

HOMECOMING 2023

RULEBOOK



Homecoming 2023: Leave Your Legacy

We acknowledge the land on which the University of Miami and the Homecoming Executive Committee operate. We acknowledge that the University of Miami sits on the homelands of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Council of the Original Miccosukee Seminoles Nation Aboriginal Peoples, and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida as well as the Tequesta Tribe. This acknowledgment serves as one way to spread awareness and educate ourselves about this land, its history, as well as our relationships with the land and each other.

At the University of Miami, Homecoming serves as a unifying force, forging connections among students, faculty, staff, and alumni while embracing the cherished spirit and traditions of the U. That spirit of determination and passion has shown that anyone can make a difference. From ordinary individuals to extraordinary acts, our Homecoming theme embraces the idea that within each of us resides the spirit of a hero with limitless potential to create an impact that will stand the test of time. This fall, the Homecoming Executive Committee invites you to join us for “Homecoming 2023: Leave Your Legacy,” as we celebrate the heroes in us and those who have shaped our communities while looking forward to the bright future we will make together. Homecoming 2023 is your opportunity to recognize the contributions you’ve left on campus and within your communities. Stand tall, step forward, and “Leave Your Legacy.”

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HOMECOMING 2023: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Time
Opening Ceremonies/Spirit Day	October 23	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Royalty Competition	October 23	8:00 PM
Spirit Tree	October 24	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Pancakes with Pat	October 24	8:30 PM
Hurricanes Help The Hometown	October 25	12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Organized Cheer	October 25	6:30 PM
Alma Mater	October 26	10:45 AM
Hurricane Howl	October 26	6:00 PM

General Information

1. At least one representative from each competing team must attend weekly team meetings on Mondays **at 8:00 PM** in the Shalala Student Center - Iron Arrow Room. The dates for these team meetings will be **September 11th, September 18th, September 25th, October 2nd, October 9th, and October 18th (virtually)**.
2. Multiple organizations can pair up to form teams if they wish. Pairings must be approved by the Homecoming Executive Committee. Upon approval, these pairings must compete together for every event.
3. An individual is only permitted to compete with **ONE** team throughout the week of Homecoming. If an individual competes on behalf of more than one team, neither team will be eligible to receive points for that competition.
4. All team names are subject to HEC approval.
5. If a team should receive negative points for an event, that team will be given 0 points for the event.
6. Fire extinguishers may not be used as props during any event. Fire and incendiary devices are also prohibited at all Homecoming events. **Fog machines may be used during some events but must be approved in writing by the Homecoming Executive Committee Advisor, Josh Brandfon, two weeks prior to the event.** Violation of this rule may result in a team's automatic disqualification from all Homecoming events.
7. Any participating members that require accommodations of any kind (medical, physical, or religious) to participate, must inform HEC in advance.

Breakdown of Important Deadlines

Friday, September 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participation Registration Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application available on Engage on Friday, September 1st ○ Applications close Friday, September 22nd at 11:59 PM ● Homecoming Pageant: To Royalty and Beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applications available on Engage on Friday, September 1st ○ Applications due Friday, September 8th at 11:59 PM
Thursday, September 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interest Meeting
Monday, September 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First Team Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rulebook Review
Monday, September 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Second Team Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rulebook Review continued ○ Alma Mater <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ History/Tradition Selection
Monday, September 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Third Team Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Organized Cheer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ History/Tradition Selection ■ Mystery Hero Theme Song Assignment ○ Board Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Plywood Distribution ○ Spirit Tree <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Spirit Tree wood distribution during team meeting
Monday, October 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fourth Team Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alma Mater <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Final Song Selection Due ○ Organized Cheer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Final Song Selection Due
Monday, October 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fifth Team Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Organized Cheer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Performance soundtracks/scripts due by the end of team meeting (must be brought on a USB)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Deadline to make changes ○ Social Media Competition ■ Team Hashtags Due
Friday, October 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No Team Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alma Mater <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Team Rosters Due ○ Organized Cheer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Team Rosters Due
Wednesday, October 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sixth Team Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social Media Competition ○ Final Reminders

ENGAGE WITH US!

