



## **West Georgia 500**

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Homecoming 2025 is here! Homecoming 2025 is a time for the community to come together and celebrate all that is West Georgia. We invite and encourage you to participate in this year's Homecoming festivities.

## HOMECOMING 2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 17th

### **Racing to Serve: Homecoming Day of Service**

*Hosted by Volunteer Ambassadors*  
Campus Center Ballroom  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

### **Banner Contest Pickup**

*Hosted by Center for Student Involvement and Inclusion*  
Campus Center Back Patio  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

### **A-Day Fundraising Begins**

*Hosted by University Advancement*  
Begins at 10:00 am

Monday, October 20th

### **Banner Contest Dropoff**

*Hosted by Center for Student Involvement and Inclusion*  
Campus Center Sidewalk  
Drop off by 12:00 pm

### **Sidewalk Chalk Contest – Day 1**

*Hosted by Center for Student Involvement and Inclusion*  
Campus Center Sidewalk  
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Monday, October 20th, continued

### **Newnan: Pit Stop Newnan 500**

*Hosted by UWG Newnan*  
Newnan Student Entrance  
8:30 am – 3:00 pm

### **West Georgia 500: Homecoming Kickoff**

*Hosted by Student Activities Council*  
Coliseum Parking Lot (Lot #17)  
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 21st

### **Sidewalk Chalk Contest – Day 2**

*Hosted by Center for Student Involvement and Inclusion*  
Campus Center Sidewalk  
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

### **Newnan: Howl with Wolfie: Snap a Selfie**

*Hosted by UWG Newnan*  
Newnan Student Entrance  
8:30 am – 3:00 pm

### **Climbing Wall Speedway**

*Hosted by West Georgia Outdoors*  
Campus Center Climbing Wall  
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

### **5v5 Basketball Tournament Layup Relay**

*Hosted by University Recreation Center*  
Campus Center Front Court  
4:00 pm – 9:00 pm



Wednesday, October 22nd

**Newnan: Fast Lane Playoffs**

*Hosted by Newnan Center*

Newnan Student Entrance

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

**Fast Lanes & Food Trucks**

*Hosted by Student Activities Council*

Grassy Triangle

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

\*Costume Contest

**Midweek Jam**

*Hosted by Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life*

Pending Location

Pending Time

Thursday, October 23rd

**Newnan: Pit Crew Cookout**

*Hosted by Newnan Center*

Newnan Center Lawn

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

**AUX Cord Wars: Homecoming Show**

*Hosted by Center for Student Involvement and Inclusion*

The Coliseum

Doors Open at 6:00 pm

Show Starts at 7:00 pm

Friday, October 24th

**Wear Red, Get Fed**

*Hosted by Center for Student Involvement and Inclusion*

West Commons

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

\*Group Photo at 12 pm

**Newnan: Wear Red, Get Fed**

*Hosted by Newnan Center*

Newnan Student Entrance

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

**Maple Street Mayhem: National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Step Show**

*Hosted by Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life*

The Coliseum

Doors Open at 6:00 pm

Show Starts at 7:00 pm

\*Entry Fee Information on Events Website

Saturday, October 25th

**Homecoming Tailgate & Wolf Walk**

The Hill (University Stadium)

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Football Kickoff and Coronation**

University Stadium

2:00 pm & Half-time

**STAY UP TO DATE**



For live updates on pending times and locations, please visit the [UWG Student Homecoming Events](#) webpage.



## HOMECOMING COURT AND ROYALTY PROCESS

The Homecoming Royalty Court will represent the University of West Georgia (UWG). Our 2025 Royalty Court is awarded based on the [application](#) and [student online voting](#). Many factors are considered when determining Homecoming Royalty. Candidates should have a good rapport with the UWG student body, promote the university's values, and exhibit academic success.

### Royalty Titles

1. **2025 UWG Freshman** | Undergraduate students with 29 overall earned credit hours or less are eligible to run for this title. Only one student will be recognized as the Freshman class winner.
2. **2025 UWG Sophomore** | Undergraduate students with 30 to 59 overall earned credit hours are eligible to run for this title. Only one student will be recognized as the Sophomore class winner.
3. **2025 UWG Junior** | Undergraduate students with 60 to 89 overall earned credit hours are eligible to run for this title. Only one student will be recognized as the Junior class winner.
4. **2025 UWG Homecoming King** | Court Members with 90 or more overall earned credit hours are eligible to run for this title. Only one student will be recognized as the 2025 UWG Homecoming King.
5. **2025 UWG Homecoming Queen** | Court Members with 90 or more overall earned credit hours are eligible to run for this title. Only one student will be recognized as the 2025 UWG Homecoming Queen.

