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Homecoming Court Applications Close

11:59 PM

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Homecoming Court Interviews

Various Times

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Homecoming Court Prep Meeting

1st Round of Voting for King & Queen

1:00 AM-11:59 PM

The voting will be taking place on BlazerLink. The winners from each category (Flame, Bonfire, and Inferno) will be announced at the Pep Rally!

Location: Blazerlink

Voting for Class Prince & Princesses

1:00 AM-11:59 PM

The voting will be taking place on BlazerLink. The Prince and Princess with the most votes from each class will be crowned at the Pep Rally!

Location: BlazerLink

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Check out this Neon Pep Rally and After Party in the Plex! Meet the athletic teams, get fired up for the game Saturday, and cheer on each performance of Lip Sync. Class Prince & Princesses and king and queen winners from each category will be crowned.

Location: The Plex

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2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Voting  
Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 PM-2:00PM

The voting will be taking place on BlazerLink. The Homecoming King and Queen will be announced at half-time during the football game on Saturday.

Location: BlazerLink

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Meet us on Converse Square for Food Trucks, free merch, and plenty of Blazer spirit to get you Fired Up for the Football Game!

Location: Converse Square

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Location: Oak Street Parking Lot

Location: Tailgate Lot (Next to the University Center)

Location: Bazemore-Hyder Stadium

Doors Open at 6:00 PM

Join the Mu Omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha for the Annual Homecoming Step Show! Featuring VSU Greek Organizations and visiting Greek chapters from other campuses.

Location: The Plex

To encourage maximum participation, there are three divisions for Homecoming teams each year: the Flame Division for Student Organizations and Groups of Students, the Bonfire Division for Social Greek lettered organizations, and the Inferno Division for Housing & Residence Life.

1. Any 1 or more student organizations (up to three) or affiliated group of students (i.e.- a leadership role group, a class, a cohort, a VSU program, leader team) are welcome to participate in the Flame Division as pairings. Flame Division participants must compete in at least 4 of the Flame Division of the Spirit Contests.
2. Any team competing in the Flame Division will not be allowed to compete in any other division for points.
3. This division will compete for The Flame Cup and the winner will be announced and presented the Cup at halftime of the Homecoming Game on October 19. Second and third place will also be announced.
4. The Flame Cup will be awarded to the organization that accrues the most Spirit points over the course of the week's competitions. These are allocated based on the number of events that each group participates in.
5. Flame Division has an "Open Pairings" rule, meaning organizations may pair up with whatever groups they want.

1. The Bonfire Division is only open to Social Greek Organizations, they must be a part of CPC, IFC, NPHC or MGC.
2. Bonfire Division participants must compete in at least 4 of the activities.
3. Bonfire Division has an "Closed Pairings" rule, meaning organizations are paired up through the Fraternity & Sorority Life Office.
4. The Bonfire Division will compete for the Bonfire Trophy. The winner will be announced and presented with the Bonfire Trophy at the Homecoming Game on October 19. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will be announced.
5. Any organization/group competing in the Bonfire Division will not be allowed to compete in any other division for points.
6. The Bonfire Trophy will be awarded to the team that accrues the most Spirit points over the course of the week's competitions. These are allocated based participation and placement in events.
7. 50 PTs will be given to the groups who host two (2) hangout events with their team before the start of Homecoming.

1. The Inferno Division is only open to Housing Halls. Inferno Division participants must compete in at least 4 of the activities.
2. Any Hall competing in the Inferno Division will not be allowed to compete in the Flame Division or Bonfire Division for points.
3. This division will compete for The Inferno Cup and the winner will be announced and presented the Cup at halftime of the Homecoming Game on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will be announced.
4. The Inferno Cup will be awarded to the Hall that accrues the most Spirit points over the course of the week's competitions. These are allocated based on the number of events that each group participates in.



Sheet Sign	First: 150 Second: 100 Third: 50	Participation: 25	Teams can receive a free sheet sign in the Student Life office
Sidewalk Chalk	First: 150 Second: 100 Third: 50	Participation: 25	
Lip Sync	First: 150 Second: 100 Third: 50	Participation: 25	The stage for lip sync will be 24x24. Please plan accordingly
Sponsor someone to Homecoming Court	N/A	Participation: 25 per prince/princess or King/Queen candidate	The person must apply and complete the interview process to receive the points. Max is 50 points
Decorate the Halls*	First: 150 Second: 100 Third: 50	Participation: 25	
Parade	First: 150 Second: 100 Third: 50	Participation: 25	
**Pairings Credit	50 pts	N/A	Awarded to Flame Division Groups that partner with 2 or more organizations
***Hangout Events Credit	50 pts	N/A	Awarded to Bonfire Division Group after completing 2 hangout events with their teams before the week of Homecoming. Must be logged with the GLO to receive credit.

