




JANUARY 19-27, 2024

Team Competition Packet

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Full Calendar of Homecoming Events:

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Warm Up to Homecoming

11am – 2pm

Wilkins Plaza

Friday, January 19, 2024

Homecoming Tip Off Party and Lip Sync Battle

7pm – 10pm

The Hub

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Day of Service

10am – 4pm

The Hub

Friday, January 26, 2024

Comedy Headliner (Artist to Be Announced)

8pm – 10pm, Doors at 7pm

Dewberry Ballroom, Johnson Center

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Men's Basketball vs. Rhode Island

Time TBA

Tailgate and Festival

12pm – 4pm (time subject to change)

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Women's Basketball vs. Virginia Commonwealth

Time TBA



About 2024 Homecoming Competitive Events

Homecoming 2024 Competitive Events will not have an overall winner. Instead, each of the competitions listed below will be judged individually. Students can participate on different teams for each competition.

Competitive Events:

- Banner Competition - Due to Student Involvement (Hub 2300) by Friday, January 12, 2024, at 12pm (noon)
- Tip-Off Party: Lip Sync Battle – Friday, January, 19, 2024. 7pm - 10pm. Hub Ballroom
- Day of Service – Tuesday, January 23, 2024. 10am – 4pm. Hub Ballroom

Prizes will be awarded as follows*:

Banner Competition

First Place Winner will receive \$300 for their group.

Second Place Winner will receive \$200 for their group.

Third Place Winner will receive \$100 for their group.

Lip Sync Battle

First Place Winner will receive \$500 for their group.

Second Place Winner will receive \$300 for their group.

Third Place Winner will receive \$100 for their group.

Day of Service

First Place Winner will receive \$300 for their group.

Second Place Winner will receive \$200 for their group.

Third Place Winner will receive \$100 for their group.

Team registration forms are due by 9am on Monday, December 4, 2024.

* Winners will receive an email the week of January 29 with directions on how to receive their prize money. You must submit all information before the deadline noted in the email to receive your winnings.

Please email pac@gmu.edu if you have any questions!

We look forward to seeing your group participate in Homecoming 2024!



Homecoming Competition Rules and Regulations

1. Homecoming teams must be made up of current George Mason University full-time undergraduate or graduate students.
2. The Team Captain is responsible for giving out all information from the Homecoming Committee to the team.
3. The Homecoming Committee has the right to determine if the Homecoming team name is appropriate.
4. Any unsportsmanlike conduct will result in immediate disqualification of a team or an individual at the sole discretion of the Homecoming Committee and/or the judge(s) or other officials affiliated with George Mason University. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to:
5. Visible intoxication and disorderly behavior
6. Vandalism of any kind
7. Harassment or intimidation of other teams or individuals whether in-person, through social media/electronic communication, or third-party communication
8. Racist, sexist, homophobic, or other offensive behaviors or comments before, during, or after any part of the Homecoming Competition activities for which you're registered
9. Any violation of the George Mason University Student Code of Conduct during, in preparation for, or in the name of any aforementioned Homecoming events.

Please Note:

The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to disqualify any team or individual(s) from the competition for violating these rules and regulations.

Anyone checking in and representing your group at an event will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Homecoming Competition. Please share the below Participant Agreement with anyone representing your team:

Participant Agreement:

I acknowledge that I have read and completely understand the contents of the Homecoming Celebration Competition Packet. I understand that I must abide by the Homecoming rules and regulations for team competitions and must meet all deadlines set by the Homecoming Committee in order to participate. I am fully aware that if I violate the rules and regulations outlined in this document and/or on the Homecoming website homecoming.gmu.edu, my group can be automatically disqualified. I also understand the Homecoming Committee reserves the right to disqualify any group for misconduct during the week of Homecoming and refer those individuals to Student Conduct if the Student Code of Conduct has also been violated. I also allow the Homecoming committee and Patriot Activities Council to use any photographs and/or videos taken during events and performances on their promotional materials and website.



Banner Competition

Banners due to Student Involvement (HUB 2300) by 12:00pm on Friday, January 12, 2024.

Each year, teams paint a school spirit banner which represents our Patriot pride! It can be a way to showcase your team and who makes it up, it can be a depiction of the basketball teams that will be competing, or anything that is a positive representation of Mason!

