2019 HOMECOMING PACKET

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Welcome Home.

Your 2019 Homecoming journey starts here.

Dear Seminole Family,

The 2019 Homecoming Council is proud to present Florida State University’s 71st Annual Homecoming. Homecoming at Florida State University encompasses the rich tradition of FSU and celebrates the immense pride and spirit of our Seminole community. Each year, Florida State University Homecoming includes a variety of events and activities to unite students, alumni, friends, family, and the Tallahassee community.

This year, Florida State University Homecoming will be celebrated from October 20th through October 26th. The week will be filled with exciting events highlighting FSU traditions such as Pow Wow, an FSU tradition since 1948. This sensational week then concludes with the Homecoming football game on Saturday, October 26th, 2019 where the Florida State Seminoles will match up against the Syracuse Orange.

The 2019 Homecoming Council invites every student and organization to experience the tradition of Florida State through participation in the week’s events.

Students are welcome to participate in as many events as they would like but are encouraged to attend every event that the week has to offer. Students may compete to gain points through events or participate for fun. In addition, students are welcome to team up with other students or groups to participate so long as the Team Eligibility rules are adhered to. It is important for those interested, regardless if participating to gain points or to merely experience the traditions of FSU, to fill out the registration form.

We are excited to share this spirited week with you and hope that your 2019 Homecoming experience will be both welcoming and memorable! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself, or any member of the Homecoming Council regarding their respective events. GO NOLES!

In True Seminole Spirit,

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IMPORTANT DATES

A summary of important dates to remember for Homecoming 2019.

HOMECOMING PARTICIPATION MEETINGS

Thursday, September 5th, 2019 | 6:30 PM | University Ballroom
Thursday, September 12th, 2019 | 6:30 PM | Moore Auditorium
Thursday, September 19th, 2019 | 6:30 PM | University Ballroom
Thursday, September 26th, 2019 | 6:30 PM | HWC 2500
Thursday, October 3rd, 2019 | 6:30 PM | University Ballroom
Thursday, October 10th, 2019 | 6:30 PM | Moore Auditorium
Thursday, October 17th, 2019 | 6:30 PM | University Ballroom

ODDS AND EVENS

Team Registration:
September 3rd, 2019 through September 30th, 2019

Event:
Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019 | 5:00 PM | Main Campus IM Fields

BANNER COMPETITION

Sunday, October 20th, 2019 | Outside of Moore Auditorium

SEMINOLE FESTIVAL

Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019 | 1:30 PM | Landis Green

CHIEF & PRINCESS ELECTIONS

Applications:
Wednesday, August 28th, 2019 - Friday, September 13th, 2019

Interviews:
Monday, September 23rd, 2019 - Wednesday, September 25th, 2019

Homecoming Court Reveal:
Friday, September 27th, 2019

Elections:
Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019 | Online
SPEAR-IT SHOWCASE

Applications & Auditions:
Applications: July 17th to September 6th
Auditions: September 8th (Moore Auditorium from 12 PM to 4 PM) & September 16th
(Ballrooms from 12 PM to 6 PM)

Event:
Monday, October 21st, 2019 | Doors at 7:00 PM, Show at 8:00 PM | FSU Ballrooms

HOMECOMING PARADE

Parade Application:
Friday, September 6th, 2019 - Friday, October 18th, 2019

Event:
Friday, October 25th, 2019 | 2:00 PM | Westcott

POW WOW

Friday, October 25th, 2019 | Doors at 7:00 PM, Show at 8:00 PM | Donald L. Tucker Civic Center

TAGGART'S TRUE SEMINOLE TAILGATE

Saturday, October 26th, 2019 | Two Hours Prior to Kickoff | In Front of Doak Campbell Stadium Next to Heritage Fountain

HOMECOMING SPIRIT FORCE

Applications:
Monday, August 12th, 2019 - Friday, August 30th, 2019

Interviews:
Wednesday, September 4th, 2019 - Thursday, September 5th, 2019

KARAOKE FOR A CAUSE

Thursday, October 24th, 2019 | Doors at 6:00 PM, Show at 7:00 PM | Askew Student Life Center
EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

A brief overview of what each Homecoming event throughout the week will entail.

SPEAR-IT SHOWCASE
Spear-It Showcase highlights the talents of numerous FSU students and organizations through a Talent Showcase and the Biggest Fan on Campus Competition. This year, Spear-It Showcase will feature an exciting new component, The Student Agency Representation Competition. Students and groups must audition for a chance to perform at Spear-It Showcase.

