HOMECOMING COMPETITION 2014

All registered Student Organizations, Fraternities, Sororities, and Residence Halls will have the opportunity to compete throughout Homecoming Week 2014 for a chance to display their Panther Spirit and win cash for their teams. All rules and regulations can be found in this packet. All registration and forms can be found at: www.uni.edu/homecoming under the student competition tab.

Guidelines:
In order to be eligible to compete in the Homecoming Competition, teams must be sponsored by a student organization, a residence hall, a fraternity, or a sorority.

The first, second, and third place teams will be awarded to individual teams based on the overall amount of points awarded. Prizes are as follows:

First Place: will be awarded $300
Second Place: will be awarded $200
Third Place: will be awarded $100

Awards for the Homecoming Competition will be awarded on Saturday, September 20 at the Homecoming Football Game.

Registration:
Registration for the 2014 Homecoming Competition will begin Monday, August 25 and end on Friday, September 12. Organizations who register after Monday, September 8 will not be eligible to compete in Maucker Murals. However, they will still be able to compete in the other competition events throughout the week.

Competition Events & Points:
The events marked with an (*) by the title are events that must be pre-registered for. If a team is not pre-registered, they will not be able to compete in that event.

Total points possible for the week: 145
**Maucker Murals***

Possible Competition Points: 20

- Pre-Registration Points: 5
- First Place: 15
- Second Place: 10
- Third Place: 5

What is a great way to represent your student organization, participate in a UNI Homecoming tradition, and show off your artistic skills? By participating in Maucker Murals, of course! Get a group of your fellow organization members together to create a mural that depicts your organization, UNI, and the Homecoming theme. Each work of art will be displayed throughout Maucker Union during the week of Homecoming.

The Homecoming committee will provide a canvas, paint, and brushes for each organization that pre-registers. Each team will be responsible for picking up their mural supplies and painting on their own time. Any other materials a team wishes to use will be at their expense.

**Pick up for materials will be Monday, September 8, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM next to Chats. All murals are due back to the Student Involvement Center by Friday, September 12 at noon.**

**Guidelines:**

1. Organizations must paint their mural between Monday, September 8 and Friday, September 12.
2. Every organization will receive a canvas, paint, and brushes to create a mural with.
3. Be creative! Judging will be based on:
   - Use of the Homecoming theme: Superheroes: Students by day, Panthers by Night
   - Originality
   - Overall appearance
4. The name of the organization must appear clearly in lettering on the mural
5. Judging will take place throughout Homecoming Week. Winners will be announced at the Pep Rally on Friday night.
Pride Cry *
Possible Competition Points: 30

Pre-Registration: 15
First Place: 15
Second Place: 10
Third Place: 5

Start off Homecoming week right by attending the Pride Cry ceremony! Come see different groups on campus show off their Panther Pride as they compete in a fun, exciting, and thrilling competition that shows creativity and kicks off Homecoming week. You will surely leave feeling proud to be a UNI Panther and ready to take on the rest of Homecoming week.

Eligibility: All teams must be registered by Friday, September 12 at noon in order to compete.

Competition Rounds:
1. All participants will compete in the preliminary competition at Kick Off on Monday, September 15, at 6:30 PM at the GBPAC.
2. The top three teams from the preliminary competition will then compete in the final competition at the Pep Rally on Friday, September 19, at 8:30 PM in the McLeod Center.

Requirements:
1. The UNI Fight Song must be used in its entirety
2. One song based around the Homecoming Theme and the UNI Fight Song must be used. This is all that may be used during your Pride Cry routine. NO SKITS.
3. Routine must fit within a 38’ by 18’ space
4. No sound equipment may be used
5. For safety purposes, lifts and throws are prohibited
6. Three minute maximum time limit
7. Public Safety will be monitoring all Homecoming events; therefore, all alcohol or drug use is strictly prohibited.

Scoring:
Each routine will be judged on the following:
- Enthusiasm: excitement level of the team as a whole
- Creativity & Uniqueness: originality of the song and costumes
- Clarity & Expression: the song is clearly understood
- Homecoming Theme: develops a song around Superheroes: Students by day, Panthers by Night
- Fight Song: song must be used in entirety
Royalty *

Possible Competition Points: **25**

- Pre-Registration: **10** (5 points per applicant up to two applicants per organization)
- Royalty Court: **15**

Five Queen candidates and five King candidates will compete for the ultimate title and be crowned this year’s Homecoming King or Queen. They’ll do this by answering questions, showcasing their talents, and displaying their Purple Panther Pride! Come out to watch and vote for your favorites!

**Scoring:**

Each team will earn 5 points for every applicant from their organization. A maximum of two applicants, for a total of 10 points possible, will be accepted. After two, applicants will not be counted for points, but they are still encouraged to apply. All applicants that are selected to be a part of the Homecoming Royalty Court will be awarded an additional 15 points to go toward their organization’s overall Homecoming Competition score. Candidates must participate in the talent competition in order to be awarded the additional 15 points.