All team sign-ups (registration) and event submissions will take place on Engage. Forms can be found on the Homecoming Executive Committee's Engage portal [here](#).

'CANES SPIRIT DAY & OPENING CEREMONIES

"CANES ASSEMBLE (ORANGE OUT)"

Committee Chairs	Contact Information
Hanna Ebrahimi (hze2@miami.edu) Christopher Papa (cpp45@miami.edu) Kerrigan Wesley (kkw38@miami.edu)	UMHomecoming-SpiritDay@miami.edu

Date	Time	Event Location	Maximum Points
Monday, October 23rd, 2023	11:00 AM	Lakeside Patio	15

Event Information

Bring your friends and show your school spirit as we begin a week of exciting homecoming activities with food, games, music, and more! Come out and join the Homecoming Executive Committee as Omicron Delta Kappa officially rings in Homecoming 2023, along with performances from the Band of the Hour and our UM spirit squads. We highly encourage members of the university community to come out wearing orange attire.

Point System

- Each team will earn points based upon organization participation and spirit.
- Team members must check in at the HEC check-in table at the event.
- For every team member that signs in, the respective team will receive 1 point, for a maximum of 15 points.

BOARD COMPETITION
"CREATE YOUR HERO-SCAPE"

Committee Chairs	Contact Information
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Date	Time	Event Location	Maximum Points
Monday, October 23rd, 2023	10:30 AM	Lakeside Patio	50

Important Dates & Deadlines	
Registration Deadline	September 22nd, 2023
Plywood Pick-Up The Homecoming Executive Committee will provide each registered team with a half sheet (4' x 4') of 1/8" thick plywood at the team meeting on the specified date. No other additional materials will be provided.	September 25th, 2023
Completed Artwork Drop-Off Please drop off artwork in the Student Activities and Student Organizations (SASO) Office located on the second floor of the Shalala Student Center, Suite 206 by 5:00 PM	October 19th, 2023

Competition Guidelines

Each team will depict a visual representation of their legacy based on their experience at the University of Miami, inspired by the history and traditions of their organization.

Requirements:

1. The board must include:
 - a. A hero/legacy character that represents your organization
 - b. A UM legacy symbol (Sebastian, the Seal, Old UM emblems, etc.)
 - c. A line of the Alma Mater
 - d. Patterns or colors representative of your organization
 - e. Team name or abbreviation
2. All paints should be waterproof, as the boards will be displayed outdoors during Homecoming week
3. Participants are responsible for ensuring that there is no damage to any University property during the process of creating the artwork, including paint stains. Groups will be responsible for any damage that is caused.

Judging & Point System

- Hero-scape will be judged 30 minutes prior to the start of the Opening Ceremonies. At least one organization representative must be present for judging to explain the inspiration and components of their hero-scape to the judges.

Possible Deductions from Judge's Score

Criteria	Point(s)
Late submission of the board to SASO	-10
Using material larger or other than the plywood provided	-10
Damaging school property while painting artwork	-10
Failure to include a main hero/legacy character that represents your organization	-10
Failure to include a UM Legacy Symbol	-10
Failure to include a line of the Alma Mater	-10
Failure to include team name	-10
Representative not being present 30 minutes prior to the event to speak to the judges	-5
3D attachments protruding more than 2"	-5
Inappropriate images or words on artwork	-5
Not providing the name, signature of individual, or organization on the	-2

artwork	
SHARP PROTRUSIONS WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION!	