TAGGART’S TRUE SEMINOLE TAILGATE
The Homecoming Tailgate is an event that takes place before the Homegaming game begins. This will be a chance for members of the Seminole community to get excited for the game in Doak Campbell Stadium. The tailgate includes free food, games, music, giveaways, and more.

HOMECOMING BANNER COMPETITION
The Homecoming Banner Contest is an opportunity for organizations to celebrate Homecoming by creating banners, which display the spirit of Homecoming and showcase their artistic talent. The banner will incorporate not only the overall theme, but also each individual team’s Homecoming 2019 themes. Completed Banners will be displayed near the Union.

KARAOKE FOR A CAUSE
Karaoke for a Cause is an opportunity for students to come together to sing, dance, and enjoy themselves while also raising awareness for the numerous philanthropies across campus. Service organizations are encouraged to table and educate the FSU campus to all of the resources and service opportunities available to them.

ODDS & EVENS
Odds and Evens is a large-scale field day that was originally a basketball tournament during FSU’s time as a women’s college. The event comprises of 3 areas of sports, which include soccer, flag football, and dodgeball. There will also be tailgate games for participants to enjoy. Participants can create teams and sign-up to participate in the event. Teams must be a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 8 players. Organizations can register as many teams as they would like. The winner will be determined by the team who has the most wins in the 3 areas.
EVENT DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

CHIEF & PRINCESS ELECTIONS
Homecoming Court is a timeless tradition held here at Florida State. 6 male and 6 female seniors are selected to serve on Court and will participate throughout their senior year on the team. Court is a place for engaging student leaders to showcase their love of this institution as well as give back to it through participating in events on campus and in the greater Leon County community. Candidates must understand that their acceptance of a position on Homecoming court is an implicit agreement to be present at all events designated as 'required' by the Student Alumni Association and FSU Homecoming, particularly during the week of Homecoming.

POW WOW
Pow Wow is an annual event of entertainment and laughter held the night before the Homecoming football game at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center. Special FSU performers entertain the audience and the evening culminates with an unforgettable performance by a well-known comedian. Attend Pow Wow to witness the crowning of Florida State’s 2019 Homecoming Chief and Princess and the announcement of the winners of each Homecoming event. Pow Wow is free for FSU students with a valid FSU student ID. General public tickets will be available at www.tuckerciviccenter.com.

HOMECOMING PARADE
The Homecoming Parade celebrates student organizations and members of the Seminole and Tallahassee community, by inviting them the opportunity to display and celebrate Florida State’s traditions. Some of the past Parade entries have included the Marching Chiefs, the Flying High Circus, the Golden Girls and royalty of the Seminole Tribe.

SEMINOLE FESTIVAL
Seminole Festival is a fun-filled carnival event held at Florida State University as part of Homecoming. This event gives students the opportunity to enjoy carnival rides, games, music, and campus partners while celebrating school tradition. Members of organizations participating in the Homecoming Competition will have the opportunity to receive stamp cards that will enable them to receive points toward winning the Overall Competition.
All rules, dates, and times are subject to change at the discretion of the Homecoming Executive Council. Participating individuals will be notified if any changes are made in a timely manner via email. Violation of any rules in this packet may result in penalties including ineligibility for points, inability to participate in designated events, or disqualification from the Homecoming Competition. In addition to the rules in this packet, all participants must abide by Florida State University Student Conduct Code, other University policies, and local, state, and federal law. All disciplinary decisions made by the Homecoming Executive Council are firm, but may be appealed using the grievance form upon request to fsuhcoveralldirectors@gmail.com. All Homecoming events are alcohol and substance free!

If any individual affiliated with your team and/or organization brings alcohol or illegal substances to or appears to be under the influence at any Homecoming event/activity, your team and/or organization will be disqualified from all of Homecoming and that individual will be escorted out of the event.
PARTICIPATION & TEAM ELIGIBILITY

HOMECOMING PARTICIPATION

1. Enrolled FSU students are welcomed and encouraged to participate and/or compete in Homecoming 2019. Students and organizations are invited to participate by attending or competing in various events. Student organizations have the option to team up with other participating organizations to compete. Please see the Team Eligibility rules below for more information.

