All registered Student Organizations, Fraternities, Sororities, and Residence Halls will have the opportunity to compete throughout Homecoming Week 2015 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: $300
- Second Place: $200
- Third Place: $100

Winners of the Homecoming Competition will be posted on the jumbo TV during the football game on Saturday, October 17, 2015. Emails will also be sent out notifying participants of the final standings and where/how to accept their awards.

Registration:
Registration for the 2015 Homecoming Competition will begin Monday, September 21, 2015 and end on Friday, October 9, 2015. Organizations who register after Friday, October 2, 2015 will not be able to compete in Maucker Murals. However, they will still be able to compete in the other competition events throughout the week.

Competition Events and Points:
The events marked with an asterisk (*) 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 used will be purchased by the team.

Pick up for materials will be on Monday, October 5, 2015, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM in the CAB office next to the Student Involvement Center. All murals are due back to the CAB office by Friday, October 9, 2015 at noon.

Guidelines:
1. Organizations must paint their mural between Monday, October 5, 2015 and Friday, October 9, 2015.
2. Every organization will receive a canvas, paint, and brushes to create the mural with.
3. Be creative! Judging will be based on:
   a. Use of the Homecoming theme: Once Upon A Time
   b. Originality
   c. 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, October 16, 2015.
Pride Cry*
Possible Competition Points: 30

Eligibility
All groups must be registered with the Student Involvement Center.

Competition Rounds
1. All participants will compete in the preliminary competition at the "Kick-Off Ceremony" on Monday, October 12, at 5:30 p.m. on Lawther Field.
2. The top three teams from the preliminary competition will then compete in the final competition at the "Pep-Rally" on Friday, October 16, at 8:30 p.m. in the McLeod Center. All correspondence will be made via e-mail with the team captain(s)

Requirements
1. The UNI Fight song must be used in its entirety.
2. One song and the UNI Fight song. (This is all that may be used during your Pride Cry. NO SKITS)
3. Routine must fit within a 36’ by 28’ space.
4. No sound equipment may be used.
5. For safety purposes they will be no lifts or throws
6. Public Safety will be monitoring all homecoming events. All alcohol or drug use is prohibited!
7. Time limit for each team is 3 minutes

Scoring
Categories [twenty-five (25) points each]:
• Enthusiasm: points are awarded based on the excitement level of the team as a whole.
• Creativity and Uniqueness: points are awarded based on the originality of the song and costumes.
• Clarity and Expression: points are awarded to teams whose songs are clearly understood
• Homecoming Theme: points are awarded to the team that best develops a song around the Homecoming theme
• Penalties and Disqualification:
  • Alcohol or substance abuse before or during the competition results in disqualification.
  • Inappropriate cheers or skit results in disqualification.

Awards
Team awards will be given to the top three teams.

UNI Fight Song

Hail our Panthers, we are ever loyal
Showing strength and unity
As we rise, we firmly stand behind you
Urge you on to victory
(Rah, rah, rah)

As you lead us on to fame and honor
Fight, fight, fight will be our cry
So give us a yell (Ho)
the Purple and the Gold
Victory for UNI
UNI Fight, UNI Fight!
**Royalty**
Possible Competition Points: **25**

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

Five King Candidates and five Queen 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.

Applications are available on [www.uni.edu/homecoming](http://www.uni.edu/homecoming)
They are due by **Friday, September 25, 2015 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:
   a. Monday, October 5, 2015, 6 PM
      i. Mandatory informational meeting for all selected Homecoming Royalty candidates
   b. Monday, October 12, 2015, 5:30 PM
      i. Homecoming Kickoff – Royalty Court will be announced
   c. Tuesday, October 14, 2015, 8 PM
      i. Homecoming Royalty Competition
   d. Friday, October 16, 2015, 8:30 PM
      i. Pep Rally – King and Queen will be announced
   e. Saturday, October 17, 2015, 10:15 AM
      i. Parade – ALL Royalty Court
   f. Saturday, October 17, 2015, 4:45 PM
      i. Football game halftime – King and Queen ONLY
Additional Notes:

The Homecoming Royalty Court is comprised of five King Candidates and five Queen 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, October 16, 2015 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 compete in an amazing race challenge across campus using picture clues to direct them to new location. At each stop students complete 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 at www.uni.edu/homecoming. Please contact Connie Hansen at constance.hansen@uni.edu with additional questions.

Note: Teams will not be awarded points for the place in which they finish the race.
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 keeping 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, October 17, 2015 must register online at www.uni.edu/homecoming no later than Friday October 2, 2015. Each organization may either decorate a golf cart (provide 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 entre 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.