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Homecoming 2024 is here! Homecoming 2024 is a time for the community to come together and celebrate all that is West Georgia. We invite and encourage you to participate in this year's Homecoming festivities.

HOMECOMING 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 11th

Homecoming Day of Service

Hosted by Center for Student Involvement and Inclusion
Campus Center Ballroom
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Banner Contest Pickup

Hosted by Center for Student Involvement and Inclusion
Center Back Patio
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

A-Day Fundraising Begins

Hosted by University Advancement
Begins at 9:00 am

Monday, October 14th

Banner Contest Dropoff

Hosted by Center for Student Involvement and Inclusion
Campus Center Sidewalk
Drop off by 12:00 pm

Sidewalk Chalk Contest – Day 1

Hosted by Center for Student Involvement and Inclusion
Campus Center Sidewalk
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Monday, October 14th, continued

Newnan: Throwback Homecoming

Hosted by Newnan Center
Newnan Student Entrance
8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Country Kickoff

Hosted by Student Activities Council
Love Valley
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Hosted by University Recreation
Campus Center Game Room
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Tuesday, October 15th

Sidewalk Chalk Contest – Day 2

Hosted by Center for Student Involvement and Inclusion
Campus Center Sidewalk
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Rodeo Rumble: Flag Football Tournament

Hosted by University Recreation
Location: Intramural Fields
Time: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm



Wednesday, October 16th

Wear Red, Get Fed

Hosted by Student Activities Council

Grassy Triangle

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

(Spirit Photo at 12pm)

Newnan: Wear Red, Get Fed

Hosted by Newnan Center

Newnan Student Entrance

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Greek Grind: GPB Goes to the Movies

Hosted by Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Location: The Coliseum

Time: 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 17th

Rodeo Roundup: Homecoming Cookout

Hosted by Newnan Center

Newnan Center Lawn

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

**Howl of a Good Time: Homecoming
Comedy Show**

*Hosted by Center for Student Involvement
and Inclusion*

Location: The Coliseum

Doors Open at 6:00 pm

Show Starts at 7:00 pm

Friday, October 18th

**National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
Stroll-off**

Hosted by Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Location: Pending

Time: 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 19th

**Homecoming Tailgate
& Wolf Walk**

The Hill (University Stadium)

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Football Kickoff and Coronation

University Stadium

2:00 pm & Half-time

STAY UP TO DATE

For live updates on pending times and locations, please visit the [UWG Student Homecoming Events](#) webpage.

HOMECOMING COURT AND ROYALTY PROCESS

The Homecoming Royalty Court will represent the University of West Georgia (UWG). Our 2024 Royalty Court is awarded based on the application and student online [voting](#). Many factors are considered when determining Homecoming Royalty. Candidates should have a good rapport with the UWG student body, promote the university's values, and exhibit academic success.

Undergraduate students can compete for **three titles, including Academic Classification, (overall) Royalty, and A-Day!** See description for each title below:

Classification Titles

1. **2024 UWG Freshman** | Undergraduate students with 29 earned credit hours or less are eligible to run for this title and are automatically in the running for one of the Homecoming Royalty Titles. Only one student will be recognized as the Freshman class winner.
2. **2024 UWG Sophomore** | Undergraduate students with 30 to 59 earned credit hours are eligible to run for this title and are automatically in the running for one of the Homecoming Royalty Titles. Only one student will be recognized as the Sophomore class winner.
3. **2024 UWG Junior** | Undergraduate students with 60 to 89 earned credit hours are eligible to run for this title and are automatically in the running for one of the Homecoming Royalty Titles. Only one student will be recognized as the Junior class winner.
4. **2024 UWG Senior** | Undergraduate students with 90 or more earned credit hours are eligible to run for this title and are automatically in the running for one of the Homecoming Royalty Titles. Only one student will be recognized as the Senior class winner.

**Post-Baccalaureate and Graduate students are not eligible for a Classification Title but are eligible for a Royalty Title and A-Day Winner.*

- AND / OR -

A-Day Title

1. **2024 A-Day Ambassador** | The Court Member who raises the most funds for the A-Day fundraiser will be recognized as the A-Day Ambassador. Only one student will be recognized as the winner.