2. Students interested in participating should attend Homecoming Participation Meetings to learn more about the Homecoming events/activities. All teams are required to send one Delegate from each organization in their team to the Participation Meetings. If your organization only wants to participate in certain events, please follow the rules and deadlines set forth for that specific event. If you have any questions about your organization’s involvement, please contact the Outreach Director, Mikayla Reiser.

3. All organizations that are competing in Homecoming Events must fill out and turn in a registration form. Registration can be found on Nole Central, or at this link: https://nolecentral.dsa.fsu.edu/submitter/form/start/340140. When on the website, click organizations and find Homecoming. The application can be found under forms. You must be signed in to access the registration form.

4. By submitting the form, you agree to follow all the rules set forth in the participation packet and by the Homecoming Executive Council. Initial due dates for each event are considered the official registration for individual events and must be met in order to participate in said event.

REGISTRATION DUE BY SEPTEMBER 12th AT 5:00 PM
1. Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) have the option of teaming up with other participating organizations to compete in all Homecoming activities/events. A designated Delegate from each organization is responsible to match his/her organization with another (keeping in mind active membership numbers and caps for competition purposes). It is not necessary to be teamed up with another organization to participate and compete in Homecoming activities/events. Please keep in mind that membership numbers will be verified with university documents.

2. Organizations must be in good standing with the University and, if applicable, their respective Council to be eligible for participation in Homecoming.

2. Organizations cannot be teamed with any organization from previous Homecoming teams throughout the last three (3) years, Dance Marathon team from the last two (2) years, or Relay For Life from the current year. Therefore, if an organization teamed up for Homecoming in ’15 or ’16 (the past 3 years not including *Homecoming 2017*) or for Dance Marathon in ’18 or ’19 (the past 2 years) then they will not be eligible to match up for the current Homecoming year (2019). For example: If Organization A teamed up with Organization B for Homecoming in 2016, they would not be eligible to re-team until 2020.

3. Teams will compete against other teams and organizations to win each individual event and their respective category overall.

4. No Trademark words or phrases can be used in Team Theme Title.

No teams are recognized or official until notified by the Outreach Director.
Florida State University’s campus is widely diverse and the Homecoming 2019 Executive Council is encouraging teams to represent our unique campus. To better encourage more diversity within teams, Unity Points will operate on a tiered system for Homecoming 2019.

Teams will be awarded Unity Points as followed:
Organizations competing on their own, or in the Spirit Category will automatically receive points in the Parade and Banner Competition for participating in Homecoming 2019. Teams comprised of organizations from two (2) or more DIFFERENT councils/student groups will be awarded Unity Points for participating in the Parade and Banner Competition. **Unity Points are mandatory for teams that wish to be eligible for the Homecoming Competition in the Renegade and Osceola categories.**

Example:

- If a team included one Interfraternity Council organization, one Multicultural Greek Council and one FSU Athletic team, then the team would receive Unity Points.
- If a team included two Panhellenic organizations, one Registered Student Organization (RSO), and one National Pan-Hellenic Council, the team would receive Unity Points.

We encourage each team to find as many other team members as possible, but each team must still stay in the total number limit for whichever category they want to participate in (i.e. Osceola, Renegade, or Spirit). Please be aware of the relative size of organizations when selected teams. We want to encourage fair participation for all students involved in Homecoming. Please refer to the table on the next page for an accurate description of examples of different councils and student groups.
There are over 700 recognized Florida State University student organizations. More information about RSOs can be found by visiting: nolecentral.dsa.fsu.edu/organizations.

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The following is a description of the three (3) competition categories for 2019 FSU Homecoming Competition. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams in each of the following categories will be announced at Pow Wow on Friday, October 25th.

**Osceola Category**

Requirements:

1. Any Recognized Student Organization can be in the Osceola Category.
2. Organizations may choose to team up with other RSOs as long as the combined total active membership does not exceed **650** (may change slightly) **members. A team is NOT necessary for participation.**
3. The total number of organizations in the team cannot exceed **four (4).**

- Teams cannot exceed two (2) Interfraternity Council chapters and/or two (2) Panhellenic organizations.
- Teams cannot exceed a total of three (3) Interfraternity Council chapters and/or Panhellenic organizations.
- Should an Interfraternity Council or Panhellenic team include three (3) IFC fraternities/Panhellenic sororities, they are then only allowed to team with one (1) other organization (including organizations from the Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Agencies, or Recognized Student Organizations). For example: as long as their numbers do not exceed 650, Zeta Tau Alpha could team with Delta Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and the Black Student Union.