Rules:

- Banners must be created on a twin bedsheet (66in x 96in/168cm x 244 cm), or light weight fabric of the same size. Sheets must be a flat sheet (not fitted).
- Profanity or obscenities on the banner will result in disqualification, as determined by the Homecoming Committee.
- If you are using the Mason logo or the opponent's logo, you must do so in good taste.
- The required design components are:
- Name of the organization or team must be clearly seen and spelled out on the banner (no acronyms or abbreviations). Greek letters are not considered an acronym and therefore can be used.
- "Homecoming Celebration 2024" and "Patriots Brave and Bold" must be somewhere on the banner at least once.
- The banner must be accompanied by an index card with team name and banner description.

If your group would like to keep their banner after Homecoming, please indicate on the index card by writing "WOULD LIKE TO KEEP BANNER". Banners without a request will be disposed of at the conclusion of Homecoming.

Banners will be available for pick up in the Office of Student Involvement starting on Tuesday, January 30, 2024. Please make arrangements to have someone retrieve your banner by the end of that week. If your banner is not retrieved by Friday, February 2, 2024, it will be discarded.

Scoring

Teams will be judged by a panel of judges on:

- Creativity (30 points)
- Patriot Pride (20 points)

The total score will be out of a maximum of 50 pts.



Lip Sync Battle

Friday, January 19, 2024, 7pm - 10pm, Hub Ballroom

Throughout the event, teams will be called to the stage in the HUB Ballroom to dance it out in the Lip Sync Battle! Teams must arrive by 6:30pm. The performance schedule will be determined, and teams will be notified of performance times by close of business on Thursday, January 18, 2024. Additional updates will be sent out as needed.

Rules:

- Groups are responsible for their own props or other supplies.
- All music must be submitted in mp3 format by 12pm (noon) on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 by emailing pac@gmu.edu. Late music submissions will not be accepted and those groups will not be included in the performance schedule.
- The subject of your email should be “(TEAM NAME) – Hoco Lip Sync Music”
- All songs and performances must be in good taste (radio edits). Rude, lewd, or obscene dance moves will not be permitted. No suggestive acts, props, or attire will be allowed. See rules and regulations above for further guidance. Teams in violation of this restriction will be immediately disqualified and their performance will be stopped.
- Performances should be 3-6 minutes.

We reserve the right to disqualify any act that is not performed within the guidelines explained above or in the rules and regulations.

Scoring

Teams will be judged by a panel of judges on:

- Dance Moves (20 points)
- Originality and creativity (30 points)
- Appearance, including costumes and props (20 points)
- Crowd response – so bring your friends (20 points)
- Time Restrictions, meaning the group stayed in the required time limit (10

The total score will be out of a maximum of 100 points.



Day of Service

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 10am - 4pm, The Hub

INOVA Blood Services Blood Drive:

There will be a blood drive in Hub Ballroom. Each person who gives blood can earn one point for their team. Upon arrival, check-in for your appointment, and note the team you are participating with.

Stuff-The-Truck Donation Drive:

The SI2Go mobile Student Involvement truck will be parked outside The Hub to accept food and supply donations for our chosen charities.

This year, items will be donated to the *Patriot Pantry*, Mason's own food pantry for students experiencing food insecurity, or to *Food for Others*, a food pantry serving individuals and families in Fairfax County.

Teams can earn points by:

1. Donating in-person

- We will provide teams with as many boxes as needed to contain your donation.
- Donations must be received in the standard-sized boxes provided.
- Pick up your boxes from SI between Friday, January 19 and Tuesday, January 23, 2024.
- Donations will be scored as a full box with the lid on. Items or cases that do not fit into the standard-sized box will be scored at the discretion of the team competition managers.

2. Donating online

- To donate to The Patriot Pantry online, go to https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3W1RAZSSCJM5/ref=pdp_new_wl?
- Email receipts for donations to pac@gmu.edu with subject header "(TEAM NAME) - Hoco Day of Service Receipts".
- Receipts for online donations will be accepted through Thursday, January 25, 2024 by 4pm.

Scoring

One blood donation = 1 point

One box donation = 1 point

Each \$15 purchase for Patriot Pantry = 1 point

In-person donations will be counted as they are received on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. If a team cannot deliver their donations on this day, please email pac@gmu.edu and request an alternate, earlier delivery date.

The total score will be a tally of all donations.