Royalty Title

1. **2024 UWG Royalty** | The Court Member who earned the most combined overall points (including: Popularity, Academic, A-Day Fundraising, and Overall Essay and Resume Points) will be recognized. Only one student will be recognized as Royalty.

For more information, attend one of the *optional, virtual Homecoming Court Application Informational Sessions on September 4, 2024, at 11:00 am or 6:00 pm.*

Application Timeline

[Court Applications](#) will open Thursday, August 29 at 12:00 pm, and the submission deadline is Friday, September 13, 2024, at 11:59 pm on Wolf Connect. The selected 2024 Homecoming Court participants will be notified via email and will be instructed to sign up for headshot photos (to be taken at an on-campus studio) with the Student Affairs Marketing team. Headshots and court sash pickup will occur Monday, September 23 – Tuesday, September 24. **The Homecoming Court Guidelines presentation will be on Thursday, September 19, at 6:00pm. Attendance is mandatory.**

Tabling and Appearances

Homecoming Court candidates will be announced to the campus community on Friday, October 11, via email. There will also be an announcement at the Homecoming Day of Service and at the Country Kickoff. The candidates can (but are not required to) table from Friday, October 11, until Friday, October 18, 2024. Tables will be reserved and provided by the Center for Student Involvement & Inclusion; first come, first served.

See the responsibilities below for a list of mandatory appearances.

The guidelines below outline the minimum qualifications candidates must meet to apply for Homecoming Court:

1. **Academic Excellence:** Minimum 3.0 overall GPA; Undergraduate students with less than 12 earned credit hours must have a minimum 3.0 high school GPA.
2. **Enrollment Status:** Currently enrolled full-time at UWG; Undergraduate (12 credit hours) or Graduate Student (9 credit hours).
3. **Sponsorship:** Candidates must be sponsored by a registered student organization, a Greek organization, an athletic team, residence hall/floor, or demonstrate campus involvement as a student employee, committee work, campus volunteer, campus department, etc.

4. **Co-Curricular Involvement:** Provide a [co-curricular resume](#) outlining involvement in student organizations, community, student employment, campus committee, high school activities, etc.
5. **Conduct:** Must be in good standing with the Office of Community Standards.
6. **Homecoming Application:** Successfully complete the Homecoming Royalty Application. Please note that these are minimum requirements. Candidates must continue to be enrolled in 12 or more hours for undergraduate students and graduate students 9 or more hours at the University of West Georgia through Spring Semester 2025.

Responsibilities of the Homecoming Royalty, Court, and Candidates

1. All members of the Homecoming Court are expected to participate in the Homecoming Day of Service, Banner Contest Pickup, A-Day Kick-Off, Homecoming Kickoff Event (Country Kickoff), pre-game Wolf Walk, halftime walk-throughs, and halftime activities (Coronation).
2. All members of the Homecoming Court must participate in the Homecoming Kickoff Event (Country Kickoff) costume contest, taking place on Monday, October 14. The attire is the choice of Formal or within the Wild, Wild, West Theme—regardless, the Court Sash must be worn with the outfit.
3. The Homecoming Royalty overall winner, classification winners, and A-Day Ambassador may be invited to participate and/or be asked to speak at or attend several functions throughout the school year. The functions include but are not limited to A-Day, Alumni functions, Summer Orientation, Admissions office programs, Presidential luncheon, Student Achievement Awards, etc. The 2024 winners are also expected to attend next year's Homecoming to crown the 2025 winners.

A-Day Fundraising Options

Since 1982, the A-Day fundraising drive has inspired students, rallied alumni, and encouraged community partners to give back to ensure their university's continued success. A-Day is the largest fundraising drive of the year for UWG, and the goal of A-Day each year has been to raise financial support for UWG students. The court member who raises the most funds will be awarded as the 2024-2025 A-Day Ambassador, the student philanthropic representative. This announcement will be made during Coronation.

The Focus Funds for A-Day directly benefit your fellow students. Court members can select one of the following initiatives to fundraise towards. Please make your selection on the application.

1. **The West Georgia Annual Fund** | This fund provides gap funding for students who have exhausted their financial aid, scholarship support (need-based and academic), and the area of greatest need across campus.
2. **General Scholarship Fund** | This directly supports scholarships for students across all colleges and units across campus.
3. **Wolves Fund** | This fund supports scholarships specific to UWG Athletics and funding needs across Athletics.
4. **Supporting Our Students Fund** | This emergency fund directly supports students who are experiencing unexpected financial hardships that they do not have the funds to cover.

