



**AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY
COURT CANDIDATE PACKET 2019**

Dear Augusta Homecoming Court Candidate,

The Department of Student Life and Engagement with the support of the Jaguar Production Crew is excited to present **Augusta University Homecoming 2019, Out of This World**. The 2019 Augusta University Homecoming will be celebrated from February 18th through February 23rd, 2019. The week will offer many events for everyone to celebrate Augusta University.

The Department Student Life and Engagement invites students to apply for the Augusta University Homecoming Court. Candidates do not need to have an organization sponsoring them to apply. Please use this [link](#) to complete your application by **Friday, January 18, 2019 at 4 pm**.

Prior to applying the Jaguar Production CREW encourages all interested students to review the requirements under the “Application Process” tab online, as well as review the Candidate Packet with the entire process as it relates to running on the Augusta Homecoming Court. Candidates are encouraged to attend and participate in every event competing for points.

All applicants will be go through an academic and conduct review to ensure they are in good standing. Upon completion of this process, The 2019 Homecoming Court will be announced on the Student Life webpage by **11:59 pm on Tuesday, January 22, 2019**.

Following the announcement of the 2019 Augusta University Homecoming Court, all court members are required to attend the **Mandatory Candidate Meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 or Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm** located at the Christenberry Fieldhouse, Room 237. At this meeting, the requirements will be explained in further detail. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me via email.

In Jaguar Pride,

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AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING 2019 DISCLAIMER

**This applies to all rules and events henceforth in the
Homecoming 2019 Rules Packet:**

All rules are subject to change at the discretion of the Traditions Committee of the Jaguar Production Crew. Participating individuals will be notified via email if any changes are made in a timely manner.

All decisions made by the Traditions Committee are final.

***If any competitor arrives more than 15 minutes past the time designated in this packet, 10 points will be automatically reduced from the participation points from the individuals or groups overall score.**

**All Homecoming events are ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL
SUBSTANCE FREE! If any individual including someone in your organization brings alcohol to/or appears to be under the influence at ANY Homecoming event/activity, your organization will be DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL OF HOMECOMING AND THAT INDIVIDUAL WILL BE ESCORTED OUT OF THE EVENT.**

Augusta University Homecoming Court

Candidate Requirements

1. After selected for Augusta University Homecoming Court, each candidate must attend the Mandatory Meeting:
 - a. **Wednesday, January 23rd or Thursday 24th, 2019 from 7:00 PM.**
Christenberry Fieldhouse, Room 237
2. Candidates must visit Department of Communication & Marketing to have your headshot taken on of the following dates.
 - a. **Monday, January 28, 2019 from 9:00am-12:30pm**
 - b. **Tuesday, January 29, 2019 from 9:00am-12:30pm**
 - c. **Wednesday, January 30, 2019 from 9:00am-12:30pm**
 1. **Note: Professional headshots will be taken by the university photographer for publications use during Homecoming 2017; therefore everyone is required to be in professional dress (waist up).*
 2. **NO PRINTS OR LOGOS ALLOWED.*
3. All applicants will be required to go through a private interview with a panel of judges. The interviews will be held in JSAC Skinner Conference Room (2nd Floor). The specific interview times are to be determined.
 - a. **Monday, February 4, 2019- Duke & Duchess Candidates**
 - b. **Tuesday, February 5, 2019- King & Queen Candidates**
4. Must attend and participate in the Candidate Meet & Greet on **Wednesday, February 13, 2019 from 7:00-8:30 PM** located at the Pinnacle Club downtown. (699 Broad St, Augusta, GA)
 - a. Attire is semi-formal
 - b. Each candidate is allowed to bring one guest to this event.
5. Campaigning will be held from **Thursday, February 14, 2019 until Wednesday, February 20, 2019**. Candidates will be limited to word of mouth, flyers, shirts, buttons, etc. Any other goods for service method, such as giving away candy or other materials for a vote is prohibited.
6. Campaigning is defined as:
 - a. The public distribution, posting, or display of any material or information, as specified above, promoting a candidate or candidates.
 - b. Any person speaking before an organized group or in a public place with the purpose of promoting a candidate or candidates.
 - c. Any activity requesting the vote of a constituent.
 - i. **Encourage voting in general, without specifying a particular candidate (or candidates) is not campaigning.*
 - d. It is the responsibility of the candidate to educate any and all campaign workers and affiliates as to the rules set forth. Candidates will be held responsible for the actions of their campaign workers. Campaigning outside the campaign period *will result in disqualification.*

