



HOMECOMING PRESIDENT'S CUP

2026



OCTOBER 17, 2026

THE WINNER WILL
BE ANNOUNCED ON
THE FOOTBALL
FIELD AT HALF
TIME!

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE
JUDGED AT THE TAILGATE
AREA!

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PARTICIPATE / CRITERIA:

[!\[\]\(17413706fd4997a1a4bdf85c6864eee1_img.jpg\) Homecoming & Family Day](#)





HOMECOMING PRESIDENT'S CUP CRITERIA



THE PRESIDENT'S CUP CELEBRATES THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION THAT BEST SHOWCASES ITS PRIDE AND PIONEER SPIRIT AT THE HOMECOMING TAILGATE. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CLUBS AND GREEK-LETTER ORGANIZATIONS TO REUNITE, ENGAGE ALUMNI, AND HIGHLIGHT WHAT MAKES THEIR GROUP SPECIAL.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- ORGANIZATION MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE UNIVERSITY. ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE SUSPENDED OR BANNED FOR DISCIPLINARY REASONS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE.
- THE ORGANIZATION MUST HAVE ENROLLED STUDENT ORGANIZATION MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING ON CAMPUS.
- THE OFFICE OF CAMPUS ACTIVITIES, SERVICE, AND LEADERSHIP, IN COORDINATION WITH THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT AND PHILANTHROPY, WILL PROVIDE A LIST OF ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.
- PARTICIPANTS MUST INCLUDE BOTH UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AND WP ALUMNI.

ORGANIZATION PRIDE CRITERIA:

ORGANIZATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TRANSFORM THEIR TAILGATE SPACE INTO A CELEBRATION OF THEIR IDENTITY AND LEGACY. JUDGING WILL FOCUS ON:

- ORGANIZATION PRIDE – SHOWCASE YOUR CLUB, CHAPTER, OR ORGANIZATION WITH PRIDE BY HIGHLIGHTING YOUR NAME, LETTERS, AND UNIQUE IDENTITY. WEAR YOUR ORGANIZATION'S APPAREL, DISPLAY BANNERS, AND CREATE FUN PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALUMNI AND STUDENTS.
- ALUMNI & STUDENT PRESENCE – JUDGES WILL ESTIMATE PARTICIPATION DURING THEIR VISIT. BOTH ALUMNI AND CURRENT STUDENTS SHOULD BE PRESENT TO MAINTAIN A STRONG CONNECTION. INACTIVE OR BANNED GROUPS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
- ENERGY & ENGAGEMENT – BRING EXCITEMENT! JUDGES WANT TO SEE ORGANIZATIONS INTERACTING, LAUGHING, CHEERING, AND CREATING A FUN, WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE FOR FELLOW PIONEERS.
- WP BRANDING – HIGHLIGHT YOUR PIONEER SPIRIT BY INCORPORATING WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY'S COLORS, TRADITIONS, OR SYMBOLS IN CREATIVE WAYS THAT CONNECT YOUR ORGANIZATION TO THE BROADER WP COMMUNITY.

NOTE: ALL DECORATIONS MUST BE APPROPRIATE AND FREE OF OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE OR IMAGES.

JUDGING PROCESS:

JUDGES WILL VISIT EACH PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION BETWEEN 11:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

- SCORING WILL BE ON A 1 (LOW) – 5 (HIGH) SCALE FOR EACH CATEGORY:
 - ORGANIZATION PRIDE
 - ALUMNI & STUDENT PRESENCE
 - ENERGY & ENGAGEMENT
 - WP BRANDING

AWARD PRESENTATION:

PRESIDENT HELLDÖBLER WILL PROVIDE THE CUP TO THE WINNING ORGANIZATION AT HALFTIME ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD IN FRONT OF ALL THE FOOTBALL FANS.