Homecoming Participation Packet
Hosted by the Student Activities Council

Homecoming Week
Sunday, January 24th, 2016 – Saturday, January 30th, 2016

UNO Privateers Basketball vs. McNeese
Double Header on Saturday, January 30th, 2016
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**WELCOME LETTER**

Dear Privateers,

Thank you for your interest in participating in this year’s Homecoming! I am honored to organize such an important week for our wonderful university. This is the week that all Privateers from all organizations, clubs, teams, and colleges can come together and support our UNO Privateers as the women’s and men’s basketball teams compete in this double header. The first game will take place at The UNO Lakefront Arena at **4:00PM on January 30, 2016**. We strongly encourage tremendous school spirit and creativity throughout the week leading up to game night.

This year’s Homecoming theme is **Privateers of the Galaxy**. We are excited to give you a Homecoming that’s **out of this world!**

![Privateers of the Galaxy](image)

This year’s Homecoming Court candidates will need to turn in their form by **Monday, November 23, 2015 at NOON**. Personal applications will be given to each candidate upon nomination. All King and Queen Candidates will be reviewed by The Homecoming Committee via these applications, due by **Monday, November 30, 2015 at NOON**. Teams and Organizations without court nominees will have until **Friday, January 15, 2016 at 4:00PM** to turn in their packets.

If you have any questions regarding Homecoming Week after reading this packet, please feel free to contact SAC at (504) 280-7081.

Good Luck, Privateers!

**Devin Gaeta**

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Competition Preparation:**

**Monday, November 23rd**
12:00PM: Team Packets Due
(for teams nominating a King/Queen)
12:00PM: Homecoming King and Queen Nominations Due

**Monday, November 30th**
12:00PM: Homecoming King and Queen Applications Due

**Monday, November 30th – Thursday, December 3rd**
Homecoming King and Queen Applications reviewed by the Homecoming Committee

**Thursday, December 3rd**
12:00PM: Reviews by the Homecoming Committee Due
4:00PM: Homecoming Court Announced to Nominees

**Friday, December 4th**
3:00PM: Homecoming Court Meeting and Photo Shoot

**Monday, December 7th**
12:00PM: Homecoming Court Announced to the Public

**Friday, January 15th**
4:00PM: Team Packets Due
(for teams NOT nominating a King/Queen)

**Homecoming Week:**

**Sunday, January 24th**
11:59PM: Awkward Family Photo Due
11:59PM: Photo of Quad Decorations Due
11:59PM: Game Banner Design Due

**Monday, January 25th**
12:00PM-1:30PM: Homecoming Kick-Off: Quad
7:00PM-9:00PM: Six Appeal Vocal Band: UC Ballroom

**Tuesday, January 26th**
12:00PM-1:30PM: T-shirt Swap: Quad
7:00PM-9:00PM: Battle of the Air Bands: UC Ballroom

**Wednesday, January 27th**
11:00AM-3:00PM: Student Showcase: UC Atrium
7:00PM-9:00PM: Trivia Night: UC Ballroom

**Thursday, January 28th**
4:00PM: Game Banners Due to UC 222
11:00AM-3:00PM: Homecoming Carnival: UC Atrium
7:00PM-9:00PM: Mike Super: UC Ballroom

**Friday, January 29th**
12:00PM-1:00PM: Second Line Parade
1:00PM-2:00PM: Pep Rally: UC Atrium

**Saturday, January 30th**
12:00PM-4:30PM: Tailgate: Arena Parking Lot
4:00PM: Women’s Basketball Game: Arena
HALFTIME: Homecoming Court Introduced
BETWEEN GAMES: King and Queen Coronation
6:15PM: Men’s Basketball Game: Arena
**HOMECOMING COMPETITION INFORMATION**

**Forming a Team:**

Organizations may compete individually or they may join forces to form a team. This must be specified in the packet your team files and you must specify your team name. Any group of five (5) or more students can form a team even without an official organization and must create an official team name.