*(\*) Denotes that this bonus is only available to the Inferno Division.*

*(\*\*) Denotes that this bonus is only available to the Flame Division.*

*(\*\*\*) Denotes that this bonus is only available to the Bonfire Division.*

1. Please read and understand all content in the 2024 Blazer Hoedown Throwdown Homecoming packet.

2. Log on to Blazerlink to sign up for the events in which your organization wants to participate.
3. Incorporate the Blazer Hoedown Throwdown theme in every aspect of Homecoming week.
4. Communicate the enclosed information to your advisor and team.
5. Select candidates and decide in which events/contest your group will participate.
6. Complete all the related forms for the activities in which your organization or hall will participate.
7. Submit registration into Blazerlink no later than October 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm. Late registration will not be accepted. No exceptions!
8. Place an order for your homecoming t-shirt.
9. Start preparing and getting excited for Homecoming week. Share the journey by using #VStateHC and tagging @vsuhomecoming
10. Have fun! Contact Student Life with any questions at 229-333-5674!

For any questions regarding the Homecoming Handbook, or to report a rule infraction or incident of concern, please submit the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_

Homecoming Steering Committee at [homecoming@valdosta.edu](mailto:homecoming@valdosta.edu) order for an infraction or incident of concern to be investigated, concrete proof must be submitted. Photos or some other form of support of your claim are required as proof. Submissions that are found to have been fabricated will be penalized and could result in disqualification of your team.

1 <sup>st</sup> Rule Infraction/Concern Violation	-10 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Rule Infraction/Concern Violation	-30 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> + Rule Infraction/Concern Violation	-75 points
Penalty for leaving posters, decorations, props, or any team identifying items at events	-5 points per poster/decoration
Disregard Penalty- anyone who violates a rule or guideline after being given warning either verbally or written or anyone deemed to be proven to blatantly disregard a rule or regulation for their own benefit or team.	-150 Points

October 19, 2024. Please note that the conduct policy is also e

## Homecoming Court

: Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

: Online at <https://valdosta.presence.io/form/homecoming-2024-court-nomination>

### Class Prince and Princess, King and Queen

The King and Queen candidates will be competing for Mr. & Mrs. "insert category here" before competing for Homecoming King and Queen. Each category (Bonfire, Flame, & Inferno) will crown the winner for their respective category. These winners will be announced at the Pep Rally. The winners from those categories will then compete for Homecoming King and Queen. These winners will be announced at the Homecoming Football Game Half-time show.

All applicants will participate in an interview process. A maximum of 10 king and 10 queen candidates will be chosen to continue as members of the Homecoming Court. A maximum of 3 prince and 3 princess candidates will be chosen for each class to continue as members

All applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater (unless a freshman



: Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>

: Judging will begin Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>

: Housing Halls

: 50 points for participation

\*150, 100, and 50 points will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

1. Hall designs and Valdosta State Trademarks should not be used in conjunction with: alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal and recreational drugs & drug paraphernalia, gambling products, firearms or other weapons, profanity, sexual acts & sexually oriented goods, statements impugning other universities, racist, hateful, demeaning or degrading language or statements.
2. Only the lobbies of each hall are allowed to be decorated unless approved by the RHD in advance.
3. Teams cannot use glue, packing tape or any other items that can pull paint off the walls. Blue Painters tape is acceptable to use.
4. Halls cannot promote other organizations in their decorations.
5. All decorations must be up by October 16<sup>th</sup> at noon for judging. For additional information contact [homecoming@valdosta.edu](mailto:homecoming@valdosta.edu).

Register for the Hall decorating contest using this link:

<https://valdosta.presence.io/form/homecoming-2024-blazer-hoedown-throwdown>



: Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>

: 12:01 am- 4:30 pm All judging will start at 4:00 pm on Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>

: Palms Quad

: 25 points for participation

\*150, 100, and 50 points will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, respectively for each division.