Application are available on [www.uni.edu/homecoming](http://www.uni.edu/homecoming)

**They are due by Friday, September 5 at 5:00 PM.**

**Minimum Requirements:**

1. Applicant must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at the University of Northern Iowa
2. Applicant must have at least 30 credit hours (sophomore standing)
3. Applicant must be in good standing with the University
4. Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5
5. Applicant must commit to participating in all Homecoming activities outlined below

- **Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 6 PM**
  - Mandatory informational meeting for all selected Homecoming Royalty candidates
- **Monday, September 15, 2014, 6:30 PM**
  - Homecoming Kickoff - Royalty Court will be announced
- **Tuesday, September 16, 2014, 8 PM**
  - Homecoming Royalty Competition
- **Friday, September 19, 2014, 8:30 PM**
  - Pep Rally - King and Queen will be announced
Additional Notes:

The Homecoming Royalty Court is comprised of five Queen Candidates and five King Candidates. If chosen as a royalty candidate, each student is required to participate in the talent competition. The King and Queen will be chosen through an application and selection process by a panel of judges. The King and Queen will be announced at the Pep Rally on Friday, September 19, at 8:30 in the McLeod Center.

Please note that the Homecoming Royalty selection process is not a beauty pageant or a popularity contest. Royalty will be screened and ultimately selected based on the applicants’ ability to articulate and demonstrate academic performance, curricular and co-curricular involvement, contributions to the University as well as the University committee, and school spirit.

Applicants are not advantaged or disadvantaged by applying individually or through an organization. Students are able to be nominated by another student, professor, or staff member, in which case the student will be contacted and given the option to accept or deny. If accepted, the student must fill out an application. Teams are encouraged, but not required to nominate one boy and girl from their organization.
Amazing Race Traditions Challenge *
Possible Competition Points: 10

This annual homecoming tradition is a great way to complete your “must-do” list of campus activities before graduation. Participating in the Traditions Challenge is your opportunity to showcase being a “True Panther”! Teams of five competed in an amazing race challenge across campus using picture clues to direct them to new locations. At each stop they completed an activity and take a photo of the tradition for their Traditions Challenge book!

In order to be awarded 10 points, members must be registered and make-up at least one team for the race. Teams will only be awarded points for one team participating in the race. Teams must sign up separately online www.uni.edu/homecoming. Please contact Connie Hansen at constance.hansen@uni.edu with any questions.

Note: Teams will not be awarded points for the place in which they finish the race.
Canned Food Drive*
Possible Competition Points: 20

Pre-Registration Points: 5
Number of Food Items: 15

This new addition to the Homecoming competition is sure to be a keeper! Throughout Homecoming week, work with your student organization to collect as many non-perishable food items as you can. On Thursday, bring all food items to the Hemisphere Lounge in the Union. Teams will be awarded points based on the number of items collected. Help support those in need!

Guidelines:

The Campus Activities Board (CAB), Connecting Alumni To Students (CATS), and the Service & Leadership Council (SLC) are collaborating to collect non-perishable food items for CATS’ Beat Hunger Food Drive. All food will be donated to the local food bank.

Each student organization that chooses to participate in this competition event will need to register by Friday, September 12 at 5:00 PM. Each organization will need to collect as many non-perishable food items as they can by Thursday, September 18. Organizations will be responsible for collecting and storing their food items throughout the week, as well as transporting the items to the Hemisphere Lounge in Maucker Union on Thursday.

On Thursday, September 18 from 12:30-2 PM, each organization will need to bring all of their collected food items to the Hemisphere Lounge. Each organization is encouraged to collect as many non-perishable food items as possible. One point will be awarded for every five items, for a maximum total of 15 points. All food items will then be donated.
Parade*
Possible Competition Points: 40

- Pre-Registration Points: 5
- Float First Place: 20
- Float Second Place: 15
- Float Third Place: 10
- Banner First Place: 15
- Banner Second Place: 10
- Banner Third Place: 5

UNI is bringing back one of its treasured traditions, the Homecoming Parade! The parade is a great way to bring together the university and its alumni and community to celebrate the past, present and future of UNI. Student organizations can create a float or banner to drive/walk through the parade. Please contact Connie Hansen at constance.hansen@uni.edu with any questions.

Guidelines:

Student Organizations participating in the parade on Saturday, September 20 must register online at www.uni.edu/homecoming no later than Friday, September 5, 2014. Each organization may either decorate a golf cart (provided for students only) or a banner to represent their organization in the Homecoming Parade.

When registering, each organization must fill out the liability waiver, golf cart usage agreement, and entry description form, also found on the website.

Judging:

Each float and banner will be judged separately, and points will be awarded to the organizations that place first, second, or third in either category.