**Team Competition - Tiers**

We have received feedback that it can be difficult to win points when some teams are much larger than others. In order to account for organizations or teams with fewer numbers than others, we will divide teams into tiers based on the number of members on the team. Winners for each tier will receive recognition and prizes at the end of Homecoming Week. *Tiers will be determined once all teams have been registered.*

**How to Earn Points:**

There are three (3) ways to earn points during Homecoming Week: attendance, competition, and spirit. Each of the three is described below.

**Attendance Point Rules:**

Every event is an opportunity to win attendance points. Just by participating, you earn points for your team. To earn these points, every member of your team in attendance must check in at the SAC Homecoming Check-In Table located at each event. To sign in, you must show your student ID to the SAC member working at the table and specify which team you are representing.

**Spirit Point Rules:**

Every event presents the opportunity to win spirit points. By showing your UNO spirit, you can win up to 5 points at most events for your team. Points can be deducted, however, for unsportsmanlike conduct and bad attitudes, so keep it positive! Here are some ideas to increase your spirit points:

- Chant cheers and be supportive of our UNO basketball teams
- Be positive and supportive of all events and people involved in Homecoming Week
- Use your creativity to embrace the theme of Privateers of the Galaxy
- HAVE FUN!

*It is very important during Homecoming to show our support for UNO and the UNO Basketball team. Therefore, spirit points for the game will be worth 25 points. In order to get the most points, you should really show your school spirit through your attire, cheering, and attitude!!*
**Competition Point Rules:**

Competition points are awarded based on how teams place in the different competition events throughout the week. Every competition event will offer your team the possibility to earn points. First place will be awarded 15 points, second place will win 10 points, and third place will win 5 points. *Each of the competitions has different rules that will be detailed in each individual description in the “Non-Event Competitions” and “Events” sections of the packet (pages 7-11).*

**Other Rules:**

If one of the members on your team is on the Homecoming Court, your team will be awarded 5 points. King and Queen will win 15 points for their team. More information on Homecoming Court is listed further into this packet.

If any of the rules for an event or competition are broken, your team will be disqualified and will not receive any points for that event. That includes attendance, spirit, and competition points, so it is important to be mindful of the rules. To ensure this packet has been read thoroughly, five points will be added to any team if the following words are said to me (Devin Gaeta) at any ONE Homecoming Event: “I’m UNO Proud.”

In the event of a tie, the Student Activities Council Executive Board will decide the winner. The decision will be based on which of the teams contributed the most to Homecoming with enthusiasm, and any other ways considered significant. All judging decisions are FINAL.

The announcement of Homecoming King and Queen will be announced following the end of the women’s basketball game and the winning teams of each tier will be announced during halftime of the men’s basketball game.
**NON-EVENT COMPETITIONS**

Decorating the Quad
Must be submitted by 11:59pm on Sunday, January 24th

Teams will receive participation points for decorating the quad. SAC will provide spray paint for use on the grass only, some chalk, and signs. You may pick these items up from the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership on Friday, January 22nd, to use over the weekend. Only water-soluble chalk may be used on the sidewalks. Things to write in chalk are UNO spirited messages like “Go UNO!” or “Let’s Go Privateers!” etc. Using this event to promote your organization will result in receiving fewer points. Because we are allowing your team to decorate over the weekend, we ask that your team send SAC a photo of your finished decorations by 11:59pm on Sunday, January 24th.

Awkward Family Photo Contest
Must be submitted by 11:59pm on Sunday, January 24th

How close are you and with your team members? This competition really puts teams to the test! Gather any number of members of your organization or team and pose for an “awkward family photo” that will make anyone feel uncomfortable. Be creative and make people laugh! SAC will post it on an event page and your team will get points based on the number of “likes” the photo gets, but only the “likes” on the photo posted by SAC will count. This photo should be submitted by 11:59pm on Sunday, January 24th.

