Homecoming Celebration
Team Competition Packet
Hosted by Student Involvement + Patriot Activities Council
February 5 - 13, 2021
Dear Students,

We are pleased to present to you George Mason University’s Homecoming 2021 team competition packet. Each year, we take pride in creating and programming a variety of exciting and fun activities celebrating and encouraging school spirit at George Mason University. Despite our celebrations looking different than usual, we are evermore excited to celebrate Mason with our annual team competition. This year, Homecoming Celebration will tip off on Friday, February 5th, 2021 and will end on Saturday, February 13th, 2021.

We invite you to celebrate Homecoming by participating in our 13th annual Homecoming Team Competition. Throughout the celebration of Homecoming, there will be different events and competitions for teams to compete in. All registered student organizations, departmental organizations, Greek organizations, and residential housing groups are invited to participate.

Please use this packet as a reference to ensure these competitions are a success. Also, please make sure everyone on your team is aware of the guidelines and rules set forth in this packet. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Bex Hollis, Co-President of External Affairs for Patriot Activities Council at rhollis4@gmu.edu, or by stopping by the Student Involvement office front desk located in the HUB, Suite 2300.

Thank you participating during COVID19 to make Mason Homecoming 2021 as huge as a success as possible.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Hollis
Patriot Activities Council
2021 Homecoming Programming Committee
Important Dates

Team Competition Packets available Monday, December 14
Team Competition Packets are due on Mason360 on Monday, January 18
Dance Battle videos are due to rhollis4@gmu.edu on Sunday, January 31
Banners are due to Student Involvement on Monday, February 1

Homecoming Celebration February 5 – 13, 2021
All dates and events may be subject to change due to changing COVID-19 regulations.

Tip-Off Party | Friday, February 5, 12 – 2 pm, SI2Go Truck outside Lot K
Get your Homecoming T-shirt here as we get the celebration started!

Homecoming Headliner | Saturday, February 6, 7 pm, virtual
Celebrate in style with our own show featuring a nationally touring artist

Coffee with…. (TBD) | Monday, February 8, 12 pm, virtual
Join a moderated Q&A with a prominent member of the Mason community

Day of Service | Tuesday, February 9, 12 – 6 pm, The Hub Ballroom and Northern Neck
Participate in a blood drive and a donation drive benefiting Patriot Pantry and Food for Others

Aux Cord Wars | Thursday, February 11, 8 pm, virtual
Share in an interactive DJ experience where audience members control the music

Masked Dance Battle | Friday, February 12, 7 pm, virtual
Compete in pre-recorded and live team dance performances

Drive-In Game Watch | Saturday, February 13, 7 pm, Lot K (Lot opens at 6:30 pm)
Show your Mason spirit at the Homecoming basketball game!

Athletic Events
Friday, Feb 5 WBB at Rhode Island, 4 pm
Saturday, Feb 6 MBB at St. Bonaventure, 2 pm
Sunday, Feb 7 WBB at Massachusetts, 1 pm
*Wednesday, Feb 10 MBB vs Fordham, TBA
*Friday, Feb 12 WBB vs St. Bonaventure, 6pm
*Saturday, Feb 13 MBB vs Duquesne, 7 pm
*Sunday, Feb 14 WBB vs Duquesne, 2pm

*Home game
# Points Breakdown

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## Prizes

1st Place: $400  
2nd Place: $250  
3rd Place: $100
Homecoming Competition: Rules and Regulations

- Homecoming teams must be made up of current full-time undergraduate students.
- Teams may represent the following organizations:
  - Registered Student Organizations (RSOs)
  - Residential Communities/Buildings
  - Departmental Organizations
  - Schools (Nursing, COMM, Business, etc.)
  - NPHC Organizations
  - Panhellenic Organizations
  - MGC Organizations
  - IFC Organizations
- Teams must have a minimum of 5 people and a maximum of 20 people.
- The Homecoming Committee has the right to determine if the homecoming team name is appropriate to the homecoming guidelines.
- Each George Mason University student may only participate on one team.
- The Team Captain is responsible for giving out all information from the Homecoming Committee.
- 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:
  - visible intoxication and disorderly behavior
  - vandalism of any kind
  - harassment or intimidation of other teams

Please Note: The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to disqualify any team or individual(s) from the competition for violating the rules and regulations.
Social Media Challenge
Monday, February 1 – Saturday, February 13