- e. Candidates must remove all posted campaign materials by **Monday, February 25, 2019**.
7. All flyers must follow Campus Posting Policy.
- a. Flyers are defined as: Posters, banners and other printed material. Flyers ***will not be allowed*** in the following areas:
 - i. In the University Libraries or any Administrative Office.
 - ii. No campaign material may be placed on bulletin boards designated for departmental use.
 - iii. Material may not be placed on doors to buildings, classrooms or on any windows, bathroom stalls, or any walls.
 - iv. On the outside of campus buildings. *This includes, but is not limited to, brick walls, benches, sidewalks, windows, and doors.* This does not include outside bulletin boards.
 - v. No campaign material may be placed on any vehicle which is parked for campus purposes.
 - vi. Writing on, or applying self-adhesive materials to Augusta University Property (including sidewalks, roads, vehicles, and walls) or on private property without permission of the owner is prohibited. (Sidewalk Chalking is permitted as long as it is more than 10 ft from the building entrance.)
 - vii. The placing of any sign over any other sign is not acceptable.
 - viii. Posters or signs may be removed if wrongly placed and the candidate will be notified.
8. Must attend and/or participate in the Jaguar Mania:Step and Dance Show on **Friday, February 22, 2019 from 7:00-9:00 pm**
- a. If participating in Jaguar Mania candidates must attend a mandatory rehearsal **Friday, February 22, 2019 at 10:00 am**
 - b. The top three candidates for King and Queen each area will be announced and Duke and Duchess will be crowned.
 - c. 2019 Duke and Duchess will be announced and will be expected to attend the game on **Saturday, February 23, 2019**.
9. Must attend and participate in the Go Downtown on **Thursday, February 21, 2019 from 7:00-9:00 pm**
10. All Candidates that are selected to participate in the Coronation process will be required to attend the **Coronation Practice Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 10:00am.**
11. Must attend and participate in the Coronation Ceremony on **Saturday, February 23, 2019** arriving with their escort no later than 2:45 PM in Christenberry Fieldhouse.
- a. The Coronation Ceremony attire is formal. All participants; including Augusta University Homecoming Court members and escorts must be ready upon arrival no later than 2:45PM.
 - b. Everyone is to report to **Entrance 3 of Christenberry Fieldhouse**.
 - c. If the court member's escort is *not* a Augusta University student, they will receive a complimentary pass for them to gain entry to the game.

- d. Each court member will receive two additional guest passes for the games.
- e. All Augusta University Homecoming Court members are required to stay throughout the duration of the Men's Basketball Game.

Candidates who are unable to attend any of these mandatory events because of class conflict must state this and provide a copy of their official class schedule via email after the Mandatory Meeting is completed. Candidates can email their official class schedule to the Court Director. In the case of an unexpected emergency during Homecoming 2019, contact Garrett Dragano, Court Director, as soon as possible at gdragano@augusta.edu so that alternative arrangements can be discussed. Failure to make contact with the Court Director before any mandatory event absence will result in automatic disqualification.

Augusta University Homecoming Court Election Process:

Augusta University Homecoming King & Queen and Duke & Duchess will be chosen as a combination of a Popular Vote of the Student Body (30%), the Private Interview (30%), and School Spirit and Participation in Homecoming 2019 Events (40%).

The following formula is used for this calculation:

(Homecoming Spirit Points x 40%) + (Popular Vote x 30%) + (Private Interview Score x 30%)

INTERVIEW JUDGING CRITERIA:	
Poise & Appearance	10 points
School spirit/Knowledge of University	10 points
Leadership	10 points
Campus Involvement	10 points
Community Engagement	10 points
TOTAL	50 points max

The individuals receiving the highest overall score will be selected as the 2019 Homecoming King & Queen and Duke & Duchess.

Homecoming 2019 King & Queen and Duke & Duchess Winner Commitments:

The individuals crowned Homecoming King & Queen and Duke & Duchess are requested to serve as an ambassador to the University by serving in various capacities:

1. Volunteer during one of the various University Advancement events at Augusta University.
2. Make appearances (including but not limited to television, and speaking engagements) as asked by the Traditions Committee.
3. Assist in the coordination of the Homecoming 2020, Meet and Greet.
4. Attend and participate as needed in Jaguar Jam 2020.
5. Must participate in the Homecoming 2020 Coronation Ceremony.

CAR CHALKING

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING 2019

WHEN: Friday, February 15, 2019

TIME: 12:00-2:00 PM

WHERE: Washington Hall Loop

WHAT IS CAR CHALKING?

Car Chalking is a way to help advertise the upcoming week to the rest of the campus body. As well for the candidates and organizations competing to gain extra points, and candidates competing to gain extra points towards their candidacy.

IMPORTANT DATES/DETAILS:

Friday, February 15, 2019:

- Cars must arrive between the hours of 12:00-2:00 PM.