PRO TIP:

- **USE THE EXPLANATION OF THE HERO-SCAPE TO AID IN THE CREATIVE PROCESS**
- **ENSURE THE PAINT IS DRY WHEN SUBMITTING THE COMPLETED ARTWORK**
- **COMPLETING THE BOARD 24 HOURS BEFORE ITS DUE ALLOWS THE BOARD TO DRY COMPLETELY**

HOMECOMING PAGEANT
"TO ROYALTY AND BEYOND"

Committee Chairs	Contact Information
Taylor Perkins (taylorperkins@miami.edu) Katie Schumann (kms1110@miami.edu) Nick Wolfe (nbw30@miami.edu)	UMHomecoming-Pageant@miami.edu

Date	Time	Event Location	Maximum Points
Monday, October 23rd, 2023	8:00 PM	SC Grand Ballroom	120

Important Dates & Deadlines				
	Date	Time	Event Location	Maximum Points
Applications Go Live	Friday, September 1st	8:00 AM	Engage	N/A
Applications Due	Friday, September 8th	11:59 PM	Engage	N/A
Preliminaries	Sunday, September 10th	3:00PM-5:30PM	Activities Room South	60
Required Rehearsals (for finalists)	09/18, 09/25*, 10/02, 10/09, 10/18*	8-9 PM	UC Storm Surge	N/A
Required Rehearsal (for finalist)	Sunday, October 22nd	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Iron Arrow Room	N/A
Required Dress Rehearsal (for finalists)	Monday, October 23rd	2:00 PM - 5:30 PM	SC Grand Ballroom	N/A
Finals	Monday, October 23rd	8:00 PM	SC Grand Ballroom	120

* Starred rehearsals will occur in the Wellness Center

Competition Guidelines

1. Each team may register up to 4 total members for the preliminary competition. Each contestant that participates in the preliminary competition will receive 15 points for their team.
2. Team members who have previously participated and placed on the Royalty Court are not eligible to apply nor audition, and thus will not be selected to take part in the finals.
3. Preliminaries will be held by appointment. All applicants must sign up for a time via a SignUp Genius that will be sent out after an application is submitted on Engage.
4. During preliminaries, each contestant will have 2 minutes to showcase their talent and will be asked an interview question, all within a 5-minute slot. Talents are subject to approval by the Homecoming Executive Committee. For the talent component, the contestant may have 1 person accompany them on stage.
5. 12 contestants will be selected to compete at the final competition on Monday, October 23rd. There is no guarantee that every team will have a competitor in the finals.
6. A maximum of 3 finalists may be selected from one organization at the ultimate discretion of the Royalty Committee.
7. Each participant selected to compete in the Final Round must attend all rehearsal sessions to be held in the weeks leading up to the event and a final dress rehearsal on the day of the Final Round. The location of the tech rehearsal will be in the Shalala Student Center Grand Ballroom.
8. The Final Competition will consist of an Introduction, Spirit Round, Talent Round, Poise Round, and an Audience Participation portion. Contestants' resumes will also be considered as part of the judging criteria.
 - a. All 12 contestants will compete in the Spirit Round. Each contestant will be randomly paired up with another contestant for the Spirit Round. Each pair in the Spirit Round will be assigned a notable University location and a superhero to incorporate into their 2-minute skit. Failure to incorporate both of these components will result in a deduction of points.
 - b. All 12 contestants will compete in the Talent Round. In this round, the contestant may have 1 person accompany them on stage. Each contestant will have 3 minutes to perform their talent. Talents that go over the 3-minute time limit will result in a deduction of points by the judges for that portion of the show.
 - c. The top 8 contestants will be selected to compete in the Poise Round. Contestants will be asked an interview question, which will be judged based on personality, eloquence, and originality of response. Foul language and derogatory or offensive remarks will not be permitted and may result in disqualification.
9. There will be 4 overall winners crowned Homecoming Royalty. The first-place winner will earn an additional 45 points for their team. The second-place winner will earn an additional 35 points for their team. The third-place winner

will earn an additional 25 points for their team. The fourth-place winner will earn an additional 15 points for their team.

10. The Homecoming Royalty is required to attend all remaining Homecoming events and make an appearance on the field at the Homecoming game. In the event that a winner cannot attend these events, they will be required to forfeit the title and accompanying points.

