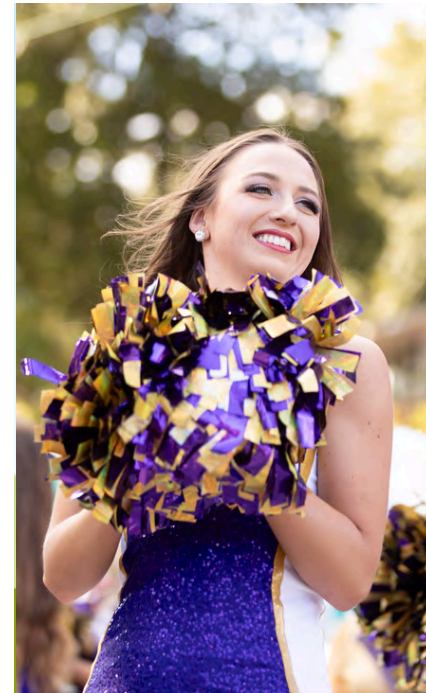




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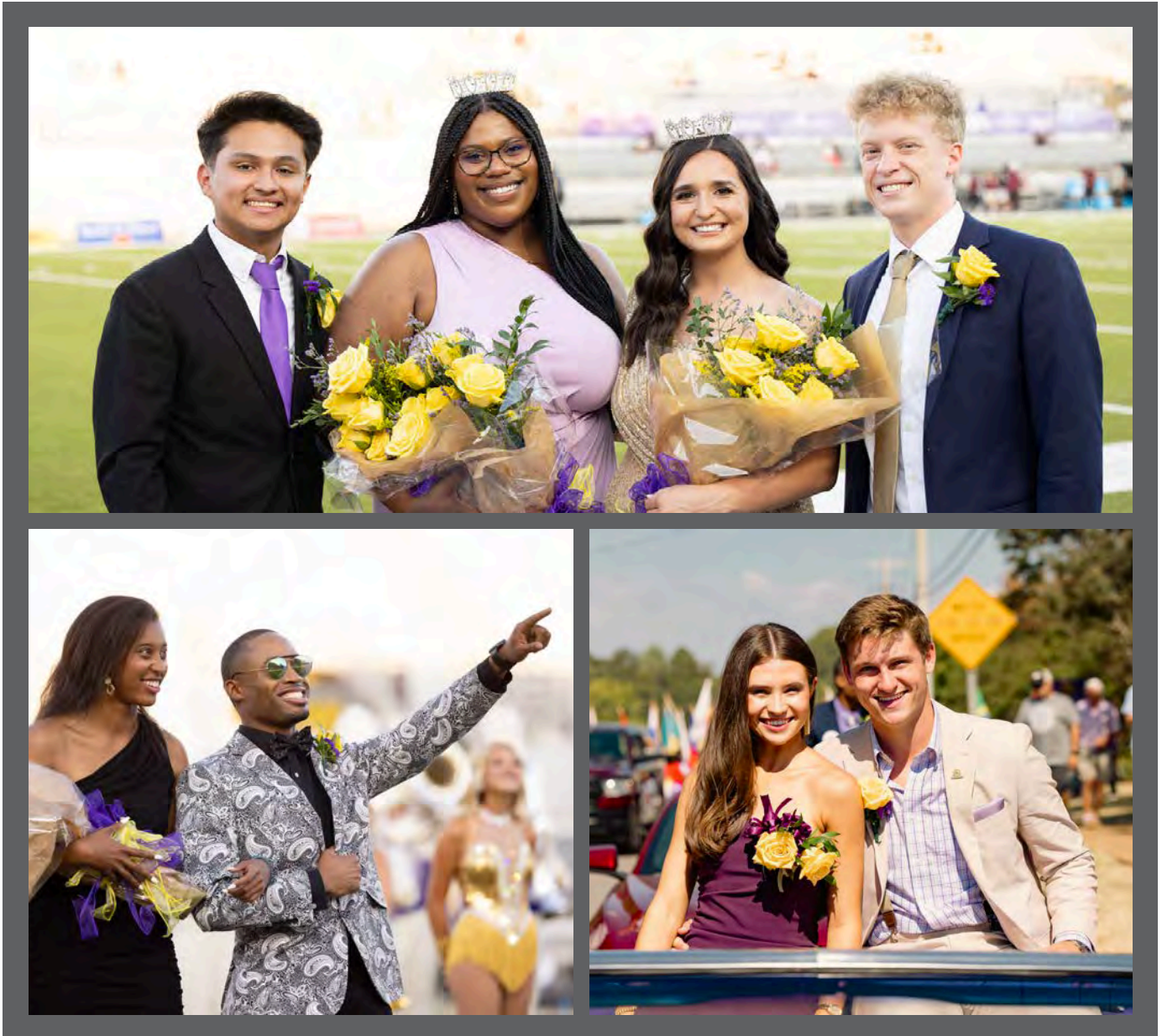
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AND CREATES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENT POPULATIONS AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA.**



