KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
HOMECOMING PARLIAMENT
FALL 2022

Theme:
“Owl-Star Week”
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DESCRIPTION

The selection of the Homecoming Parliament is a part of the annual Homecoming festivities at KSU. The purpose of the Court is to recognize members of the student body who make invaluable contributions to the KSU community and represent the core ideals of Kennesaw State University as student leaders. These individuals are identified by their peers, faculty, and staff. Throughout the week of Homecoming, they are expected to be present at various Homecoming activities and serve as ambassadors of school spirit and pride as a Kennesaw State Owl. The opportunity to serve on Homecoming Court and be elected as Homecoming Parliament is available to all KSU students with 30 or more credit hours and enrolled in the fall semester during Homecoming. Membership on Homecoming Parliament is not bound to any specific sex, gender identity, or sexual preference of any student, and all students who meet the qualifications outlined in this packet are eligible for consideration. The true purpose of the Homecoming Parliament is to bring students together as one student body.
# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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<td>Application Opens</td>
<td>9/19/22</td>
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<td>Carmichael Student Center</td>
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<td>Court Selection</td>
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<td>Photo Shoot</td>
<td>10/12/22*</td>
<td>6:00pm - 7:00pm*</td>
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<td>Court Meeting</td>
<td>10/12/22</td>
<td>7:30pm</td>
<td>Academic Learning Center, Room 1201</td>
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<td>Campaigning Begins</td>
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<td>Kennesaw Kick-Off Jersey Party</td>
<td>10/17/22</td>
<td>6:00 – 9:00pm</td>
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<td>Homecoming Dance</td>
<td>10/18/22</td>
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<td>Carmichael Student Center, University Rooms</td>
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<td>Downtown Kennesaw Night</td>
<td>10/19/22</td>
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<td>Homecoming Concert</td>
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<td>Gameday Rehearsal</td>
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<td>Owl Cup Field Day (Cardboard Boat Race, Bubble Soccer, and Archery Tag)</td>
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<td>Betty L. Siegel Student Recreation &amp; Activities Center</td>
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<td>Homecoming Pep Rally</td>
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*Times and locations may change based on updates due to weather or other circumstances.*
COURT AND PARLIAMENT STRUCTURE

The Homecoming Court consists of 22 KSU students in the following categories:

- 10 senior candidates
- 6 junior candidates
- 6 sophomore candidates

Homecoming Parliament consists of 2 students from each category who are elected as winners. The selection process is outlined below.
SELECTION PROCESS

General Overview

The selection process for Homecoming court is a three-step process, which includes an application, an interview, and open voting among the student body. Each step in the process has detailed rules, guidelines, and/or procedures, so applicants are encouraged to read this packet in its entirety before submitting their materials. The process, rules, and logistics for Homecoming Parliament are all coordinated through the Department of Student Activities. All questions or concerns regarding Homecoming Parliament may be addressed to homecoming@kennesaw.edu.

Applicant Qualifications

- Credit hour requirement
  - Senior Category: Applicants for the senior category must have completed 90 credit hours or more, 12 of which must be KSU hours.
  - Junior Category: Applicants for the junior category must have completed 60-89 credit hours, 12 of which must be KSU hours.
  - Sophomore Category: Applicants for the sophomore category must have completed 30-59 credit hours, 12 of which must be KSU hours.
- Applicants must hold a 2.50 adjusted GPA or higher.
- Applicants must be registered for at least 6 credit hours during the Fall 2022 semester.
- Applicants must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the University.
- Applicants cannot be a member of Homecoming Parliament from a previous year at KSU.