Judging and Point System

Possible Deductions from Homecoming Score

Criteria	Point(s)
Per rehearsal missed (for finalists)	-5
Per finalist dropping out of the pageant prior to 2 weeks before the final pageant	-15
Per finalist dropping out of the pageant within 2 weeks of the final pageant	-30

Possible Deductions from Judge's Score

Criteria	Point(s)
For failing to incorporate the assigned University location and superhero in the skit	-5
For going over the 3-minute time limit during the Talent Round	-5
For deliberately deviating from what was shown during dress rehearsal	-15

FOUL LANGUAGE AND DEROGATORY OR OFFENSIVE REMARKS DURING ANY PORTION OF THE EVENT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED AND MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE EVENT!

PRO TIP: BEFORE AUDITIONING FOR PRELIMINARIES:

- **READ THIS RULEBOOK SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY.**
- **CHECK/CLEAR YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO ATTEND ALL HOMECOMING EVENTS FOLLOWING FINALS.**
- **MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL REHEARSALS AND THE NIGHT OF FINALS.**
 - **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE FREE TO REHEARSE**

FROM 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

- MONDAY, OCTOBER 23RD YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR A 30-MINUTE TECH REHEARSAL DURING THE DAY AND FROM 5:00 PM UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVENT.

PRO TIP: IF YOU ARE SELECTED AS A FINALIST:

- TAKE TIME TO REHEARSE YOUR SKITS WITH YOUR PARTNER.
 - TIME YOURSELVES AND PRACTICE WITH YOUR POWERPOINT (EMBED AUDIO)
- PRACTICE IN REHEARSAL FULL OUT AS IF YOU'RE PERFORMING ON STAGE AT FINALS.
 - WEAR YOUR COSTUME/SHOES OR SOMETHING SIMILAR WHILE YOU'RE PRACTICING.
- PERFORM WITH CONFIDENCE AND BE GENUINE AND AUTHENTIC! YOU WERE SELECTED AS A FINALIST FOR A REASON.

SPIRIT TREE
"ORIGIN STORY"

Committee Chairs	Contact Information
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Date	Time	Event Location	Maximum Points
Tuesday, October 24th, 2023	11:00 AM	Spirit Tree at Ashe Building	50

Competition Guidelines

Each team will have the opportunity to hang a 4x6 piece of wood (provided by HEC) on the Spirit Tree.

Requirements:

1. Each team must incorporate the Homecoming theme by creating a hero that represents their organization and showcasing it on a piece of wood.
2. The ornament must include the organization's name and at least 2 key elements significant to their respective organization.
3. The ornament must not exceed 4x6 inches in size.
 - a. Each team must provide their own string to hang their ornament.
4. Each team will present a short speech explaining the creation of their ornament.
 - a. Speech must be at least 45 seconds and at most 90 seconds.
5. Groups must have at least 3 members in attendance for the speech and hanging of the ornament.
6. Groups can receive one point per member (up to 10 points) that are present for both the speech and the hanging.

Judging and Point System
Possible Deductions From Judge's Score

Criteria	Point(s)
For failing to put the team name on the ornament (Abbreviations count)	-5
For failing to put a hero on the ornament	-5
For failing to perform a speech	-5
For exceeding the speech time limit	-5
For exceeding measurement restraints	-5
For failing to have at least 3 team members in attendance for the speech	-5
For ornament failing to hang for the duration of the Spirit Tree event	-5

HURRICANES HELP THE HOMETOWN (ON-CAMPUS DAY OF SERVICE)
"UNSUNG HEROES"

Committee Chairs	Contact Information
Esther Cusnir (erc130@miami.edu) Alexis Owens (ano36@miami.edu)	UMHomecoming-HHTH@miami.edu

Date	Time	Event Location	Maximum Points
Wednesday, October 25th, 2023	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lakeside Patio	30

Point System

1. Event check-in will be continuous from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM. Team members must check in at the designated table. Every team member who does check-in and fulfills the event requirements will receive 2 points for their team (a team can earn up to 30 points).
2. To receive event points, each individual must check in upon arrival, fulfill the event requirements, and complete the checkout at the end of the designated session.
3. Homecoming points will be given at the discretion of the site leaders (HEC members) based on active and helpful participation throughout the day.