*\*Post-Baccalaureate and Graduate students are eligible to run for 2025 UWG Homecoming King or Queen and A-Day Ambassador.*

**- AND / OR -**

### A-Day Title

1. **2025 A-Day Ambassador** | The Court Member who raises the most funds for the A-Day fundraiser will be recognized as the A-Day Ambassador. Only one student will be recognized as the winner.



**For more information, attend one of the *optional, virtual Homecoming Court Application Informational Sessions on September 17, 2025, at 11:00 am or 5:00 pm.***

### **Application Timeline**

[Court Applications](#) will open Thursday, September 11th at 8:00 am, and the submission deadline is Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 11:59 pm on Wolf Connect. The selected 2025 Homecoming Court participants will be notified via email and will be instructed to sign up for headshot photos (to be taken at an on-campus studio) with the Student Affairs Marketing team. Headshots and court sash pickup will occur October 7<sup>th</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup>. **The Homecoming Court Orientation will be on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 6:00pm in Campus Center Meeting Room 303. Attendance is mandatory.**

**The guidelines below outline the minimum qualifications candidates must meet to apply for Homecoming Court:**

1. **Academic Excellence:** Minimum 3.0 overall GPA; Undergraduate students with less than 12 earned credit hours must have a minimum 3.0 high school GPA.
2. **Enrollment Status:** Currently enrolled full-time at UWG; Undergraduate (12 credit hours) or Graduate Student (6 credit hours).
3. **Sponsorship:** Candidates must be sponsored by a registered student organization, a Greek organization, an athletic team, residence hall/floor, or demonstrate campus involvement as a student employee, committee work, campus volunteer, campus department, etc.
4. **Co-Curricular Involvement:** Provide a [co-curricular resume](#) outlining involvement in student organizations, community, student employment, campus committee, high school activities, etc.
5. **Conduct:** Must be in good standing with the Office of Community Standards.
6. **Homecoming Application:** Successfully complete the Homecoming Royalty Application. Please note that these are minimum requirements. Candidates must continue to be enrolled in 12 or more hours for undergraduate students and graduate students 6 or more hours at the University of West Georgia through Spring Semester 2026.

### **Responsibilities of the Homecoming Royalty Court and Candidates**

1. Homecoming Court candidates will be announced to the campus community on Monday, October 13, via email. There will also be an announcement at the Homecoming Day of Service and at the West Georgia 500: Homecoming Kickoff.



2. All members of the Homecoming Court are expected to participate in the Homecoming Day of Service, Banner Contest Pickup, A-Day Kick-Off, Homecoming Kickoff Event (West Georgia 500: Homecoming Kickoff), Fast Lanes & Food Trucks, pre-game Wolf Walk, halftime walk-throughs/practices, and halftime activities (Coronation).
3. All members of the Homecoming Court should participate in the Homecoming Costume contest at the Fast Lanes & Food Trucks taking place on Wednesday, October 22. The encouraged attire is within the West Georgia 500 theme.
4. All members must wear the Homecoming Court Sash for the week to identify and promote that you are a candidate.
5. The Homecoming Royalty winners and A-Day Ambassador may be invited to participate and/or be asked to speak at or attend several functions throughout the school year. The events include but are not limited to A-Day, Alumni events, Summer Orientation, Admissions office programs, Presidential luncheon, Student Achievement Awards, etc. The 2025 winners are also expected to attend next year's Homecoming to crown the 2026 winners.

### A-Day Fundraising Options

Since 1982, the A-Day fundraising drive has inspired students, rallied alumni, and encouraged community partners to give back to ensure their university's continued success. A-Day is the largest fundraising drive of the year for UWG, and the goal of A-Day each year has been to raise financial support for UWG students. The court member who raises the most funds will be awarded as the 2025-2026 A-Day Ambassador, the student philanthropic representative. This announcement will be made during the Coronation.

The Focus Funds for A-Day directly benefit your fellow students. Court members can select one of the following initiatives to fundraise towards. Please make your selection on the application.