HOMECOMING COURT NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS



The following rules are taken directly from the SGA Elections Manual. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the SGA Elections and Recruitment Chair or the Office of Student Engagement.



HOMECOMING

COURT INFORMATION

The Homecoming Court Selection is sponsored by the Student Government Association. Homecoming Court will be presented at the pregame show on October 12th at Braly Stadium.

NOMINATION OF THE COURT

Homecoming Court Nominations open on September 1 on Campus Groups and close on September 22nd at 11:55 pm.

IMPORTANT! The Nominee must complete a FERPA release form before the deadline (Sept 22) in order to be included on the ballot.



SELECTION OF THE COURT

Homecoming Court Elections begin September 30 at 8:00am and conclude October 2 at 5:00pm. The ballot will be emailed to students' UNA email address the morning the elections begin.

SELECTION OF THE KING & QUEEN

The 5 women with the most votes and 5 men with the most votes will be included on the homecoming court and King and Queen ballot. The King and Queen elections begin October 7th at 8:00 am and concludes October 9th at 5:00pm. The ballot will be emailed to students' UNA email address the morning the elections begin.



HOMECOMING COURT MEETING

The court must meet with Ms. Becca Bush in the Student Engagement Conference Room on October 7th at 1:30pm to discuss logistics for the week.

HOMECOMING COURT REHEARSAL

The rehearsal will be the afternoon of Friday, October 11th. The specific time and location will be announced at the Court Meeting on October 7th.

HOMECOMING COURT RULES

The Homecoming Election rules and regulations are listed on the following pages and have been taken directly from the Student Government Association's Election Manual.

TITLE II – HOMECOMING RULES AND ELECTIONS

CHAPTER 5 - Eligibility

- 5.1 Students who are enrolled full-time, who are currently enrolled at the University of North Alabama, and are considered a Junior or Senior, may be eligible for nomination.
- 5.2 To be nominated for Homecoming Court, a nominee must have a cumulative institutional GPA of 2.5.
- 5.3 No previously elected queen or king, or student serving on the Homecoming Committee shall be eligible.

CHAPTER 6 - Nominations

- 6.1 All student organizations in good standing with Student Engagement shall be eligible to nominate one (1) candidate for Homecoming Queen and/or one (1) candidate for Homecoming King.
- 6.2 Students that are not nominated by an organization may qualify as a nominee by submitting a petition of fifty (50) signatures and Student L Numbers of currently enrolled University students to the Office of Student Engagement. The deadline for petitioned nominees to be submitted shall be the same as the deadline for organizations nominees to be submitted.
- 6.3 If a student is nominated by more than one (1) organization, the student will be able to select which nomination to accept. An organization has the option to submit another nomination if a student accepts another organization's nomination.
- 6.4 The nomination form shall be filled out online. In extenuating, circumstances, paper nomination forms shall be present in the Student Engagement office (GUC 163).

CHAPTER 7 - Election Process

- 7.1 Elections for Homecoming King and Queen will be a two-vote process. All nominees will be on the first ballot to determine who shall make it on homecoming court. After the first round of voting, the top five (5) in each category will make it on the homecoming court for the next ballot. The second round of voting will determine who on the homecoming court will be the Homecoming King and Queen. The person receiving the highest number of votes in each category will become the Homecoming King/Queen.
- 7.2 The first round of voting will take place one week before homecoming. The second vote will be during the week of Homecoming.
- 7.3 Each ballot will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m.
- 7.4 The polls will open for a three (3) day period beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the first day and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the third day.
- 7.5 The designated Elections and Recruitment member shall be responsible for publishing the ballot. Should he/she be nominated for the Homecoming Court, then a member of the Elections and Recruitment Committee, appointed by the Chair, is responsible for publishing the ballot.