*Registration forms and active membership rosters as of Fall 2019 need to be submitted properly by September 26th, 2019. BOTH forms must be completed entirely online by this due date.*
RENEGADE CATEGORY

Requirements:

1. Any Recognized Student Organization can be in the Renegade Category.
2. Organizations may choose to team up with other RSOs as long as the combined total active membership does not exceed **250 members. A team is NOT necessary for participation.**
3. The total number of organizations in the team cannot exceed four (4).
4. Please refer to the Renegade Category requirements for additional guidelines.

*Registration forms and active membership rosters as of Fall 2019 need to be submitted properly by September 19th, 2019. BOTH forms must be completed entirely online by this due date.*

SPIRIT CATEGORY

The Homecoming Executive Council encourages all FSU students to participate in any Homecoming festivity that they wish. This “Just For Fun” Category can be comprised of any individual FSU student or small team of students that would like to join the Homecoming fun, but not receive official points. Organizations may choose to team with other RSOs as long as total active membership does not exceed **100 members.** Teams competing in the Spirit Category who participate in judged events may also place without having to receive points as a precondition for placement. Questions about individual participation for the Spirit Category can be addressed to Outreach Committee at FSUHCoutreach@gmail.com.

Once opened, registration can be found on Nole Central, which is located at studentgroups.fsu.edu. When on the website, click organizations and find Homecoming. The application can be found under forms.

*Please contact the Outreach Recruitment Chair at FSUHCreCRrecruitment@gmail.com for information on Residence Halls and Class Councils Competitions.*
## TEAM PARTICIPATION MEETINGS

### TEAM PARTICIPATION MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS, & TOPICS

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## ABOUT PARTICIPATION MEETINGS

Homecoming Participation Meetings are used to inform the participating individuals and organizations’ delegates of important information regarding Homecoming 2019. Deadlines and explanation of rules will be discussed. The Homecoming Outreach Committee will also answer any questions to better inform everyone involved.

## PARTICIPATION MEETING RULES

1. Each organization within each team MUST have their delegate and/or a representative present at each of the Homecoming Participation Meetings in order to be up to date with any announcements and to receive specific rules/information on each event.

2. A representative from each organization within a team is required to attend every meeting. If a representative does not show, **the team will not receive any points for the week** in the Participation category of the Homecoming Competition.
Event Information

Odds and Evens is a large-scale field day that was originally a basketball tournament during FSU’s time as a women’s college. The event comprises of 4 areas of sport, which include soccer, kickball, dodgeball, and tailgate games that feature teams from each class council. Participants can create teams and sign-up to participate in the event. Teams must be a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 8 players.

Event Sign-Ups

Sign-Ups will be provided and submitted online at https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cBUX80B5uRRSSfX.

Event Rules

1. Each team will consist of between 6 and 8 members.
2. A team may only check-in when every member is present, and every member must be able to present a valid, gold FSU ID and must agree to complete a liability waiver.
3. Teams can choose which sports they would like to participate in, but are encouraged to participate in all events if possible.
4. The Odds and Evens Competition will conclude approximately 2 hours after the starting time, where teams MUST be back at the starting point for evaluation.
5. In case of tie, there will be a tie breaker for the specific game.
6. In the event of poor weather, the Programming team will make an announcement concerning the status of the event.
7. All FSU students are welcome to participate. If a student requires accommodations, please contact the Odds and Evens Chair, Shannon Wichmann.
EVENT INFORMATION

Showing FSU’s dedication to service, Karaoke for a Cause is an opportunity for students to come together and sing while raising awareness for philanthropies across campus. Karaoke is open to all students. Each organization can have a table at the Karaoke for a Cause event that will publicize their specific philanthropy. The goal is to inform the student body of the diverse array of philanthropies the Seminole community is involved in as well as encourage participation for their respective upcoming events.

DATES

September 27th — Deadline to verify philanthropy table participation by email at 5:00 PM.
October 24th — Karaoke for a Cause will begin at 6:00 PM in the Askew Student Life Center.