Application

The individual candidate must fill out the Homecoming Parliament Application online prior to 12:00pm on 09/30/22. The application can be found on the homecoming website, https://homecoming.kennesaw.edu/court.php. In addition to contact information, a short bio, and resume, the application contains three questions that candidates will be expected to answer (answers must be limited to 300 words or less):
- What is one piece of advice that you would tell yourself when you were a freshman that you now know could benefit you?
- Which experience at KSU has had the greatest impact on you, and why?
- What do you consider to be the greatest challenge facing college students today?
Interviews

After all applications have been received, an initial round of cuts will be made to limit the candidates to those who meet the criteria outlined above. Candidates will be notified via email on 10/03/22 as to the status of their application. Candidates who make it past the initial cut will be interviewed by judges, which is scheduled to take place on Friday, 10/07/22. More information about scheduling interviews will be contained in the email sent on 10/03/22, but all applicants should keep Friday 10/07/22 open except for class. If a candidate fails to register for a time slot before the day of interviews, they may be disqualified. Interviews will be 15 minutes long with a panel of judges. Candidates are encouraged to dress in professional attire. For the interviews, judges will be using the interview scoring sheet (Appendix A).

Campaigning/Voting

After all interviews have been completed, another round of cuts will be made by the judges to select the final Homecoming Court, which will consist of 10 candidates from the Senior Category, 6 candidates from the Junior Category, and 6 candidates from the Sophomore Category. All candidates will be notified on 10/10/22 of their status. Members of the Homecoming Court are required to attend an informational meeting on 10/12/22 at 7:30pm to go over rules and expectations for campaigning and Homecoming events. Campaigning starts on 10/16/22 at 12:00pm and goes until 10/21/22 at 12:00pm. Voting will be conducted via Owl Life from 10/17/22 at 8:00am until 10/21/22 at 12:00pm. All currently enrolled KSU students will be able to vote for two candidates from each category. The Homecoming Parliament will be determined by the popular vote results; the top two candidates from each category with the most votes will be elected as Homecoming Parliament (6 total students).

Campaigning Rules:

- Campaigning will not be allowed prior to Sunday, 10/16/22 at 12:00pm.
- Campaigning must end by Friday, 10/21/22 at 12:00pm.
- All policies concerning reservation of space must be followed. If campaigning is going to be done in a specific location on campus, you or your sponsoring organization must have an approved reservation for that space. If you have any questions concerning this policy, please contact homecoming@kennesaw.edu.
- All posted campaign material must follow all KSU and Student Activities posting policies (found on the Student Activities website, https://studentactivities.kennesaw.edu/rso/management/advertising-recruiting.php). It will be the candidate’s responsibility to request approval from the appropriate building authorities should he/she/they wish to post campaigning materials outside of the Student Center in academic or administrative buildings.
- Displaying of campaign flyers and/or posters on campus is permitted only on approved bulletin boards. No campaign material can exceed eleven inches by seventeen inches (11" X 17"). Each candidate may not be represented more than twice on any bulletin board or posting area. Remember: candidates are not guaranteed space on campus bulletin boards.
- Displacing, altering, or removing another candidate’s flyer(s) is strictly prohibited and grounds for disqualification of represented candidate(s) if proven to be responsible. This extends to anyone acting on behalf of a candidate.
• Campaigning inside University buildings is allowed as long as it does not disrupt routine University activity or classroom instruction and follows all reservation policies. Complaints from instructors or campus employees will be taken seriously and may result in disqualification.
• The Director of Residence Life or their designee must approve any and all campaigning in Residence Halls without exception.
• No campaign material may be taped to the ground, windows, doors or walls of any office, building or KSU Property.
• Chalking is NOT permitted anywhere for the Homecoming Court campaign.
• One-to-one e-mail communication and e-mailing across list-serves that students have voluntarily joined is permitted.
• Electronic campaigning is permitted through means of social media outlets (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.). Student Activities will not monitor these forms of campaigning; however, proof of willful intent to hurt, harm, or damage the character of any candidate in the process may result in disqualification.
• Personal computers and laptops may not be set up as polling stations by any individual or organization during the election window. Any candidate found guilty will be automatically disqualified.
• All grievances for campaign violations must be submitted via email to homecoming@kennesaw.edu within twenty-four (24) hours of the alleged violation. The grievance must include the following: your name, phone number, the name of the alleged violator (if available), time and date of the violation, and a detailed description of the violation. Strong, physical evidence is highly recommended when submitting a grievance. The Department of Student Activities will make decisions concerning violations, and decisions will be final. Grievances will not be accepted after 5:00pm on Friday, 10/21/22.
  o Please include supporting documentation (e.g., screen shots, pictures, emails, etc.) with your grievance.
• Any violation of the above stated rules or failure to comply with the regulations may result in disqualification or other penalties.