Requirements

- o Student organizations will receive points for a maximum of 15 students completing the punch card and checking in upon exiting the event.

ORGANIZED CHEER
"SUIT UP AND DANCE"

Committee Chairs	Contact Information
Jana Faour (jef229@miami.edu) Zuri Greenlee (zkg5@miami.edu)	UMHomecoming-OCheer@miami.edu

Date	Time	Event Location	Maximum Points
Wednesday, October 25th, 2023	6:30 PM	Lakeside Patio	130

Important Dates & Deadlines	
Engage Form Closes	Friday, September 22nd
UM Tradition and Mystery Hero Theme Song Assignment	Monday, September 25th
Final Song Selection Due Note: No duplicate songs may be used by teams	Monday, October 2nd
Performance Soundtracks and Scripts Due	Monday, October 9th
Final Team Rosters Due	Friday, October 13th
Rehearsal Note: [Location Pending] Slots are on a first-come basis Time for slots depending on how many organizations show interest	Wednesday, October 11th (6:00 - 9:00 PM) Wednesday, October 18th (6:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Competition Guidelines

1. **TIER 1: All In! - Age-old Legend**
 - a. A maximum of 20 individuals per team are allowed on the stage.
 - i. Each team will be **permitted to have two stagehands to set up equipment and hold backdrops. Stagehands do not count as part of the 20-person limit.**
 - b. Each team may use a maximum of seven (7) songs.

- c. A maximum of **three additional 10-second sound clips** may be used for the purpose of mixing song.
 - i. These clips do not count as one of the entitled seven (7) songs.
 - d. Each team is allowed 7 minutes to complete their performance. The time begins when the first person enters the stage and ends when the last person exits the stage.
 - i. Additional battery-operated lighting (i.e. strobe lights, flashlights, black lights, etc.) are permitted. However, **set-up and breakdown of the equipment must take place within the allotted 7 minutes.**
- 2. **TIER 2: Sorta In! - Newfound Hero**
 - a. Maximum of 10 individuals per team are allowed on the stage.
 - i. Each team will be **permitted to have two stagehands to set up equipment and hold backdrops. Stagehands do not count as part of the 10-person limit.**
 - b. Each team may use a maximum of four (4) songs
 - c. A maximum of **three (3) additional 10-second sound clips** may be used for the purpose of mixing songs
 - i. These clips do not count as one of the entitled four (4) songs
 - d. Each team has 3 -5 minutes to complete their performance. The time begins when the first person enters the stage and ends when the last person exits the stage.
 - i. Additional battery-operated lighting (i.e. strobe lights, flashlights, black lights, etc.) are permitted. However, **set-up and break-down of the equipment must take place within the allotted 3-5 minute span.**
- 3. Performance soundtracks and scripts will be **due Monday, October 9th**, during the team meeting. The soundtrack must be submitted electronically by the start of the meeting.
 - a. All performance soundtracks and scripts will be reviewed and approved by the Homecoming Executive Committee.
 - b. Teams must notify the Organized Cheer Chairs (via e-mail) if they wish to change a song at any point after the song selection. The Organized Cheer Chairs will notify teams if the change is permitted. **This can be done up until Monday, October 16th**
- 4. Check-in will be **from 6:00- 6:20 PM** on the day of the event. In the event that a team signs up but does not show up for a performance, they will not be awarded participation points.
 - a. A point will be deducted from the judge's score for every minute beyond 6:20 PM that a group is late to check in.
- 5. HEC will not provide any props for the competing teams. All backdrops and additional merchandise must be brought by the competing organization.
- 6. Email UMHomecoming-participation@miami.edu with a list of the props being used during your performance by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, October 24th.
- 7. Each team's participants are **required to enter from stage right and exit using the stairs on stage left.**