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CHAPTER 8 - Rules

8.1 **Campaigning**

- 8.1.1 The selected Homecoming Court shall be allowed to campaign digitally until the Homecoming Court is announced.
- 8.1.2 The selected Homecoming Court shall be allowed to campaign both digitally and physically starting the day that the Homecoming Court is announced.
- 8.1.3 Candidates are expected to run a fair, truthful, and respectable campaign.
- 8.1.4 Untruthful or misleading statements, and offensive or obscene images are not permitted during campaigning.
- 8.1.5 SGA is not liable or responsible for any untruthful or offensive statements made about candidates by other candidates, students, or employees of the University.
- 8.1.6 Candidates are not allowed to remove, cover, or deface other candidates' campaign materials.
- 8.1.6b If a candidate and/or their volunteer(s) is found to have maliciously done anything mentioned in 8.1.6, the candidate shall be referred to the Judicial Branch who will then make a recommendation for what shall be done.
- 8.1.6c Candidates must submit a list of all volunteers working for their campaign to the Elections and Recruitment Committee.

8.2 **Campaign Material**

- 8.2.1 A candidate's campaign material must comply with Residence Hall and all University policies.
- 8.2.2 All campaign material must be free of any untruthful, misleading, discriminative, or obscene statements or images.
- 8.2.3 No campaign material shall be distributed among or placed on, utility poles, statues, monuments, sidewalks, steps, bike racks, trees, chain guards, or bushes.
- 8.2.4 Any chalking of the campus used in campaigning must be approved through the University.
- 8.2.5 No adhesive-backed campaign material will be allowed except for the sole purpose of attaching candidate posters to glass windows by using clear tape.
- 8.2.6 Campaign materials must be removed by the deadlines posted for the current campaign period.
- 8.2.7 The deadline for each campaign period shall be three (3) school days after said election.
- 8.2.7b Failure to comply with 8.2.7 will result in a \$50 fine.



HOMECOMING SPIRIT CHALLENGE

OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 12

The University Program Council would like to welcome students to participate in the annual Homecoming Spirit Challenge! Please review the following rules and guidelines:

1. Each event will be individually judged. Results of each event will be tallied to determine the overall winners. You can compete in as many challenges as you wish.

2. There will be three divisions to compete in. The divisions are as follows:

MEN, WOMEN, CO-ED

There will be a first and second place winner in the following competitions: Banner Drop, Shine On Scavenger Hunt, Service is Golden, Go For Gold Lion Olympics, and the Parade Float Competition. An overall homecoming winner will be declared based off of the team with the most points at the conclusion of all competitions.

3. All team members must be currently enrolled graduate or undergraduate students at UNA.

4. Teams must be submitted before 9/23/24 @ 6PM

5. The Parade Float and Overall Spirit Challenge winners will be announced on October 12th at the football game. The Banner Drop, Scavenger Hunt, Service is Golden, and Lion Olympic winners will be announced during the Pep Rally on Thursday, October 10th.



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HOMECOMING SPIRIT CHALLENGE

Dear Lions,

This year the University is committed to excellence in all we do as we continue to embrace our Shine On Gold campaign. We are excited to recognize significant endeavor and are looking forward to celebrating the new programs, buildings, and initiatives this campaign is supporting. Therefore, it is an exciting time to be at UNA and **"SHINE ON GOLD"**

The University of North Alabama is excited to host the 2024 Homecoming week beginning, Monday, October 7th. We will conclude the week with the UNA Homecoming Football Game on Saturday, October 12th at 6:00 pm. The University will provide an assortment of activities for all students to unite as one and display our Lion Pride.

All students are encouraged to celebrate Homecoming by organizing a team to participate in the Homecoming Spirit Challenge sponsored by the University Program Council. Teams may consist of individual student groups or registered student organizations. Each team will compete in various activities throughout the week to become the 2024 Homecoming Spirit Challenge winner.

Applications for registration open September 3, 2024 at 9:00am.
The Deadline to register is September 23, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Scan here to sign up:



This manual is a reference for all students who are interested in contributing to the success of Homecoming. Please review all information, guidelines, and deadlines carefully.

Good Luck and Roar Lions!