1. Organizations can only use the blocked off area to create their designs. One sidewalk section per team. Please leave enough space between each exhibit so that all participants will have free room to work.
2. Sidewalk chalk designs and Valdosta State Trademarks should not be used in conjunction with: alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal and recreational drugs & drug paraphernalia, gambling products, firearms or other weapons, profanity, sexual acts & sexually oriented goods, statements impugning other universities, racist, hateful, demeaning or degrading language or statements.
3. Members of your organization or hall must draw the sidewalk displays.
4. ONLY washable materials may be used (chalk, charcoal, etc.)
5. Automatic disqualification will ensue if it is discovered permanent materials have been used such as paint, hairspray or any other materials.
6. The displays must be finished and ready to be judged by Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at

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: Report time is 6:30pm. Pep Rally starts at 7pm

: The PE Complex

: 25 points for participation

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1. All persons in your group must be a member of your organization or hall and must be current VSU students and bring their current VSU ID.
2. Each group should consist of Minimum number of 3 people; maximum number of 20 people.
3. All groups must incorporate the Blazer Hoedown Throwdown theme.
4. Each group should submit an mp3 file of the music they are going to be using for the performance no later than Wednesday, October 9, by 5:30 pm. If the organization submits the wrong that they wish to use, they will be disqualified. <https://valdosta.presence.io/form/homecoming-2024-blazer-hoedown-throwdown>
5. Any late submissions at all will result in a 10-point deduction and occurrence. Upon receiving their 3 violations, a team will be disqualified from competing.
6. All music and choreography should be in good taste and should not contain obscenities or vulgarities. Any music or choreography judged in poor taste will result in your organization's immediate disqualification. Remember, you are representing your organization and your university.
7. The performance is to be no longer than 4 minutes. You will be timed. If your group's performance exceeds 4 minutes, you will be immediately disqualified.
8. Each group is responsible for its own props. Props used in the competition must be removed that night at the completion of the event. If everything is not removed the team will forfeit the points they received from the competition.
9. Use of glitter (on the body or on a sign) or confetti will result in immediate disqualification; any infracting group will be charged a cleaning fee. If your group would like to use confetti it will need to be the stay-attached streamers and approved by the Homecoming Steering Committee.
10. No throwing items onto the gym floor or in stands.
11. No cheerleading stunts will be allowed in any performances. No performer may be lifted off the floor by another performer(s).
12. All costumes must be appropriate. The Homecoming Steering Committee, and any Student Life Staff Member have the right to disqualify teams who do not adhere to this rule.

13. Numbers will be drawn to determine the order of appearance. You will be told your group number at report time.  
For additional information contact [homecoming@valdosta.edu](mailto:homecoming@valdosta.edu)

: Saturday, October 19

: Report time is 10:00am. The parade starts at 11am.

: Oak Street Parking Lot

: 50 points for participation

\*150, 100, and 50 points will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, respectively for each division.

1. Check-in Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> with Student Life in the Oak Street Parking Lot. Float entries are to arrive and check in at 10:00am sharp.
2. Floats or golf carts may be decorated however desired, as long as it incorporates the Homecoming theme and is tasteful. Float designs should not be used in conjunction with alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal and recreational drugs & drug paraphernalia, gambling products, firearms or other weapons, profanity, sexual acts & sexually oriented goods, statements impugning other universities, racist, hateful, demeaning or degrading language or statements.
3. The parade route will begin at Oak Street Parking Lot, continue to Brookwood, then turn right onto Patterson, turn left onto Anne St., then turn left onto Williams St, turn left on College St., proceed to Patterson then turn right. The procession will end in the Oak Street Parking Deck.
4. No swerving while driving the parade route.
5. Organizations with trailers must have a personal vehicle to pull the trailer. Drivers must have a valid Driver's License.
6. Do not allow any spectators on the side of the road to jump onto any parade cars or floats.
7. Do not throw any items from your vehicle or float to spectators. Feel free to pass things out by handing things off to spectators.
8. Organization members may ride on the trailer or the golf cart (number of persons may not exceed maximum vehicle weight limitations), walk beside it, or a combination of both.
9. Organizations who are using golf carts are not allowed to have members hang off or not be seated on the cart.
10. Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages on parade units is prohibited.
11. All vehicle occupants must be inside the passenger compartment or in a truck bed. Riding on the roof or anything not suited for a passenger is prohibited.
12. The University participants will comply fully with all local ordinances pertaining to parades. If any of these rules are violated, even on the day of the parade,



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Please circle the score for each category. Complete the scoring sheet by totaling your scores at the bottom of the page.