It is important to keep this photo G-Rated! Remember that it will be public on social media!

Homecoming Banner Competition
Design must be submitted by 11:59pm on Sunday, January 24th
Must be submitted by 4:30PM on Thursday, January 28th to UC 222

We are going to show the team our support at the game with Homecoming Banners! The planned design of your banner should be turned in before Homecoming Week. No banners will be hung at the game if they are not approved by SAC. Make sure your team name is on the banner and entails the Basketball game. Banners may not exceed 3 feet in height and 6 feet in length. There can be no glitter on the banners! Banners will be judged on creativity, adherence to this year’s theme, and overall appearance. These banners will be hung in the game stadium prior to the Homecoming Game. The design for the banner must be sent in early, by 11:59pm on Sunday, January 24th and banners must be submitted by 4:00PM on Thursday, January 28th to UC 222.
**EVENTS**

**Homecoming Kick-Off**
Monday, January 25th from 12:00PM to 1:30PM in the Quad

Show your school spirit while enjoying free food, drinks, and activities in the Quad, including inflatables and a photo booth! Also cheer on the UNO Basketball team and meet the UNO Homecoming Court who will be announced at this event! You can sign in for your team to get attendance points, and don’t forget to show your UNO spirit for spirit points!

NOTE: YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT ID TO SIGN IN FOR YOUR HOMECOMING TEAM.

**Six Appeal Vocal Band**
Monday, January 25th from 7:00PM to 9:00PM in the UC Ballroom

Six Appeal has been a growing force in the Midwest music scene since 2006. This contemporary group takes the original ‘a cappella’ idea and expands it to a full-blown vocal band concert experience. Six Appeal charms and entertains crowds armed with a dynamic collection of powerful vocalists with the passion to amaze. Six Appeal is able to excite audiences with their mix of classic oldies, current hits and their captivating original songs. Join SAC for this awesome experience returning again to UNO for a special Homecoming performance. Spirit and attendance points will be awarded to teams who show up with positive attitudes!

NOTE: YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT ID TO SIGN IN FOR YOUR HOMECOMING TEAM

**T-Shirt Swap**
Tuesday, January 26th from 12:00PM to 1:30PM in the Quad

Brought to you by the UNO Student Government Association, stop by and get some Privateer Swag! Bring by your shirts from other universities, and get a University of New Orleans t-shirt! Also take this opportunity to meet representatives from the Student Government Association. **You can only earn points for your team at this event by trading in a shirt.**

NOTE: YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT ID TO SIGN IN FOR YOUR HOMECOMING TEAM
Battle of the Air Bands
Tuesday, January 26th from 7:00PM to 9:00PM in the UC Ballroom

Let’s have some fun! This event goes a step beyond lip-sync battles; bring the air guitar, the air drums, even the air saxophone if you have it! Grab a crew of theatrical members of your team for a believable performance! Your team has the opportunity to earn competition points at this event. Judges will determine the winners based on audience response, implementation of song choice, and overall performance. **Performers should show up at 6:30PM to confirm their song choice.** Teams can also earn spirit and attendance points at this event, so be sure to come and cheer on your team’s entertainers!

**NOTE: YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT ID TO SIGN IN FOR YOUR HOMECOMING TEAM**

Student Showcase
Wednesday, January 27th from 11:00PM to 3:00PM in the UC Atrium

Homecoming is all about celebrating the UNO Privateers, and our Privateers create a lot of great things. Come through the University Center on Wednesday and see artwork from your fellow students! Artwork will be out for most of the day, so feel free to pass through when you have time. You may sign in for your team at this event for attendance points.