TABLING CRITERIA

1. Organizations and/or teams are encouraged to have a table for the philanthropy that they represent.
2. Each organization/team will have until September 27th to email the Service Chair, Anthony Campbell, if they plan on having a philanthropy table.
3. Only the first 30 organizations/teams to notify Anthony Campbell by the provided date will be selected for a table.
4. Use a poster board, video, flyers, interactive service projects or any other creative medium at your table to communicate your philanthropy to the student body.
5. Each team can represent 1-2 philanthropies. (e.g. if a team consists of two organizations, each organization can represent their own philanthropy).
6. If a team consists of more than two organizations, then the team must choose only two of the team’s philanthropies.
7. Three people per philanthropy must be present at the table for the entire event (e.g. if two philanthropies are at a table then six people must be present).
8. You do NOT have to have a table in order to participate in karaoke. This is open to all students.
9. NO money or donations can be collected at the organization’s table.
10. NO merchandise can be sold at the tables.

KARAOKE RULES & JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Groups of up to five people will be allowed to sing at once.
**SPEAR-IT SHOWCASE**
Monday, October 21st, 2019 | Doors at 7:00 PM, Show at 8:00 PM | FSU Ballrooms

**EVENT INFORMATION**
Spear-It Showcase highlights the talents of numerous FSU students and organizations through a Talent Showcase and the Biggest Fan on Campus Competition. As well with our newest component, The Student Agency Representation Competition. Students and groups must audition for a chance to perform at Spear-It Showcase.

**SIGN-UP LINKS**
Sign-Ups for Talent Auditions, Biggest Fan on Campus Auditions, and Student Agency Representation Auditions: https://forms.gle/dEfW1bxc7SVywUax5.

**DATES**
- **July 17th** — Sign up for auditions open (see links above).
- **September 6th** — Audition link closes at 5:00 PM.
- **September 8th** — All Auditions from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM in Moore Auditorium.
- **September 15th** — All Auditions from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Ballrooms.
- **September 16th** — All Auditions from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Ballrooms.
- **September 19th** — Participants must reply by email to Jose Acuna, Spear-It Showcase Chair, if they accept/decline invitation to perform in Spear-It Showcase by 5:00 PM.
- **September 20th** — Biggest Fan on Campus meeting from time TBA at location TBA.
- **September 23rd** — Talent & SARC meeting from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at location TBA.
- **October 4th** — Music/Staging/Lyrics for Spear-It Showcase must be sent to Jose Acuna by 11:59 PM.
- **October 10th** — First rehearsal in the Ballrooms from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Sign-up on Doodle.
- **October 16th** — Mandatory Dress Rehearsal in the Ballrooms from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM in the Ballrooms. Sign-up on Doodle.
- **Date TBD** — Final Full-Run Through Rehearsal (Time & Location TBD).
- **October 21st** — Sound check (Time TBD).
TALENT COMPETITION

The Talent Competition of Spear-It Showcase allows FSU students and organizations to demonstrate their different talents including dances, step performances, singing, juggling, and anything else that is entertaining! Students and groups can audition for a chance to perform in the Talent Competition during Spear-It Showcase. All interested students are encouraged to sign up for an audition. Come showcase your Seminole Pride through your talent!

TALENT COMPETITION RULES:

1. Please arrive 20 minutes before your allotted audition time. Applicants who do not show up to their audition will be disqualified. If you have an emergency and must cancel, please notify the Spear-It Showcase Chair as early as possible!
2. Acts are to be kept under 4 minutes.
3. During the audition, each judge will designate a score of 1 to 10 (10 being the highest score possible and 1 being the lowest score possible) for each group, on the following criteria: appearance/showmanship, originality, FSU pride/spirit, and 1 to 20 for talent. The top six (6) acts with the highest scores will perform at Spear-It Showcase.
4. Certain acts that are not chosen to compete during Spear-It Showcase may be notified and asked if they would like to perform as entertainment during other events and/or as alternates.
5. A panel of judges will determine the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.
6. The performance made at auditions as well as rehearsal must be EXACTLY THE SAME as the performance on the night of Spear-It Showcase so please present the full product (i.e. music, costumes, etc.) at auditions.
BIGGEST FAN ON CAMPUS (BFOC)

Spear-It Showcase also features the Biggest Fan on Campus Competition where students put on entertaining performances in the hopes of winning the title of “Biggest Fan on Campus.” The goal is to show the student body and judges that the individual will go above and beyond to earn the title of “Biggest Fan on Campus.” Performers are encouraged to be creative with their acts and represent Florida State in the most spirited way possible. A talent and costume are required to compete in this contest. All interested students are encouraged to sign up for an audition. Come showcase your Seminole pride through your talent!

