Homecoming Court

The Homecoming Court will be ten students who serve as role models for the entire University. They must exhibit qualities such as leadership, diversity, character, communication skills, and creativity, which will be reviewed through the application process. The two candidates elected as the 2017 Homecoming Royalty are a positive representation of the University of Houston.

Homecoming Court Qualifications

- Must be affiliated with a Registered Student Organization
- Must have a Junior, Senior, or Graduate/Professional classification.
- Must have a 2.50 cumulative GPA or higher
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student
- Must be in good standing with the University
- Must not have been on the Homecoming Court in previous years

Application

Applications will be available starting August 7, 2017 on the Homecoming website www.uh.edu/homecoming. The Homecoming Court application must be fully completed by 5:00 pm on September 15th. No late applications will be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

A panel of preliminary judges will review each application. The panel may consist of University faculty, staff, alumni and students. Applications will be scored on written essays and resume.

If you are selected to the court, a photo and biography will be put on the UH Homecoming website, and the Cougar. On the application, you must indicate whether you are running as a king or queen candidate.

Interview
After an application review process, candidates who meet listed qualifications will be selected for an interview and will be notified by September 18, 2017 regarding an interview. Interviews will be held September 22, time and location will vary.

Candidates will be reviewed based on the following:

• University involvement in activities and organizations
• Academic pursuits, interests, and achievements
• Demonstration of leadership skills and abilities
• Personal presentation
• Enthusiasm and sincerity

You will be asked a series of interview questions for which you will be able to earn a maximum of 5 points, which will be up to the discretion of the Homecoming Board and Interview Panel.

**Homecoming Court Campaigning**

Candidates may campaign October 1 – 21. Any candidates campaigning prior to October 1 will be disqualified, this includes the street team as well. Candidates are limited to spending $500 on his/her campaigning efforts, and must turn in financial disclosure forms on **Monday, October 9, and Friday, October 21**. Candidates are expected to abide by university and building policies and by the Student Code of Conduct. Any vulgar, inappropriate material or campaign smearing will not be tolerated. Any candidates found in violation of university and building policies or of the Student Code of Conduct will be referred to the Dean of Students. The Homecoming Board reserves the right to determine appropriate consequences in response to violations, included but not limited to, point deductions and/or disqualifications.

**Student Vote**

The student vote will take place online from Oct 15th – Oct 21st on Get Involved.
*The top 5 candidates with the most student votes will be ranked (1-5, 1 being the highest) according to the number of votes they receive. The student votes will be used to select the King and Queen from the Homecoming Court.

** Homecoming CourtCandidates, Street Teams, and friends/family of Homecoming Court Candidates are not allowed to coerce students in to voting for a candidate, hold voting parties, nor falsely bribe students in order to receive votes. Violation of these rules can result in disqualification.

**Homecoming Event Participation**

Candidates are expected to participate in Homecoming events throughout the week (October 23– October 28). Please see schedule of events on the last page. Candidates will sign in and out with the Director or Assistant Director of Court Activities at each event. If a candidate has class (this is considered an excused absence) or an emergency, the Homecoming Director of Court must be notified at least 48 hours in advance, through groupme or e-mail hccourt@central.uh.edu. In case of an emergency situation via text message.

**Candidate Scoring will be as follows:**

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*Each nominee’s GPA will be translated into points, out of 20, by multiplying the GPA by 5.

Example: A GPA of 3.10 would translate into 15.50 points out of the 20 available
Homecoming Participation*  

*Homecoming Court candidates are expected to participate in every single Homecoming Week event. Attending an event will result in an automatic 5 pts, which will be deducted to 3 pts if the candidate is late, or leaves early. Actively participating in the event, however, will result in receiving 7pts per event. Actively participating will be explained before Homecoming week to all court candidates since it will look differently for each event and rewarding points is always up to the discretion of the Homecoming Board. If a candidate has an excused absence for the event they will receive 5 pts for the event.

**Total Points Available:** 150pts

**King and Queen Selection**

1. Homecoming Court selection score (up to 150 points)

The points earned from the Homecoming Court selection process will be used in the scoring for the King and Queen.

2. Student Vote (5-25 points)

   The King and Queen candidates will be ranked and scored based on the number of votes they receive in the student votes.

   - 1\textsuperscript{st} place- 25pts
   - 2\textsuperscript{nd} place-20pts
   - 3\textsuperscript{rd} place-15pts
   - 4\textsuperscript{th} place-10pts
   - 5\textsuperscript{th} place-5pts

   **Student Vote**  
   5-25pts
**The Homecoming King and Queen will consist of the top scorers from the application, interview, and student vote combined.**

**King and Queen**

In addition to being recognized as the face of the University for an entire year, the King and Queen will also be awarded class rings. They will be invited to represent the University in several parades throughout the year including, but not limited to, the Thanksgiving and Juneteenth parades. They will also get the opportunity to watch the second half of the Homecoming football game in the private viewing box of President Renu Khator during the Homecoming game (no guests will be allowed).

### 2017 Timeline for Homecoming King and Queen Selection

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Oct 23: Homecoming Court informational meeting and dinner with last year’s King and Queen

Oct 27: President Khator Meet and Greet (4p.m.-5p.m.)

Oct. 27: Half-time walkthrough at TDECU Stadium

Oct 28*: Homecoming King and Queen announced at the Homecoming football game.

*Homecoming Court Candidates will be required to attend the Alumni tailgate (for the entire duration of tailgate), and the Alumni Clubhouse for the first half of the homecoming game.

2017 Homecoming Schedule of Events

Monday, October 23
- Pep Rally Cougar Walk
  - Starts at Cougar Place
  - Time: 4:30-5:00 p.m.
- Kick-Off Pep Rally
  - Location: Student Center Plaza/Cullen Family Plaza
  - Time: 5pm-8pm

Tuesday, October 24
- Spirit Day CAN-struction with the Metropolitan Volunteer Program
  - Location: Student Center Plaza
  - Time: 4:30pm-6:30pm
- Strut Your Stuff
  - Location: Student Center Plaza
  - Time: 7pm-10pm

Wednesday, October 25
- Rise and Shine
  - Location: The Grassy Knoll
  - Time: 7:00am-9:00am
- Way Back Wednesday
  - Location: Lynn Eusan Park
  - Time: 11:30am-1:30pm

Bed Races
  - Location: Architecture/Engineering Street
  - Time: 7:00pm-10:00pm

Thursday, October 26
- Homecoming Fiesta
  - Location: Lynn Eusan Park
  - Time: 5-7pm
- Homecoming Concert sponsored by Student Program Board
Friday, November 11th

- Rock the Campus sponsored by the Metropolitan Volunteer Program
  - Location: Butler Plaza
  - Time: 9am
- Trip to Houston
  - Location: Lynn Eusan
  - Time: 7:00pm-10:00pm

Saturday, November 12th

- Homecoming Game against ECU
  - Location: TDECU Stadium