**Homecoming Week Attire**

A list of all Homecoming events at which the Court is expected to attend can be found in the Schedule of Events above. Your Homecoming Court Sash is required to be worn at all of the events. Attire for the photoshoot and Homecoming Game is black and gold attire, and candidates are encouraged to wear KSU apparel throughout the week along with your Homecoming Court sash.
APPENDICES

Appendix A

Homecoming Court Interview

Judge Score Sheet

Judge Name: ________________________________

Candidate Name: __________________________

Interview Date: ________________ Time: ________________

**Please rate the candidate’s performance in the following categories from 1-5, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent**

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<td>Does the candidate show professionalism in their appearance and interaction?</td>
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<td><strong>Leadership:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>School Spirit:</strong></td>
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<td>Does the candidate demonstrate strong KSU spirit and knowledge of the University?</td>
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<td><strong>Inclusion:</strong></td>
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<td>Does the candidate demonstrate a commitment to inclusion among students at KSU?</td>
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<td><strong>Civic Engagement:</strong></td>
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<td>Does the candidate demonstrate a commitment to community service and/or social change?</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL SCORE</strong></td>
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Appendix B

Kennesaw State University
Homecoming Activities Waiver and Release

Event: Homecoming Court
Date(s): 10/15/2022 – 10/22/2022

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING:

LIABILITY WAIVER, RELEASE, INDEMNITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE:
I, the undersigned below, in consideration of my participation in the Event(s) referenced above and any related activities thereto including training, preparation, and travel (separately and collectively, the “Event”), wherever the/these Event(s) may occur, acknowledge that I am aware that as a result of my participation in the Event, there exists the potential for injuries including but not limited to scrapes, bruises, broken bones, various injuries to the body, and possible loss of life and I freely assume on my behalf all risks incidental to such participation.

In consideration of my participation in the Event and on my behalf, and on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators and next of kin. I hereby release, covenant not to sue, and forever discharge the Released Parties (as defined below) of and from all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs and expenses of any nature arising out of, related to, or in any way connected with my participation in the Event and/or any such related and associated activities, and further agree to indemnify and hold each of the Released Parties harmless from and against any and all such liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs and expenses including by way of example, but not limited to, all attorneys’ fees, costs of court, and the costs and expenses of other professionals and disbursements up through and including any appeal. I, understand that this Release and indemnity includes any claims based on the negligence, action or inaction of any of the Released Parties and covers bodily injury (including, without limitation, death), property damage, and loss by theft or otherwise, whether suffered before, during or after such participation. I declare that I am physically fit and have the skill level required to participate in the Event and/or any such related and associated activities. I further authorize medical treatment for myself, at my cost, if the need arises. For the purposes hereof, the “Released Parties” are: Kennesaw State University, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, all Event sponsors, and each of their respective parent, subsidiary, affiliated or related companies; and the officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, successors, assigns and volunteers of each of the foregoing entities.

I also acknowledge that persons employed by Kennesaw State University may take photographs and/or videos of my participation and allow the use of these materials on behalf of the University without limitation or compensation including the release of my name. I also agree that during the time I am involved with the Event, I will be bound by all rules, regulations, policies, procedures and guidelines of Kennesaw State University and the Board of Regents.

This Waiver and Release Form shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia, and any legal action related to or arising out of this Waiver and Release Form shall be commenced exclusively in the Superior Court in and for Cobb County, Georgia. I understand that the acceptance of this liability waiver, release, indemnity and promise not to sue Kennesaw State University or the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia or any agent or employees thereof, shall not constitute a waiver, in whole or in part, of sovereign or official immunity by said Board, its members, officers, agents, and employees.

I certify I am eighteen (18) years of age or older, I am executing this Waiver and Permission Form on my behalf and the information set forth above is true and complete.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPT THE CONDITIONS OF THIS LIABILITY RELEASE, INDEMNITY, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE.

Participant Information: (Please PRINT)

Name:

________________________________________

Emergency Contact Name: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________

Signature of Participant: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________