BFOC PROCEDURE

- When auditioning for Biggest Fan on Campus there are four (4) categories to be presented:
  1. Best Garnet and Gold Attire
     - Bring with you and show off the outfit that screams garnet and gold pride!
     - Use your best judgement when choosing an outfit. Have fun but keep in mind that you are representing the Florida State Community.
     - In adhering with the SGA posed resolution, the use of headdresses in an outfit will not be permitted.
  2. Questionnaire
     - Each candidate will be asked two questions by the judge.
  3. Showcase your Seminole spirit with a talent that shows how you bleed garnet and gold.
  4. Showcase your talent by: Rewriting a song! Writing your own song! Creating a dance! Doing stand-up comedy! Do whatever you can do to prove to you are The Florida State’s Biggest Fan on Campus for Homecoming 2019!

- All categories must be shown at auditions.
- ANY CHANGES from auditions to actual Spear-It Showcase may prompt disqualification.
**BFOC RULES**

1. Please arrive 20 minutes before your allotted audition time. Applicants who do not show up to their audition will be disqualified and receive a point deduction. If you have an emergency and must cancel, please notify the Spear-It Showcase Chair as early as possible.

2. Any FSU student may choose to participate in the competition as an individual competitor. It is not necessary to be with a team to participate in BFOC. All interested students are encouraged to sign up for an audition. Come showcase your Seminole pride through your talent!

3. During the audition, each judge will designate a score of 1 to 10 (10 being the highest score possible and 1 being the lowest) for each applicant, on the following criteria: appearance/showmanship, originality, talent, and FSU pride/spirit.

4. After the interviews, the three (3) BFOC participants with the highest scores will be chosen to perform his/her talent at Spear-it Showcase by the Judging panel. The three (3) selected finalists will be notified by October 9th.

5. BFOC finalists must create a (two-minute max) video to be played at Spear-It Showcase. This may be an autobiography, a video showing FSU pride and spirit or anything relating to BFOC. Each finalist must submit their video to the Chair of Spear-It Showcase, Jose Acuna, by time TBA on date TBA. Please make sure to label submissions with your name and/or organization. The video will be posted on www.facebook.com via the Homecoming 2019 Facebook page after time TBA on date TBA and the video with the most likes by time TBA on date TBA will receive extra points on their judging sheets. Voters will only be able to like the video after liking the page. Each video must be clean and family friendly. Inappropriate videos will be discarded with the corresponding finalist disqualified from Spear-It Showcase.

6. The performance made at auditions as well as rehearsal must be EXACTLY THE SAME as the performance on the night of Spear-It Showcase so please present the full product (i.e. music, costumes, etc.) at auditions.

7. The performance made at auditions as well as rehearsal must be the EXACT SAME PERFORMANCE the night of Spear-It Showcase so please present the full product (i.e. music, costumes, etc.) at auditions.

8. A panel of faculty and staff judges will determine the winner.
EVENT INFORMATION
The 2019 Homecoming Chief & Princess Elections will take place on Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019. Applicants must be Undergraduate Students who have completed 90 hours and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA or Graduate Students that have completed 18 hours and maintain an FSU graduate 3.0 GPA. Please visit the website for more details.

APPLICATIONS
Applications will be provided and submitted online at http://www.homecoming.fsu.edu.

DATES
- **August 28th** — Applications available online
- **September 13th** — Applications due by 11:59pm with $25 payment (NO late applications will be accepted)
- **September 14th** — Top 15 Male and Top 15 Female Candidates invited for interviews Candidates will receive email to sign up for an interview time slot.
- **September 23rd – 25th** — Court interviews
- **September 27th** — Homecoming Court Notified and Revealed
- **October 23rd** — Chief and Princess Voting

SIGN-UPS
Homecoming Court will be asked to attend other events leading up to the week of Homecoming as well as the majority of Homecoming events throughout the week of Homecoming. Candidates must understand that their acceptance of a position on Homecoming court is an implicit agreement to be present at all events designated as 'required' by the Student Alumni Association and FSU Homecoming, particularly during the week of Homecoming. Court members will learn more at the Homecoming Court meeting, to be announced after the finished court has been assembled.
HOME COMING COURT: ELIGIBILITY

HOME COMING COURT ELIGIBILITY

• A Homecoming Chief and Princess shall be elected during the Homecoming Chief and Princess Election by a majority of the votes cast in the election. The Homecoming Chief and Princess shall represent Florida State University Student Body at Homecoming activities and other appropriate related functions.