8. Stunts, cartwheels, somersaults, pyramids, etc. are not permitted. The use of folding chairs is permitted but standing on them is considered a stunt violation.
 - a. Any violation will result in a 5-point deduction per stunt from the judge's scores. Basic jumps and leaps are permitted. All possible infractions of this rule should be clarified with the Organized Cheer Chairs before the night of the event.
9. Inappropriate and/or offensive clothing is not permitted. This is up to the judgment of the event chairs.
 - a. Each violation will result in a 2-point deduction from the judge's scores.
10. Use of profane language is not permitted.
 - a. Each violation will result in a 5-point deduction from the judge's score.
11. All parts of the cheer must be performed in good taste.
 - a. Any team that uses suggestive, sexual, demeaning, derogatory or otherwise negative motions or words directed at other teams or in general will result in a 5-point deduction from the judge's score or disqualification at the discretion of the Homecoming Executive Committee.
12. Throwing objects off or onto the stage before, during, or after the cheer will not be permitted. Any objects used during the cheer must leave the stage with the performers.
 - a. Any objects left on stage or thrown off stage will be assessed a 1-point deduction from the judge's score.
13. All point deductions are solely at the discretion of the Homecoming Executive Committee.

Judging and Point System
Possible Additions to Judge's Score

Criteria	Point(s)
For incorporation of a banner into the performance (as the backdrop)	+15
For incorporation of overall Homecoming theme ("Leave Your Legacy")	+15
For incorporation of assigned tradition	+15
For incorporating team history	+15
For incorporation of mystery hero theme (i.e. Superman theme, Harry Potter theme, etc.)	+15
For incorporation of hero theme props (ex. Shield, crown, sword, cape, etc) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 heroic themed prop (s): +5 • 2-3 heroic themed props: +10 	+15

● 4+ heroic props: +15	
Per name mentioned (Joshua, Sarah S., Josh, Sara E., Isa) - max 5 pts	+5
Per name of 5 legacy words mentioned - max 5 pts (Review list of "ORGANIZED CHEER - LEGACY WORDS")	+5

Possible Deductions from Judge's Score

Criteria	Point(s)
For every additional person on the stage beyond the maximum of 20 people	-1
For exceeding the allotted time of 7 minutes and an additional (-1) point for every 5 seconds the group exceeds the allotted time	-1
For each participant that jumps off the stage	-5
For the use of profane language	-5
For the use of inappropriate clothing	-2
For any objects left on stage or thrown off stage	-1
For every minute beyond 6:20 PM that a group is late to check-in	-1
Any team that used suggestive, sexual, demeaning, derogatory, or otherwise negative motions or words directed at other teams in general	-5

ORGANIZED CHEER - LEGACY WORDS			
HERO	LEGEND	LEGACY	ICON
INFLUENCE	CHAMPION	TRAILBLAZER	SAVIOR

ALMA MATER SINGING COMPETITION

"STAND FOREVER"

Committee Chairs	Contact Information
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Date	Time	Event Location	Maximum Points
Thursday, October 26th, 2023	10:45 AM	UC Rock	130

Important Dates & Deadlines	
Final Song Selection Due List of songs being used in the creative portion of the performance	Monday, October 2nd
Final Team Roster Due Complete list of competing members plus two alternates	Friday, October 13th

Competition Guidelines

Each team will sing the University of Miami Alma Mater in its traditional form. This will be followed by a creative singing performance that captures the spirit of the Alma Mater.

Requirements

1. The performance must start with a traditional arrangement of the Alma Mater.
2. The creative portion of the performance must include a remix of the Alma Mater.
3. The remixed Alma Mater must include all of the lyrics of the original Alma Mater in the correct order.
4. The entire performance must be a minimum of 2 minutes and a maximum of 6 minutes
 - a. The traditional alma mater does not count toward your total time.
5. Each organization may only have **one competing team** with a **minimum of 4 performers** and a **maximum of 12 performers**