Will Driver
Spirit Activities Planner



IMPORTANT DATES

SPIRIT CHALLENGE REGISTRATION: Tues, Sept 3 to Mon, Sept 23 @ 6:00pm on Campus Groups

MANDATORY TEAM CAPTAIN MEETING: Mon, Sept 23 @ 6:00pm in the SGA Chambers

BANNER DROP COMPETITION: Mon, Oct 7 @ 5:00pm at the Shelby Way Bridge

SHINE ON SCAVENGER HUNT: Tues, Oct 8 @ 7:00pm at the GUC Atrium

SERVICE IS GOLDEN: Wed, Oct 9 @ 11:00am in GUC 200

PEP RALLY: Thur, Oct 10 @ 6:00pm inside CB&S Arena

GO FOR GOLD LION OLYMPICS: Thur, Oct 10 immediately following the Pep Rally in CB&S Arena

PARADE FLOAT COMPETITION: Sat, Oct 12 @ 11:30am on Pine Street

The University Program Council challenges each team or organization to coordinate their competition pieces with dignity and UNA SPIRIT in mind. Good Luck & Roar Lions!!

SPIRIT CHALLENGE

CHALLENGE RULES, GUIDELINES, AND SCORING

BANNER DROP POINTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON POINTS AWARDED TO EACH TEAM OUT OF THE 30 POINTS AVAILABLE.



SHINE ON SCAVENGER HUNT POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST PLACE: 15 POINTS
SECOND PLACE: 10 POINTS
THIRD PLACE: 5 POINTS



SERVICE IS GOLDEN POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST PLACE: 15 POINTS
SECOND PLACE: 10 POINTS
THIRD PLACE: 5 POINTS



LION OLYMPICS POINTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON PLACEMENT IN EACH OF THE 5 INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS:

FIRST PLACE: 15 POINTS
SECOND PLACE: 10 POINTS
THIRD PLACE: 5 POINTS



PARADE POINTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON POINTS AWARDED TO EACH TEAM OUT OF THE 30 POINTS AVAILABLE.



BANNER DROP

Monday, October 7 | 3PM Drop Off | 5PM Reveal

The banner drop event is designed as a competition in artistic ability, coupled with school spirit. Teams will paint their supplied banner using their own design and interpretation of the Homecoming theme. Creativity, use of theme, and artistic appeal are the judging factors and are encouraged. Rules and guidelines are listed below.

1. Each team will be given a banner at the mandatory captains meeting on September 23rd.
2. Space is limited to the first 30 teams registering.
3. The entry should include the Homecoming theme. It is not required to incorporate the football game opponent.
4. Banners may be painted between any time from September 23rd until October 7th at 2:59pm. Any team that turns in their banner late will be penalized 10 points. Any banner received after 4:00pm will not be judged. In the event of rain, the competition will be postponed and announced accordingly.
5. Groups will be rated on a scale of 1 - 10, with 30 being the highest possible total. The groups will be judged on the following:
 - a) Creativity
 - b) Use of theme
 - c) Artistic Appeal
6. The winners of this event will be announced during Purple Pandemonium on October 10th.
7. Groups are not responsible for taking down banners.
8. All entries must be in good taste. References to alcohol, drugs, and/or negative references about any campus organizations, students, faculty, or staff are strictly prohibited.



SHINE ON SCAVENGER HUNT

Tuesday, October 8 | 7:00 PM | Harrison Plaza

The Shine On Scavenger Hunt was created to test the intelligence and cunning of UNA students. In this activity, students will solve riddles and puzzles to lead to the final destination.

1. Each group is required to have 5 members from your organization to participate.
2. Participants will need to arrive at 6:45 P.M. on Tuesday. Each group will be assigned a UPC member.
3. From Harrison Plaza, a clue will be given to lead the participants to their first location. Upon arrival, a folder with a puzzle enclosed will be visible. Each participating organization will have a designated folder with their group name. They will only be allowed to pick up theirs. Any violations will result in the disqualification of your organization from the Homecoming Spirit Challenge.
4. There will be several stops during the scavenger hunt. Each will have a puzzle to solve before you get the riddle which will allude to the next location. The UPC member will be responsible for handing the riddle for the next location to their assigned organization upon the puzzle's completion.
5. Points will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each placing organization's division.
6. Any cheating will result in immediate disqualification. Any claims will be evaluated by the Director and Assistant Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development of their decision will be final.
7. Winners will be announced at Purple Pandemonium on Thursday, October 10th beginning at 6:00 PM at CB&S Arena