• All applicants for Homecoming Chief/Princess shall be a senior undergraduate or graduate student, sponsored by a recognized student organization (RSO), a university residence hall, Greek organization, or themselves.

• Applicants must be Undergraduates who:
  • Have an FSU cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the time of applying.
  • Have completed or be registered for completion of 90 or more hours.
  • Must have attended Florida State at least one (1) year and be taking nine (9) or more credit hours in the semester of their candidacy.
  • Those undergraduate seniors who need less than nine (9) hours to graduate in the semester of their candidacy may be exempted from the nine (9) or more credit hour requirement. Written documentation to that effect must be submitted.

• Applicants must be Graduate Students who:
  • Have an FSU Graduate GPA of at least 3.0.
  • Must be enrolled in the appropriate number of semester credit hours (as determined by their department).
  • Have at least eighteen (18) graduate credit hours completed.
  • Must limit their application materials to their FSU graduate school experiences only.

• Applications shall be submitted through the Qualtrics survey located on the homecoming website and be comprised of:
  • Information confirming the academic and university requirements stated above.
  • One statement of interest (500 words max.).
  • One letter of recommendation from an FSU faculty or staff member.

• Previous Court members may not, under any circumstances, reapply for candidacy.

• Applications shall be turned in by the assigned date designated. NO late applications/interviews will be accepted; the top fifteen (15) male and top fifteen (15) female applicants will be invited for an interview.

• The Student Alumni Association, Alumni Association, and Registrar’s Office will verify all grades and credit hours of all applicants.
The Homecoming Banner Competition is an opportunity for organizations to celebrate FSU Homecoming by creating banners, which flaunt the spirit of Homecoming and showcase an organization’s artistic talents. The banner is expected to incorporate not only the overall theme, but also the individual teams’ themes and will be displayed near the Oglesby Union.

**EVENT RULES**

1. Prior to painting, all banner sketches MUST be approved by Director of Outreach and Membership Chair.
2. All banners must be on a white, flat sheet cut to **MAXIMUM 60” x 80”**. Do NOT cut the sheet in any way shape or form other than to make it the required dimensions. Banners that fail to comply with these dimensions will not be hung.
3. There must be a metal grommet in each corner of the banner for reinforcement purposes. Grommets can be purchased at ACE Hardware store, Wal-Mart, superstores, etc. Grommets are required, or the banner will not be hung.
4. Do NOT put any materials other than paint (example: GLITTER, wood, cardboard, etc.) on the banner.
5. Banners must be turned in on October 4th at the Homecoming Participation Meeting with NO WET PAINT AND GROMMETS ALREADY ATTACHED.

*If any of these qualifications are not met, you will not be permitted to turn your banner in. Banners turned in after after the deadline will receive a deduction of 15 points from their team’s overall total.*
6. Nothing pertaining to the Seminole Native American tribe may be used except for the Seminole head/Chief Osceola profile. If you choose to use it, it **MUST** be the **EXACT REPLICA** of the image below. If it is not, it will not be hung, and you will **be disqualified from the banner competition**.

7. The banner design **MUST** reflect your individual theme but still incorporate the overall theme.

8. Banners must include organization and team name.

9. The banner competition results will be announced by Friday, October 25th, 2019 on the Homecoming Facebook page and Homecoming Twitter by 5pm. [http://www.facebook.com/FSUHC](http://www.facebook.com/FSUHC) and [@FSUHOMECOMING](https://twitter.com/FSUHOMECOMING)

10. The only words that may appear on the banner are:
   - The Title of the Official Homecoming Theme
   - Florida State University or FSU Homecoming 2019
   - Individual theme title Organization name(s) or Initial(s)
EVENT INFORMATION

The Homecoming Parade celebrates student organizations and members of the Seminole and Tallahassee community, by inviting them the opportunity to display and celebrate Florida State’s traditions. Some of the past Parade entries have included the Marching Chiefs, the Flying High Circus, the Golden Girls and royalty of the Seminole Tribe.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 6th - Parade applications open.
October 18th - Parade applications close.
Date TBA – SAA Parade Funding Applications available online.
Date TBA – Parade Funding Request close for all teams. Expense sheet and receipts due.
Date TBA – SAA Parade Logistics Meeting presented at Participation Meeting (mandatory for all organizations wishing to participate in the parade).