Rules and Guidelines:
- The Social Media Challenge will begin in advance of Homecoming to promote Mason Homecoming spirit.
- To earn five (5) points per photo you must post a picture on your organization’s Instagram account that showcases Mason spirit.
- All posts must be posted on the pre-existing organization page. No points will be awarded for posts on a Homecoming-specific account.
- No more than five (5) group photos may be posted under your organization’s name per day. No more than one hundred (100) points total for the celebration.
- The only requirement to be considered dressed in “Mason Spirit” is that you are wearing something with the word “Mason” on it or you are wearing green and gold together.
- The photos including but not limited to the following: visible intoxication, disorderly behavior, vandalism of any kind, graphic sexual content, or discriminating names/terms or objects will be prohibited.
- Everyone must tag @gmu_pac on Instagram and use #mymasonmemory. Posts without the hashtag, tagging @gmu_pac, or an inappropriate picture will not be counted for points.
- The organization’s team name must be in the caption.
- Preferably photos taken at Homecoming Events.
- You may not repeat photos for points.

Scoring:
Points will be awarded based on the number of photos posted (max 5 each day) that meet the criteria described above to the team that participates. Each photo is worth five points for a total of one hundred points that can be earned at the end of the week.
Banner Competition
Monday, February 1

Rules and Guidelines:

- Banners must be created on a bedsheetsheet, no larger than a twin size, and must be a flat sheet (not fitted) (66in x 96in).
- Profanity or obscenities on the banner will result in disqualification, as determined by the Homecoming Committee. (If you are using the opponent’s logo, please 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.
  - “Homecoming Celebration 2021” 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 their banner back 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 are due to Student Involvement in The Hub by Monday, February 1, 2021.
- Banners will be available for pick up in the Office of Student Involvement on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Please make arrangements to have someone retrieve your banner on this day. If your banner is not retrieved after one week, it will be discarded.

Scoring:
Banner will be judged by a panel of judges. There will be a first, second, and third place winner.

- 1st place: 100 points
- 2nd place: 50 points
- 3rd place: 25 points
- All other participants: 10 points
Paint the City
Friday, February 5 – Sunday, February 7

Rules and Guidelines:
- Paint the City is an event where Team Competition teams will go into Fairfax City and paint the storefront windows of an assigned business.
- Each team will be paired with a business by the Homecoming Committee. Teams may be assigned windows of campus buildings depending on availability.
- Each team must submit painting designs with their team registration for approval.
- The designs must be Homecoming themed and follow the Homecoming rules and regulations.
- Once designs have been approved, windows must be painted between Friday, February 5 - Sunday, February 7.
- The windows will stay painted from Sunday, February 7 until approximately Monday, February 15.
- Teams will not be responsible for cleaning the windows.
- The Homecoming Committee will provide all materials for painting the windows.

Scoring:
Window designs will be scored by a panel. Designs may earn up to 200 points.

Attending Homecoming Events
Friday, February 5 – Saturday, February 13

Rules and Guidelines:
- Teams will earn points for each member who attends Homecoming events.
- To earn two (2) points, a member must check in to one Homecoming event on Mason360.
- Each team member can earn up to ten (10) points by attending Homecoming events.
- Both in-person and virtual events are eligible.
- Check-in may be accomplished by tapping your Mason ID card, scanning the appropriate QR code, or clicking a check-in link posted in a Zoom chat.
- Talk to the Patriot Activities Council staff at the event to ensure that you have been checked in.
- Only registered team members will be eligible to earn points for their team. All students are welcome to attend all events.

Scoring:
Two points will be awarded for each member per event. Each team can earn a maximum of two hundred possible points from event attendance.
Homecoming Day of Service
Tuesday, February 9

Blood Drive:
There will be a blood drive in HUB Ballroom on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 from 12:00pm-6:00pm. Participating in the blood drive is not mandatory, however, each team can get additional points for participating. Each team may earn a total of 20 points. Each person who gives blood can earn one point for their team. Max 20 people can participate. The person donating blood does not have to be one of the registered team members, but they can give on behalf of one team.

To receive credit: There will be a sign-in sheet, and each person participating must sign in with their name and their team name.

Stuff-a-Truck Donation Drive:
During the Blood Drive, there will be a donation truck available. The list of items to be donated that are eligible for points will be announced at a later date. 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 for the people living in poverty in Fairfax County.

Teams can donate by bringing eligible items to the donation truck or by purchasing from the Amazon wishlist for Patriot Pantry or Food for Others and shipping directly to the associated charity.