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1. All campaigning and/or campaigning materials must be purchased by the individual.
  2. Ads in the student newspaper (The Spectator) and other campus media may not be purchased with monies from student fees that are allocated to specific organizations and/or departments but may be purchased with other funds.
  3. Candidates can only be sponsored by one (1) organization. Even if a candidate is a part of multiple organizations, they can only have one sponsor.
  4. Candidates can only put one organization logo on their marketing.
  5. Campaign posters shall be hung only on bulletin boards and other approved sites.
  6. No campaign posters or signs may be placed on the doors, walls, windows, glass, or organic surfaces in any campus buildings.
  7. Please consult the person or persons responsible for the location of the desired posting for other rules or restrictions for that location.
  8. No cellophane-type tape or other materials that may cause permanent damage may be used to hang or secure campaign materials.
  9. Tags may be worn by the candidate ("Hello, I'm Jane Doe") as a source of identification only.
  10. Sashes must be worn to all campus events related to Homecoming.
  11. Organizations cannot pay for any campaign materials for their candidate.
  12. No platforms are allowed to be posted, talked about or shared.
  13. At official events every member of the Court must wear their "Homecoming Court" sash.
  14.
    - a. Select the Homecoming Steering Committee in the "Your Organization" drop down menu.
  15. Every candidate has until Friday, October 18 by 5:00 PM to remove all campaign materials. If they are not removed by the deadline the candidate will be disqualified.
  16. Please address all questions before you and/or your sponsoring group begins campaigning to ensure that all rules are followed to avoid disqualification. If any of these rules are broken, the candidate will be disqualified immediately.
  17. Funding Amount:
    - a. Candidates can spend up to \$500 on items for their campaign
    - b. Candidates can get up to \$300 worth of items or services that are donated by a company.
    - c. All items need to have receipts or item value that are turned in on Friday, October 18 by 4:00 PM to [homecoming@valdosta.edu](mailto:homecoming@valdosta.edu).

The 2024 Homecoming Court will be chosen by a campus-wide election. Voting will take place on Blazerlink. The first election for King & Queen will take place on October 16, 2024 from 1:00 AM to 11:59 PM to pick the top five candidates. The election results will be announced at the Pep Rally and posted on social media (@VSUHomecoming).

The second election will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2024 from 9:00 PM to 12:00PM to select the official King & Queen. The 2024 Homecoming King & Queen will be announced during the halftime show at the Homecoming Game on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The election for Class Prince & Princesses will take place on October 16 2024, from 1:00 AM to 11:59 PM to pick the winners for each Class Prince & Princess. The winners will be crowned at the Homecoming Pep Rally.

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The following policy is designed to allow registered, in good standing, student organizations, administrative and academic departments, and individual employees to properly post sheet signs and banners on the VSU campus in a manner consistent with the mission of the University.

All banners and sheet signs to be displayed on the VSU campus must be approved by the Office of Student Life (Student Union, 229-333-5674). Banners/sheet signs must be sponsored by a VSU department or registered organization

1. To be hung in front of the Student Union must have additional approval by the Office of Student Life (Student Union, 333-5674)
2. To be hung on VSU shuttle buses must be approved by the Parking & Transportation Office (Sustella Parking Deck, 293-PARK.).
3. May be hung from trees (but not Pine Trees or trees surrounding the Student Union). No Banners or Sheet Signs may be hung from or attached to buildings, fences, lampposts, or walls.
4. Can be displayed up to ten (10) days before the event and both the Banner/Sheet Sign and the Rope or Twine must be removed by the sponsoring organization or individual within one day after the event. In special circumstances, approval may be granted for longer display periods. Materials for creating or hanging sheet signs/banners are not provided by the Office of Student Life.
  - a. Must include the Name of the VSU sponsoring organization(s), department(s), or individual(s);
  - b. the Date, Time, and Location of the program or event (if applicable): and
  - c. The Required Office of Student Life Approval.
5. May not be obscene or defamatory, and must not violate University, federal, state, or local laws.

6. May be hung/attached using only. Twine, String or Rope and must not be attached in ways that will cause damage to trees, light posts, or other objects. All String Twine, Rope, etc. must be removed within one day after the event. May not be suspended from the walkway over Oak Street. May not be displayed in areas that will obstruct traffic or the normal use of facilities.
7. Will be approved on a first come, first served basis.
8. The Office of Student Life is not responsible for any loss of, or damage done to a banner/sheet sign posted on the VSU campus.
9. Any Banners/Sheet Signs which violate this posting policy will be removed regardless of content or sponsoring entity and disposed of by the Office of Student Life. The first time this policy is violated, a warning letter will be issued to the responsible organization or individual. Further instances of failure to comply with these regulations will result in loss of privileges for hanging sheet signs and banners on campus for the remainder of that semester, and/or loss of facilities use privileges, and/or other appropriate disciplinary measures.
10. Complaints filed against any University student, faculty, staff member, or student organization that destroys, defaces, or removes banners/sheet signs without permission will be under the jurisdiction of the University Judicial System.
11. The University reserves the right to impose reasonable restrictions and/or requirements concerning time, place, and manner of posting activities. These restrictions may be in addition to, or in lieu of, those outlined in this policy. The university reserves the right to update and amend this policy at any time.