Note: All teams that wish to request funding for their float must attend this meeting. A member of the team must bring a copy of their driver’s license as evidence of whom SAA is giving the funds to. Whoever in the team is given the money will be held responsible to bring SAA receipts or copies of receipts by date TBA.

Date TBA - Float Sketches are due to FSUHOutreach@gmail.com and SAA.

Note: Each team must turn in a detailed sketch of what their float will look like with the location of where the float will be worked on. After sketch is turned in, you will receive Safety Requirements for your float, which must be followed.

Date TBA - Notification of participation eligibility in Parade via email.
Date TBA - Float Check Week of Homecoming.

Note: Confirmation Packets will be sent out to all Parade participants Your Confirmation Packet will contain information about Parade departure, arrival time, a final copy of the Parade Route, any parking passes you will need, and an extra copy of the rules.

October 25th - PARADE at 2 PM (Floats must arrive during their specified lineup time)
Date TBA - Parade receipts due to SAA Advisor.
This year, float check points will be awarded by pictures of the float being sent to the FSU SAA Homecoming Gmail account. Each team representative should send pictures of the items listed below before 5PM on the designated date to FSUHCSAA@gmail.com. Please note that once 5 PM has passed on that date, no points will be received. Also note that for full points to be received, the team representative must send pictures of ALL items! There are no exceptions.

**FLOAT CHECK #1 (DATE TBA)**
- Must have a picture of the trailer/order for trailer.
- Must have a picture of majority of the supplies that will be used for the float.
- Must have a picture of the framework for the float.
- Must have a picture showing construction of the float has begun.
- Must have a picture of some recyclable material that will be used for float

**FLOAT CHECK #2 (OCTOBER 25TH)**
Floats will be checked when they arrive.

**CRITERIA FOR SUSTAINABILITY POINTS:**
- At least 12% of the float is made of sustainable materials.
- It is apparent that a portion of the float is made from sustainable materials.
- Shows innovation and originality with use of sustainable materials.
- Examples of sustainable materials: plastic bottles, plastic cans, boxes, water jugs, newspapers, CDs, plastic cups/plates, plastic spoons/forks, plastic and paper bags
- **Note:** There will be recognition for the float that is considered “Most Green”

For further details and information on parade rules and regulations, contact Morgan Ollar or see Parade Application at Homecoming.fsu.edu.
HOMECOMING POINTS

Celebrating Homecoming participation in a way that counts.

WHAT ARE HOMECOMING POINTS?
Homecoming Points are points that are awarded to student organizations for their participation and members' involvement in Homecoming events and meetings.

WHAT PURPOSE DO HOMECOMING POINTS SERVE?
Homecoming Points recognize the dedication and commitment of student organizations to Florida State’s Homecoming traditions. These points are intended to encourage maximum student engagement within Homecoming Events. In addition, these points are used to recognize winners within the Homecoming Competition.

WHAT IS THE HOMECOMING COMPETITION?
This year, based on feedback and after a careful review of last year’s quantitative data of student participation, the 2019 Homecoming Council is excited to announce that we are bringing back the highly anticipated Homecoming Competition. The Homecoming Competition awards student organizations with first, second, or third place overall in Homecoming based on organizations’ outstanding participation and involvement in Homecoming determined by the final amount of the Homecoming points each organization has accumulated. The Homecoming Competition includes three different categories of teams based on the number of active members in each student organization. These categories include the Renegade, Osceola, and Spirit categories. We believe that the Homecoming Competition will increase involvement in Homecoming on campus and ignite a new spirit and sense of Seminole Pride for Florida State University Homecoming.

IGNITE SEMINOLE PRIDE.
## Homecoming Point Breakdown

*Note: Subject to change prior to Homecoming Week.*

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**TOTAL** 1,000 Possible Points

* = Maximum points awarded for attendance of 5% (rounded up) of team's total roster

   Example: If Team A has 250 members, 13 members must be in attendance for full points. If Team B has 650 members, 33 members must be in attendance for full points.

*** = Maximum points awarded for attendance of 2% (rounded up) of team's total roster or 10 people (whichever is less)

   Example: If Team A has 250 members, 5 members must be in attendance for full points. If Team B has 650 members, only 10 members must be in attendance for full points.