- a. All Alma Mater team members must be currently enrolled University of Miami students and only graduate organizations may have graduate students participating.
6. Each team must incorporate the following lyrics into the songs of their choosing: **hero, legacy, and unite.**
 - a. One point will be given per each of these words used, with a maximum of 3 points.
 - b. The words do not have to be present in the original lyrics of the song; they may be included as a part of the team's remixed lyrics.
7. If two or more teams submit the same song, the team who submits the song first will have the selection.
 - a. Only the original name of the song will be accepted.
8. **At least 1 prop and a maximum of 4 props** may be used during the performance. One point total will be designated for props.
9. **Check-In** for the Alma Mater Competition will be from **10:00 AM - 10:30 AM.**
The entire Alma Team must be present at the time of check-in.
10. Email UMHomecoming-participation@miami.edu with a list of the props being used during your performance by 11:59 PM on Wednesday, October 25th.

Judging and Point System

Possible Additions to Judge's Score

Criteria	Point(s)
Incorporating hero/legacy/unite into the lyrics of the songs. One point each for a maximum of 3 points.	+3
Coordinated outfits	+2
Coordinated movement	+2
Involving the crowd	+2
Incorporating "hero/legacy" prop(s)	+1

Possible Deductions from Judge's Score

Criteria	Point(s)
A point is lost for every member of the team not present at the time of check-in. A maximum of 5 points can be lost.	-1
For every additional person on stage beyond the maximum of 12	-1

For every additional prop used beyond the maximum of 4	-2
For using a song that was not approved	-2
For failing to begin with the traditional Alma Mater	-5
For failing to sing the remixed Alma Mater completely and continuously	-5

PRO TIP:

- **STAND CLOSE TO THE MIC.**
- **CHANGE LYRICS TO BE ABOUT UM OR YOUR GROUP.**
- **ENUNCIATE WORDS SO NOTHING'S LOST WHILE YOU SING.**
- **PRACTICE ON THE PERFORMANCE STAGE BEFOREHAND.**
- **USE SONGS THAT PEOPLE WILL RECOGNIZE EVEN WHEN THE LYRICS ARE DIFFERENT.**

SOCIAL MEDIA COMPETITION
“SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGES”

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	Date	Event Location	Maximum Points
TIER 1	Monday, October 23rd-Thursday, October 26th	Throughout Campus	40
TIER 2	Friday, October 20th-Sunday, October 22nd	On Own Time	50
TIER 3	Friday, October 20th-Sunday, October 22nd	On Own Time	30

Note: Team hashtags are due at the team meeting on Monday, October 9th.

TIER 1 - “COMIC BOOK CATASTROPHE”

1. Objective: Locate and gather all four comic book strips scattered around campus. Take a photo of each strip and create an Instagram story with the pictures posted in the correct order. Don't forget to use a team-specific hashtag and tag @umiamihomecoming in the story. Remember, items must not be removed from their hiding spots.
2. Hiding Process: HEC members will hide four new comic book strips daily at one general location, which will be related to an event location of the day.
3. Phrase Formation: The four comic strips will, when placed in the correct order, form a phrase related to the university.
4. Submission: Any team member can take the photos, but the Instagram story should be posted before 10:00 PM on the same day for rule purposes. Only public Instagram accounts will be eligible to receive points for the competition.

5. Ranking: Teams will be ranked based on the speed and completion of the scavenger hunt. Points will be awarded according to the time of the story's posting, the number of strips found, and the correct order of the strips.
6. Points Distribution: The first team to successfully find all four strips and complete the objective will receive 10 points. The second team will be awarded 5 points, and the third team will receive 3 points for their accomplishment.
7. Possible Deductions: Any items removed from the hidden location will result in a -10-point deduction from the corresponding team.

TIER 2 - "WHAT IS YOUR LEGACY?"

1. Create and post a Homecoming Week promotion video that shows how your team is going to "Leave Your Legacy."
2. The video must be at least 30 seconds but no more than 90 seconds long. The video must also include the phrase "Leave Your Legacy!", mention of at least 2 Homecoming traditions/events, show at least 5 team members, and the dates of Homecoming week (October 23rd-October 27th).
3. The video must be posted on the team's official social media page, including their team-specific hashtag, and tag @umiamihomecoming. The deadline to post is Sunday, October 22nd at 11:59 PM.
4. Teams who participate and fulfill all of the requirements will receive 50 points.

