

2019 Homecoming Spirit Challenge



This year's Homecoming theme is "The Gold Standard"

The University Program Council would like to welcome all RSOs to participate in this 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.
2. There will be three categories including: Men, Women, and Coed. In each competition there will be a first and second place winner per category and then an overall homecoming winner.
3. All team members must be currently enrolled students (this includes graduate students) at UNA. Teams may be Recognized Student Organizations or Resident Hall Affiliations (ex. Olive 2nd Floor)
4. Teams must be submitted before August 28th @11:00am.
5. The Overall Spirit, Pep Rally, and Parade Float winners will be announced on Saturday, **September 28th** during the half-time show at the football game while window painting winners will be announced during the Pep Rally on Friday, **September 27th**.

Important Dates

- **Wednesday, August 28th**: Registration closes at 11:00am
- **Tuesday, September 3rd**: Mandatory Team Captains Meeting @ 5:30pm in SGA Chambers
- **Monday, September 23rd**: Window Painting Competition from 9:00am-4:30pm @ the GUC
- **Thursday, September 26th**: Parade Permits must be picked up from the Office of Student Engagement by 4:30pm
- **Friday, September 27th**: Pep Rally Competition @ 9:00pm on the UNA Turf Practice Field
- **Saturday, September 28th**: Parade Float Competition @ 10:30am

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Rules and Guidelines of the Homecoming Spirit Challenge

Challenge Rules, Polices, and Scoring

GUC Window Painting Points will be distributed as follows:

Men, Women & Coed:

First Place	30 points
Second Place	25 points
Overall	5 points

Pep-rally Event Points will be as distributed as follows:

Men, Women & Coed:

First Place	30 points
Second Place	25 points
Overall	5 points

Parade Float Event Points will be distributed as follows:

Men, Women & Coed:

First Place	30 points
Second Place	25 points
Overall	5 points

Window Painting Competition

Monday, September 23rd

Rain Date Tuesday, September 24th

The window painting event is designed for a competition in artistic ability coupled with school spirit. Teams will paint their assigned window in the front of the GUC 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 assigned a window panel on the front side of the GUC on which to prepare their entry. Windows will be assigned at the first mandatory captains meeting.
2. Space is limited to the first 36 teams registering. Windows can only be painted on the outside of the GUC windows.
3. The entry should include the Homecoming theme. It is not required to incorporate the football game opponent in this entry.
4. Window entries must be painted beginning on Monday of Homecoming week at 9:00 a.m. and completed by 4:00 p.m. Any team that begins painting prior to 9:00 a.m. and/or continues after 4:00 p.m. will be penalized ten (10) points. In the event of rain, the event will be postponed until Tuesday with the same times stipulated above.
5. Groups will be rated on a scale of 1-10, with thirty (30) being the highest possible total. Areas the groups will be judged on:
 - a. Creativity
 - b. Use of Theme
 - c. Artistic Appeal
6. The winners of this event will be announced during the Homecoming Pep-rally on Friday night.
7. Participating groups are not responsible for cleaning the windows.
8. Each team must leave a two (2) inch margin around its painting.
9. There will be a 15-point deduction from the total window painting score if there is not a 2" inch border.
10. Teams must use the water-based paints provided by UPC for the window painting.
11. There will be a 25 point penalty for the use of paints outside the ones offered by UPC.
12. The paint colors may vary. They include Pink, White, Green, Red, Blue, Purple, Black, Yellow, Orange, and Gold.
13. All teams participating in this event are prohibited from using University property in the preparation and painting of the window. This includes, but is not limited to, standing in chairs outside the GUC, standing on the benches outside the GUC, etc. If this occurs your teams will be fined for the replacement of damaged property.
14. All teams will be required to use a DROP CLOTH to protect the concrete outside the GUC.
15. Each team is responsible for bringing their own drop cloth.
16. All entries must be in good taste; references to alcohol, drugs, and/or negative references about any campus organization, faculty, or staff are strictly prohibited.

****The winners of Window Painting will be announced at the End of the Pep Rally****

Rules and Guidelines of the Homecoming Spirit Challenge

Pep Rally Competition

Friday, September 27th

The competing teams will show spirit throughout the Pep Rally. Each team will be able to do their chant at the end of the pep rally. The teams will be graded by creativity, use of theme, and overall spirit. Rules and Guidelines are listed below.

1. The Pep Rally will begin at 9:00 p.m. at UNA Turf Field. All teams are asked to be there to show your spirit. Groups must be in place by 8:30 p.m.
2. Each group will be given a chance to cheer individually for no more than one (1) minute.
3. The use of the following is not permitted:
 - a. Any noisemakers must be hand-made. No electronic or battery powered equipment may be used.
 - b. Animals and motor vehicles are NOT to be used in the performance.
 - c. FIRE AND PYROTECHNICS (I.E. CANDLES, LIGHTERS, MATCHES, FIREWORKS, ETC.) ARE PROHIBITED. VIOLATION OF THIS RULE RESULTS IN AN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.
4. Groups will be rated on a scale of 1-10, with thirty (30) being the highest Possible total. The areas the groups will be judged on are:
 - a) Creativity/Originality
 - b) Use of Theme
 - c) Overall Spirit
5. Any number of team members can participate.
6. The order of appearance will be in alphabetical order.
7. Groups are asked to refrain from the following: using obscene gestures or profanity during the show; disrespecting other organizations/faculty/staff; and props and/or choreography that allude to or imply sexual acts. Any group or individual member of a group, engaging in the above mentioned behavior will lead to the entire group being disqualified.

**** The winner of the Pep Rally will be announced during Half-time Saturday ****

Homecoming Parade Float Competition

Saturday, September 28th

1. The parade will begin on Irvine Street at 10:30 a.m. Groups must be lined up by 10:00 a.m. on Pine Street
2. Floats may not be taller than 13 feet from the ground to the highest point.
3. Floats may not be pulled by semi-tractor-trailers.
4. Teams will not be allowed to pair up for this event
5. Floats may be hand carried or pulled by a motor vehicle.
6. Floats are not necessary but highly recommended. Participating teams may wish to walk, ride in car (such as convertible), or participate in any other way provided that participating team follows all the same guidelines. Points will still be awarded.
7. If the parade is cancelled on Saturday due to weather all groups will be informed via email announcement.
8. Groups will be rated on a scale of 1-10, with thirty (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. Each entry is required to have a parade permit. These permits will be available from Student Engagement Thursday afternoon September 26th (University closes at 4:30pm). It is the organization's responsibility to display the permit on their entry. NO PERMIT=NO ENTRY IN THE PARADE.
10. 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 Alumni Relations

**** The winner of the Parade Float will be announced during Half-time Saturday ****

The SGA University Program Council challenges each group to coordinate their competition pieces with dignity and UNA SPIRIT in mind. Good Luck & ROAR Lions!