**NOTE: YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT ID TO SIGN IN FOR YOUR HOMECOMING TEAM**

Trivia Night
Wednesday, January 27th from 7:00PM to 9:00PM in the UC Ballroom

Get your team together and come out for a fun trivia night! There will be five different categories with ten questions in each category, and remember, our theme is Privateers of the Galaxy! There is the opportunity to win competition points, as well as attendance and spirit points. For this event, ALUMNI MEMBERS of your groups can also be counted in attendance!

**NOTE: YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT ID TO SIGN IN FOR YOUR HOMECOMING TEAM.**

Homecoming Carnival
Thursday, January 28th from 11:00PM to 3:00PM in the UC Atrium

This Homecoming event is all about fun and celebrating UNO! Free for all students, there will be food and plenty of fun including spray paint artists and air brush t-shirts! Attendance and Spirit points will be awarded to teams who arrive and participate with positive attitudes!

**NOTE: YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT ID TO SIGN IN FOR YOUR HOMECOMING TEAM.**
Magician: Mike Super
Thursday, January 28th from 7:00PM to 9:00PM in the UC Ballroom

As seen on America’s Got Talent, Mike Super’s life has been characterized by a passion for magic. He has astonished millions of people with his craft, including the Hollywood elite. The secret to Mike’s success is his natural ability to entertain and fascinate people. He has pioneered a new form of magic with his own inimitable, down-to-earth style and personality. Mike transcends the “trick” and connects personally with his audience on a level they can relate to. Whether it’s through television, stage or simply one-on-one, Mike Super’s personality and humor reaches out and enchants the public. Join the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership in bringing Mike Super to UNO for a stellar Homecoming performance. Spirit and attendance points will be awarded to teams who arrive and participate with positive attitudes!

NOTE: YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT ID TO SIGN IN FOR YOUR HOMECOMING TEAM

Second Line Parade
Friday, January 29th at 12:00pm ending at the UC

Mardi Gras season is early this year, so we’re bringing you a classic New Orleans tradition for Homecoming! Starting at the University Center, your Homecoming Court will lead the Homecoming teams around campus. You’ll have the opportunity to hand out goodies to the passers-by! We will not be providing hand-outs for the homecoming teams; you may hand out whatever your organization or team sees fit! We ask that you do not hand out open food items. Make sure to tell your friends that they have an opportunity to get free things! Your team can earn attendance points by marching in the parade, and spirit points by showing enthusiasm during the parade!

NOTE: YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT ID TO SIGN IN FOR YOUR HOMECOMING TEAM

Homecoming Pep Rally
Tuesday, January 26th from 1:00PM to 2:00PM in the UC Atrium

Immediately after the parade, come build the hype with the UNO Cheerleaders, Dance Team, and Basketball Team to get excited for Game Day! UNO students, faculty, and staff will gather ‘round to enjoy some creative performances. SAC will announce players and cheer them on for some pre-game excitement. Be on the lookout for some UNO spirit swag! Show your school spirit and earn spirit points for your homecoming team!

NOTE: YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT ID TO SIGN IN FOR YOUR HOMECOMING TEAM
Double Header Game Day!

Homecoming Tailgate
Saturday, January 30th from 12:00PM to 4:30PM at the UNO Lakefront Arena

Enjoy free food, drinks, and mini games outside of The Arena with UNO students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the general public. Live musical performances will be featured on the main stage. UNO organizations, clubs, and Greek life will be sharing food items with enthusiastic participants. Join the fun on Saturday and get ready for the big games!

NOTE: YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT ID TO SIGN IN FOR YOUR HOMECOMING TEAM.

Women’s and Men’s Basketball Games
Saturday, January 30th at 4:00PM and 6:15PM in the UNO Lakefront Arena

The Homecoming Basketball Games are what Homecoming is all about! Game Day is the biggest spirit event of the week, and every team’s spirit will be assessed by the SAC Executive Board for points at the game. For spirit points, your team can dress in school spirit attire, cheer, chant, sing, have signs, pom-poms, foam swords and accessories. This is the time to be creative! Remember, you can earn five times more spirit points at the games. The King and Queen will be crowned at a ceremony after the conclusion of the women’s basketball game. The winning team of Homecoming Week will be announced during halftime of the men’s basketball game.