Homecoming Royalty Scoring Rubric

Popularity Vote		A-Day Fundraising	
1 Vote	1 point	\$50 - \$249	25 points
		\$250 - \$499	50 points
		\$500 - \$999	75 points
		\$1000 - \$1499	100 points
		\$1500 or more	125 points

Academic Points		Overall Essay	
GPA 3.25 - 3.00	25 points	3rd Place	50 points
GPA 3.50 - 3.26	50 points	2nd Place	75 points
GPA 3.75 - 3.51	75 points	1st Place	100 points
GPA 4.00 - 3.76	100 points		

Resume Points	
3rd Place	50 points
2nd Place	75 points
1st Place	100 points

These additional points will be added to the total popularity vote calculation.

HOMECOMING SPIRIT COMPETITION GUIDELINES

There are **three** Homecoming Spirit Competitions that all individual students (or teams), student organizations, and departments/offices can compete in: **Banner Contest**, **Sidewalk Chalk Contest**, and **Country Kickoff Costume Contest**. Participate in these events just for fun OR enter these friendly competitions by following the guidelines described below.

Banner Contest

The Banner Contest is for all individual students (or teams), student organizations, and department/offices to have a chance to show their artistic talents during Homecoming Week. There will be a community banner decorating time on **Friday, October 11, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm on the Campus Center Back Patio**. Banners, paint, and brushes will be provided at the community event. No glitter can be utilized for this contest, and banners with glitter will be disqualified. Drop off your banner at the Sidewalk Chalk Contest event on Monday, October 14 by 12:00 pm. Banners (photos) must be **submitted to [Wolf Connect](#) by Tuesday, October 15, by 11:59 pm** for scoring and judging—the winners will be announced on Homecoming Day, October 19.

Sidewalk Chalk Contest

The Sidewalk Chalk Contest is for all individual students (or teams), student organizations, and departments/offices are eligible to participate in this category to enhance UWG spirit. The sidewalk entries will be judged on the representation of creativity, originality, and spirit. Each participant (group or individual) is only allowed ONE square of sidewalk. Chalk will be provided on **Monday, October 14, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm on the Campus Center Sidewalk** at the community decorating time. To enter the contest, you must take a picture of your chalk design and **submit it to [Wolf Connect](#) by Tuesday, October 15, by 11:59 pm** for scoring and judging –the winners will be announced on Homecoming Day, October 19.

Country Kickoff Costume Contest

To enter this contest, you (and your group) must be present at the Country Kickoff ready to display your team's costume at the advertised time and submit a picture of your group on **[Wolf Connect](#) by Tuesday, October 15, by 11:59 pm** –the winners will be announced on Homecoming Day, October 19.

All entries will be judged on representing UWG spirit and energy, proximity to theme, creativity, and originality.

- A NOTE FOR ALL COMPETITION PARTICIPATONS -

THINGS TO CONSIDER STAYING AWAY FROM OR BEING INTENTIONAL ABOUT USING:

- Wanted for a Reward Sign
- Cowboys v. Indians
- Ropes used as decor
- Guns
- Red Bandana v. Blue Bandana (in its traditional print)
- Portrayals of Other Cultures

SPIRIT POINTS AWARDS:

The following points will be awarded and used in calculating the Homecoming Spirit Champion. *Please note this is separate from Homecoming Court competition points.*

Point System Breakdown			
Placing	Banner Contest	Sidewalk Contest	Costume Contest
1 st Place	150 points	150 points	150 points
2 nd Place	100 points	100 points	100 points
3 rd Place	50 points	50 points	50 points
<i>Tie breakers will be determined by the Homecoming Committee.</i>			

The participant, organization, or department with the most points from all three events will be awarded “Homecoming Spirit Champion.” The winner will be awarded \$2500.00 value to collaborate with the Center for Student Involvement and Inclusion (CSII) for a program of their choice. Winners are expected to contact [CSII](#) no later than December 1, 2024. All spirit contest winners will be announced on Homecoming Day, Saturday, October 19, 2024.