To receive credit: In-person donations will be counted as they are received. For donations from the Amazon wishlist, email the Amazon receipt of the wishlist purchase(s) to Carter Knapp, cknapp8@gmu.edu, by 12 pm (noon) on Wednesday, February 10. The team name must be referenced in the email.

Scoring:
One point will be awarded for each eligible item donated or each person who donates to the blood drive. Each team can earn a maximum of one hundred possible points from the Day of Service.
Masked Dance Battle
Friday, February 12

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the traditional Lip Sync Battle has been remastered as a Masked Dance Battle! Teams will record their dance routine and submit by Sunday, January 31, 2021. On Friday, February 12, 2021 starting at 7 pm on Zoom, the submissions will be live-streamed and judged. Tune in to see which group dances the best to a song or compilation of songs. Points will be awarded for the team competition based on your placing among the other teams.

Rules and Guidelines:
- All participants must wear COVID-safe face masks while filming the video.
- Groups are responsible for their own props, video equipment, or other supplies.
- Remember to practice physical distancing while filming.
- Team leaders must submit the video no later than **12pm** on Sunday, January 31 by emailing rhollis4@gmu.edu (Rebecca Hollis).
- All songs and performances must be in good taste. Rude, lewd, or obscene dance moves will not be permitted. No suggestive acts, props, or attire will be allowed.
  - Any act deemed inappropriate by the judges and/or committee will not perform.
- Dances must be between 2 - 4 minutes in length.

**BONUS ROUND:** Live Lip Sync Competition
During the live virtual event, each team will have the opportunity to send a representative to do a live lip sync performance. Three representatives will participate in a head-to-head lip sync to the same song at the same time. The audience will judge the winner of each lip-sync competition. There will be as many rounds as needed so everyone has a chance to participate. Props are allowed. The songs will be announced during the event. Have fun with it!

**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 and keep your cameras on! (20 points)
- Time Restrictions, meaning the group stayed in the required time limit (10 points)

Based on this rubric, there will be first, second and third place winners:
- 1st place: 200 points
- 2nd place: 125 points
- 3rd place: 75 points
- All other participants: 50 points
Due to limited seating in EagleBank Arena during the COVID-19 pandemic, Student Involvement and the Patriot Activities Council will be hosting a drive-in game watch on Saturday, February 13, 2021. Teams are encouraged to decorate their vehicle. Points will be awarded for the team competition based on judging of the decorations.

Rules and Guidelines:
- Space is limited. Participants must register on Mason360 to attend the event and reserve a parking space for their team car(s). Team cars will not be considered without a reservation.
- Teams may enter up to two (2) cars to increase their chances of winning. The higher-scoring car will earn points.
- All vehicle attendees must remain in their vehicle for the duration of the event. If they must use the restroom, any person must wear a mask for the duration of the time they are out of the vehicle.
- Cars are welcome to back into the parking space to use truck beds/open hatch seating, but the attendees must still remain inside the confines of the vehicle. Please let parking staff know you’d like to back in before you are directed to a parking space.

Scoring:
Car decorations will be judged by a panel of judges. There will be first, second and third place winners.
- 1st place: 100 points
- 2nd place: 50 points
- 3rd place: 25 points
- All other participants: 10 points
Official Team Registration

The team registration form can be found on Mason360 at: [http://cglink.me/s40493](http://cglink.me/s40493)

To register, you will need:

- Your team name
- Your organization name (if different from team name)
- Your organization’s Instagram handle
- Captain and co-captain’s name, cell phone number, and Mason email address
- The name, Mason e-mail address, and G# of each team member
- Whether each team member is virtual or in-person
  - If a person plans to attend ANY in-person aspects of Homecoming, they should be listed as "in-person." If not, they should be listed as "virtual."
- Your team design for Paint the City

Teams must have a minimum of 5 members and a maximum of 20 members. Captains and any co-captains SHOULD be included in this count. If more than 20 people are listed on the registration form, only the first twenty will be considered on the team.

To participate in ANY aspect of the team competition, each player must be added on the roster. No players will be added to the roster after the registration form is submitted.

Please share the below Participant Agreement with the team:

**Participant Agreement**

*By providing my G Number, I acknowledge that I have read and completely understand the contests of the Homecoming Team Competition Packet. I understand that I must abide by the Homecoming rules and guidelines 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 guidelines outlined, my team will automatically be disqualified. I also understand the Homecoming Committee reserves the right to disqualify any team for misconduct during the week of Homecoming. I also allow the Homecoming committee and Patriot Activities Council to use any photographs and/or videos taken during the performance on their promotional materials and website.*