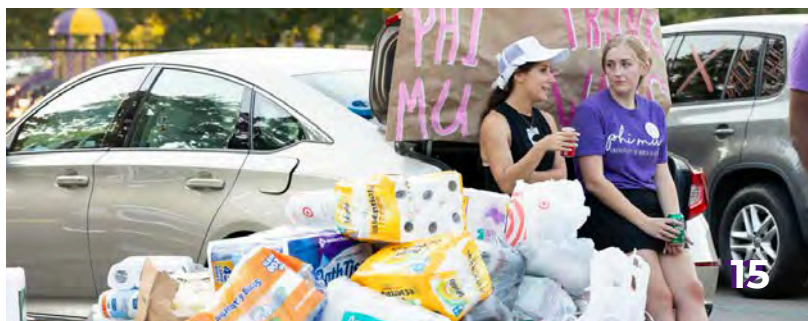


SERVICE IS GOLDEN

Wednesday, October 9 | 11:00 AM | GUC 200

Through Service Is Golden students have the opportunity to participate in service by helping the residents of the Florence Lauderdale Animal Shelter through the assembly of toys. Rules and Guidelines are listed below.

1. Each group must have 5 individuals from your organization to participate.
2. Participants will need to arrive at 10:50 AM on Wednesday.
3. At 10:55 AM, teams will be given instructions on how to assemble the items.
4. At 11:00 AM, teams will begin assembling the items. Teams will be able to work the entire time making as many items as they can. The team with the highest number of items made will win.
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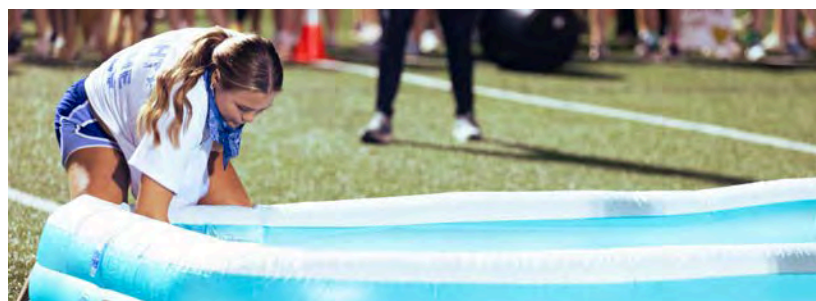


GO FOR GOLD LION OLYMPICS

Thursday, October 10 | 6:00 PM | CB&S Bank Arena

The Lion Olympics are designed for a competition in high spirited physical activity, creativity, and campus pride. Rules and guidelines are listed below.

1. The Lion olympics will begin immediately following Purple Pandemonium inside CB&S Arena. The race is reserved for the first 30 groups who sign up. All teams are asked to be there at 5:30 p.m. to check in and review the rules of each game. Officials will be present, please respect and follow all rules.
2. Each team will need 8 members to participate. Each individual can only compete in one competition exclusive of the tug of war challenge. Four (4) of the games require a pair and the final challenge will require all 8 team members to participate.
3. Five games will occur in the Lion Olympics. These Include
 - a) **Jumbo Water Pong:** Each team will compete against another team in their division in a game of water pong. The cups will be filled with water and set up in a 3-2-1 format. Each team will get two shots per turn. Once a ball lands in a cup it is removed. If a player makes both shots, they get two bonus shots in the same turn. The first team to remove all the cups wins.
 - b) **Hungry Hungry Hippo:** Two players from each team will compete in the live competition of this board game classic. One pool of ping pong balls will be placed at the center of the court. Once the game begins, one member from each team will dash to grab as many ping pong balls from the pool as possible. Members must then transport the balls back to their station before the next member can go in. The game will continue until all the ping pong balls are captured. The team with the most balls in their bucket at the end is the winner.
 - b) **Rock Paper Scissors:** We will play traditional rock, paper, scissors with one individual representing each respective organization. Players will face off according to their respective category. The last person standing will win.
 - c) **Rapid Relay Race:** Two players will compete in this timed event. There will be five stages to this competition.
 1. Izzy Dizzy - Two player will spin around a baseball bat 10 times
 2. Wheel Barrel - One player will put their hands on the ground and give their feet to their partner. The individual on the ground will then walk with their hands 15 feet.
 3. Ping Pong Ball Relay - One at a time, players must place a ping pong ball on their spoon, and walk 15 feet to the cup placed in front of them. The players will then gently place the ping pong balls into the cup WITHOUT using their hands. IF a player uses hands, they will both have to start the challenge over. If the ping pong ball falls off of the spoon, the individual player must restart. The two players must get both ping pong balls into the cup.
Note: The second player cannot go until the first completes the challenge.
 4. Three-Legged Race - Team members will then have their inner ankles tied together and must run down the court 15 feet.
 6. Crab Crawl - Player will crawl backwards on their hands and feet to the finish line.