NOTE: YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT ID TO SIGN IN FOR YOUR HOMECOMING TEAM.
**KING AND QUEEN CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

Any registered UNO student organization may sponsor only **ONE (1) candidate for King and ONE (1) candidate for Queen.**

**How to nominate a King/Queen:**
- To sponsor a candidate, the president of the organization of which the candidate is a member must provide the proper information on the Homecoming Verification and Participation Form included at the end of this packet. Be sure that this is turned in by **Monday, November 23rd at 12:00PM.**

**Who is eligible?**
- Each qualified candidate must be enrolled in at least twelve (12) hours at the time of nomination and have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA at the time of nomination and during Homecoming. The candidate must not be on academic or disciplinary probation. All candidates’ grades will be verified at the time of the nomination. Candidates may be members of ANY organization on campus, excluding executive members of the Student Activities Council.

**Nominee Requirements**
- All selected candidates must make it a priority to attend all Homecoming Events, unless restricted by their class schedule. **If a candidate does not attend all Homecoming events, it is at the discretion of the SAC Executive Board to deduct Spirit Points from that team.**
- All Homecoming Court nominees must attend a meeting with the Student Activities Council Lagniappe Chair in order to go over important times, important dates, and the Homecoming Court Presentation. The meeting will be offered on **Friday, December 4th at 3:00PM** in UC 222. If you cannot attend the meeting, we can attempt to schedule a meeting with the SAC Lagniappe Chair or SAC Advisor.
- Be advised that this meeting is when the candidates’ pictures will be taken, so dress accordingly.

**How are the King & Queen selected?**
- The 2016 Homecoming Court will be announced on **Monday, December 7th.** You’ll have winter break to plan your campaign. You will have two whole weeks of school before Homecoming week to campaign, but please keep it friendly and fun. SAC reserves the right to dismiss anyone on the Homecoming Court if their campaign gets out of hand. **You are not allowed to start campaigning until you have attended the meeting on Friday, December 4th, or met with the Student Activities Council Lagniappe Chair or Advisor as an alternative if you could not attend the meeting.**
- The elections for the court shall take place under the direction of the Assistant Director of Student Involvement & Leadership and the Student Activities Council Lagniappe Chair. All decisions concerning the election for Homecoming Court are final.
**TEAM PARTICIPATION FORM**


For those nominating a King/Queen: Due Monday, November 23rd at 12:00PM in UC 222
For those NOT nominating a King/Queen: Due Friday, January 15th at 4:00PM in UC 222

Name of Organization(s):___________________________________________________

Team Name (If different from organization): _____________________________________
(If you are a group of students forming a team without a registered organization, please attach a list of all team members and student ID numbers to this form.)

Number of organization/team members: ______________________________________

President/Contact Person: ___________________________________________________
Student ID #: _____________________________________________________________
President/Contact Person Phone Number: _____________________________________

Additional Contact Person: __________________________________________ ID #:___________
Additional Phone Number: _________________________________________________

Homecoming **King** Nomination
   · Name of King Nominee: __________________________________________ ID #:___________
   · Phone Number of King Nominee: _______________________________________

Homecoming **Queen** Nomination
   · Name of Queen Nominee: ___________________________ ID #:____________
   · Phone Number of Queen Nominee: _________________________________

Will you be able to attend the Nominee Informational meeting on Friday, December 4th?
  □ Yes, I will attend.
  □ No, but I will contact you to schedule a separate meeting.

By signing this document, I verify that you have read the general and specific rules for each competition and that they will be followed by your team. I also verify that my organization/team will represent the University of New Orleans in a positive manner and be present at all of the 2016 Homecoming Week events.

_______________________ ________________________
President’s Printed Name President’s Signature