TIER 3 - "Your HERO"

1. Celebrate your heroes!
2. Post an Instagram story that highlights one of your organization's alumni.
3. The story must be posted on the team's official social media page, including their team-specific hashtag, and tag @umiamihomecoming and @UM_Alumni. The deadline to post is Sunday, October 22nd at 11:59 PM.
4. Teams who participate will receive 10 points per alumni, with a maximum of 30 points.

SPRIT COMPETITION

"HIGH SPIRITS!"

Guidelines

After each event the Homecoming Executive Committee will select a most spirited organization to delegate spirit points to. These points are based on energy, vocality, and positive behavior for other organizations.

SPORTSMANSHIP

"CANES CARE FOR CANES"

Guidelines

The Homecoming Executive Committee will select an organization who presents the 'Canes Care for 'Canes motto by collaborating, supporting, and creating an optimistic environment for the teams around them. These points will be allocated based on language and clear support for not just your own organization, but others as well. To qualify organizations must avoid negative commentary or malicious actions targeted towards other teams and/or the overall Homecoming program.

OVERALL BREAKDOWN OF HOMECOMING POINTS

Informational Team Meetings	
Point Breakdown	+10 per each attended Team Meeting
Opening Ceremonies & Spirit Day	
Judging Criteria	Team Attendance
Point Breakdown	+1 per team member in attendance (maximum 15)
Board Competition	
Judging Criteria	Creativity Artistic Ability Representation of Organization Incorporation of Homecoming Theme
Point Breakdown	+50 points for 1st place artwork +35 points for 2nd place artwork +25 points for 3rd place artwork +15 points for non-placing team
Royalty Pageant	
Judging Criteria	Resume Introduction Spirit Skit Talent Poise
Point Breakdown	Teams will receive 15 points for each preliminary contestant (max. 4) +10 points per pageant participant In addition, teams will receive: +45 points for First +35 points for Second +25 points for Third +15 points for Fourth
Spirit Tree	

Judging Criteria	Informative Speech Adherence to Theme Representation of Team Visual Appeal of Ornament Functionality of Ornament
Point Breakdown	+1 point for each member present (up to 10 points) +40 points for 1st place ornament +30 points for 2nd place ornament +20 points for 3rd place ornament +10 points for non-placing teams
Hurricanes Help the Hometown	
Judging Criteria	Team Attendance
Point Breakdown	+2 points for every team member who checks in and fulfills the event requirements (up to 30 points)
Organized Cheer	
Judging Criteria	Creativity 'Cane Spirit Showmanship Choreography Well-constructed plot
Point Breakdown (Tier 1)	+130 points for 1st place +115 points for 2nd place +100 points for 3rd place +45 points for non-placing teams
Point Breakdown (Tier 2)	+70 points for 1st place +55 points for 2nd place +40 points for 3rd place +25 points for non-placing teams
Alma Mater	
Judging Criteria	Team Cohesiveness Lyrical Creativity 'Cane Spirit Singing Ability

Point Breakdown	+130 points for 1st place +115 points for 2nd place +100 points for 3rd place +85 points for HEC's choice +45 points for non-placing teams
Social Media Competition	
Judging Criteria	Participation Timeliness Speed
Point Breakdown	Up to +40 points for TIER 1 +50 points for participation in TIER 2 +30 points for participation in TIER 3
Most Spirited	
Judging Criteria	Most spirited team, as voted by HEC members
Point Criteria	+10 points (possible) Opening Ceremonies +10 points (possible) HHTH +10 points (possible) Spirit Tree +10 points (possible) Royalty +10 points (possible) O-Cheer +15 points (possible) Overall Spirit
Best Sportsmanship	
Judging Criteria	Best sportsmanship, as voted by HEC members
Point Criteria	+10 points (possible)