1. **The West Georgia Annual Fund** | This fund provides gap funding for students who have exhausted their financial aid, scholarship support (need-based and academic), and the area of greatest need across campus.
2. **Supporting Our Students Fund** | This emergency fund directly supports students who are experiencing unexpected financial hardships that they do not have the funds to cover.

**Homecoming Royalty Scoring Rubric**

<b>Popularity Vote</b>		<b>A-Day Fundraising</b>	
1 Vote	1 point	\$200 - \$499	25 points
		\$500 - \$999	50 points
		\$1000 - \$1499	75 points
		\$1500 - \$1999	100 points
		\$2000 or more	125 points
<b>Academic Points</b>		<b>Overall Essay</b>	
GPA 3.25 - 3.00	25 points	3rd Place	50 points
GPA 3.50 - 3.26	50 points	2nd Place	75 points
GPA 3.75 - 3.51	75 points	1st Place	100 points
GPA 4.00 - 3.76	100 points		
<b>Resume Points</b>			
3rd Place	50 points		
2nd Place	75 points		
1st Place	100 points		

*These additional points will be added to the total popularity vote calculation.*





## HOMECOMING SPIRIT COMPETITION GUIDELINES

There are **three** Homecoming Spirit Competitions that all individual students (or teams), student organizations, and departments/offices can compete in: **Banner Contest**, **Sidewalk Chalk Contest**, and **West Georgia 500: Costume Contest**. Participate in these events just for fun OR enter these friendly competitions by following the guidelines described below.

### **Banner Contest**

The Banner Contest is for all individual students (or teams), student organizations, and department/offices to have a chance to show their artistic talents during Homecoming Week. There will be a community banner decorating time on **Friday, October 17, from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm on the Campus Center Back Patio**. Banners, paint, and brushes will be provided at the community event. No glitter can be utilized for this contest, and banners with glitter will be disqualified. Drop off your banner at the Sidewalk Chalk Contest event on Monday, October 20 by 12:00 pm. Banners (photos) must be **submitted to [Wolf Connect](#) by Wednesday, October 22, by 11:59 pm** for scoring and judging—the winners will be announced on Homecoming Day, October 25.

### **Sidewalk Chalk Contest**

The Sidewalk Chalk Contest is for all individual students (or teams), student organizations, and departments/offices are eligible to participate in this category to enhance UWG spirit. The sidewalk entries will be judged on the representation of creativity, originality, and spirit. Each participant (group or individual) is only allowed ONE square of sidewalk. Chalk will be provided on **Monday, October 20, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm on the Campus Center Sidewalk** at the community decorating time. To enter the contest, you must take a picture of your chalk design and **submit it to [Wolf Connect](#) by Wednesday, October 22, by 11:59 pm** for scoring and judging—the winners will be announced on Homecoming Day, October 25.

### **West Georgia 500 Costume Contest**

To enter this contest, you (and your group) must **submit** a picture on **[Wolf Connect](#) by Wednesday, October 22, by 11:59 pm**. You are encouraged to wear your attire/costume to Fast Lanes & Food Trucks on Wednesday, October 22 at the Grassy Triangle. We will highlight your participation at the event. The winners will be announced on Homecoming Day, October 25.



All entries will be judged on representing UWG spirit and energy, proximity to theme, creativity, and originality.

**- A NOTE FOR ALL COMPETITION PARTICIPATONS -****THINGS TO CONSIDER:**

- Avoid costumes or themes that mimic or parody racial, cultural, or ethnic identities
- Avoid using props that are insensitive use of symbols and objects
- Avoid mocking and offensive humor

**SPIRIT POINTS AWARDS:**

The following points will be awarded and used in calculating the Homecoming Spirit Champion. *Please note that the Spirit Competition is separate from Homecoming Court competition points.*

Point System Breakdown			
Placing	Banner Contest	Sidewalk Contest	Costume Contest
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	150 points	150 points	150 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	100 points	100 points	100 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	50 points	50 points	50 points
<i>Tie breakers will be determined by the Homecoming Committee.</i>			

The participant, organization, or department with the most points from all three events will be awarded “Homecoming Spirit Champion.” The winner will be awarded \$2500.00 value to collaborate with the Center for Student Involvement and Inclusion (CSII) for a program of their choice. Winners are expected to contact [CSII](#) no later than December 1, 2025. All spirit contest winners will be announced on Homecoming Day, Saturday, October 25, 2025.