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d) **Tug of War:** All members of each individual team will compete in this challenge. Each member will line up on their side of the rope and will begin to pull upon the whistle. The team that successfully gets the middle of the rope across their respective line will be declared the winner.

4. Teams will be allotted points based upon their placement in each game within their division as stated on page 11.

First Place: 15 Points

Second Place: 10 Points

Third Place: 5 Points

Upon the conclusion of all the stages of competition, each team's scores will be added together. The teams with the highest overall points in each division will receive the first place award, and the team with the second highest overall points in each division will receive the Second Place Award.

5. Any cheating and/or roughhousing will result in immediate disqualification. This includes but is not limited to tripping others, stealing equipment, interfering in another's lane, etc. Cheating and roughhousing claims will be evaluated by Assistant Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development and her decision will be final.
6. Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the games on Thursday, October 10th



PARADE FLOAT COMPETITION

Saturday, October 12 | 11:30am | Pine Street

Teams will be given creative freedom to design their Homecoming Parade Float. The teams will be graded by creativity, use of theme, and overall spirit. Rules and Guidelines are listed below.

1. The parade will begin at at 11:30am. Groups can begin lining up at 10:30, and must be lined up by 11:15am on Pine Street.
2. Parade line up will occur as first come first serve this year for floats. Therefore, **all entries must have their group name listed on the front of the pulling vehicle or clearly listing on sign** for those walking. This helps the judges know who they are scoring.
3. Floats may not be taller than 13 feet from the ground to the highest point.
4. Teams will not be allowed to pair up for this event.
5. Floats may be hand carried or pulled by a motor vehicle. They cannot be pulled by a semi-tractor- trailer.
6. Floats are not necessary but highly recommended. Participating teams may wish to walk, ride in a car (such as a convertible), or participate in any other way provided that participating teams follow all the same guidelines.
7. If the parade gets cancelled on Saturday due to weather, all groups will be informed via email.
8. Groups will be rated on a scale of 1-10, with 30 being the highest possible total. The areas the groups will be judged on are:
 - a) Creativity
 - b) Use of Theme
 - c) Artistic Appeal
9. The winners of this event will be announced during the Homecoming Game on October 12 at 6pm at Braly Stadium.
10. You must enter from the north of Pine Street in order to be admitted.
NO REGISTRATION = NO ENTRY IN THE PARADE.
11. Organizations may begin working on floats when they choose.

*Any organization that **does not** meet the deadline to sign-up for the Parade Float competition, but wants to be represented in the parade must register their float through the [Student Engagement Campus Groups page](#).*



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PURPLE PANDEMONIUM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 | 6:00 PM | CB&S BANK ARENA

JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S HOMECOMING PEP RALLY AS UPC AND ATHLETICS ARE COLLABORATING TO FEATURE CAMPUS SPIRIT, HOMECOMING TRADITIONS, GAMES, AND YOUR 24-25 UNA BASKETBALL TEAMS. WE CANNOT WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!



HOME *tailgate* COMING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH | 3PM - 6PM

*JOIN UPC ON SPIRIT HILL FOR
WINGS AND GAMES. THEN MOVE
TO BRALY STADIUM FOR PRE-
GAME FESTIVITES.*





SPIRIT CHALLENGE

PAST LIST OF WINNERS

2003 GLOBAL FRIENDSHIP ORG

2004 PHI MU

2005 ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

2006 ZETA TAU ALPHA

2007 ZETA TAU ALPHA &
ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

2008 ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

2009 ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

2010 ALPHA TAU OMEGA

2011 ALPHA DELTA CHI

2012 PHI MU

2013 PHI MU

2014 ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

2015 ALPHA TAU OMEGA

2016 ZETA TAU ALPHA

2017 ZETA TAU ALPHA

2018 LAMBDA SIGMA PHI

2019 LAMBDA SIGMA PHI

2020 ALPHA TAU OMEGA

2021 ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

2022 FIRST FLOOR OLIVE

2023 LAMBDA SIGMA PHI

ROAR LIONS!!

NORTH ALABAMA



**Go, Fight for U-N-A
We are behind you all the way
Go! Fight! Win Old U-N-A
The Purple and Gold is here to stay
We'll roar on to victory
We'll send that team back on their
way**

**Go! Fight! U-N-A
We are behind you all the way
(Chant)**

**Go! Fight! U-N-A
Go! Fight! U-N-A
Go! Fight! U-N-A
Go! Fight! Lions!**

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