PARTICIPATION POINTS:	
Candidate Participation	Max 10 Points (2pts per car)

RULES:

1. In order to gain all 10 points, each candidate and organization must have five cars arrive between 12:00 and 2:00 PM on Friday, February 15, 2019.
2. Each car must vocalize when they arrive which candidate or organization they are representing for points.
 - a. **Cars can only be chalked for a candidate OR an organization.**
3. Each car should only be chalked in the vehicle's rear window. The students will chalk their own vehicles.
4. One of the following wording choices should appear on the rear window is:
 - a. Homecoming 2019: Out Of This World!
 - b. Augusta University or the official university acronym
 - c. Homecoming 2019 or February 18-23, 2019 or 02/18-23
 - d. Jaguars," "Jags," "Go Jaguars," or "Go Jags"
 - e. Organization/Student Housing Community Name(s) or Initial(s)
5. The Traditions Committee would appreciate the cars remain chalked throughout the week, however we understand if that is not possible.

**WEAR BLUE, GET FOOD
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING 2019**

START DATE: Monday, February 18, 2019

TIME: 12-1:30pm

WHERE: JSAC Patio; Rain Location: JSAC Ballroom and Breezeway

WHAT IS “WEAR BLUE GET FOOD FESTIVAL?”

“Wear BLUE Get Food Festival” is an event that will provide free food to the first 500 students that wear BLUE attire. If a person does not wear BLUE attire, they will need to show that they are following the Jaguar Production Crew on social media. The students will also have the opportunity to participate in fun, interactive activities throughout the JSAC.

ATTENDANCE	
Candidate	15 Points

RULES:

1. To be awarded participation points, each candidate must sign-in at both the food aspect of the event as well as must participate in at least one activity at the event.

HOMECOMING COMEDY SHOW

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING 2019

WHEN: Monday, February 18, 2018

TIME: 7:00-9:00 PM

WHERE: Maxwell Theatre

WHAT IS THE HOMECOMING COMEDY SHOW?

The Homecoming Comedy Show is a fun and interactive event in which students will come kick off Homecoming week with laughter!

ATTENDANCE	
Candidate	15 Points

RULES:

To be awarded participation points, each candidate must sign-in at the event and stay for the remainder of the event.

T-SHIRT SWAP

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING 2019

WHEN: Monday-Wednesday, February 18-20, 2019

TIME: 12:00-1:00 PM

WHERE: JSAC Breezeway & Wellness Center

WHAT IS THE T-SHIRT SWAP?

The T-shirt Swap is a chance for all students to bring in ONE T-shirt with any previous/current name for Augusta University **or** any other university, and trade it in for ONE 2019 Augusta University Homecoming T-shirt. **Will only be counting attendance on Wednesday for points.**

ATTENDANCE	
Candidate	15 Points

Rules

1. Participation points are awarded by signing in at the booth under the royalty candidate log.
2. In order to sign in you **MUST** have a t-shirt to swap.
Only one t-shirt per person will be allowed to swap.

AU IDOL

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING 2019

WHEN: Tuesday, February 19, 2019

TIME: 12:00- 1:30pm

WHERE: JSAC field/patio rain location: JSAC Breezeway

WHAT IS AU IDOL?

Augusta University Idol is an opportunity for all Augusta University students to celebrate Homecoming by singing fun tunes and engaging with the student body. Join The Augusta University Idol and the Jaguar Production CREW for a good time!

If you want to participate in Augusta University Idol, please contact Garrett Dragano at: gdragano@usca.edu.

AU IDOL:

ATTENDANCE	
Candidate	15 Points
PARTICIPATION POINTS:	
Participation	5 Points
PLACEMENT BONUS POINTS:	
Candidate 1 st Place Winner	Additional 15 Points
Candidate 2 nd Place Winner	Additional 10 Points
Candidate 3 rd Place Winner	Additional 5 Points

RULES:

1. Attendance points are awarded for being present at Augusta University Idol. However, the candidate or student must be present for at least 30 minutes of the event to receive points. Additional points for participating will be awarded.
 - a. Additional bonus points will be received if a candidate places in the top 3 performers.
2. All participants in Augusta University Idol will receive a homecoming giveaway.

AU BASKETBALL GAME

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING 2019

WHEN: Wednesday, February 20, 2019
9:00 pm

TIME: 7:00 pm -

WHERE: Christenberry Fieldhouse

WHAT IS AU BASKETBALL GAME DAY?

Augusta University Basketball Game Day is a chance for Homecoming Court Candidates to introduce themselves to AU Students during halftime, also giving them a chance to remind students to vote for them! **It is mandatory for candidates to introduce themselves on the basketball court during halftime to receive points for this event.**

***Must be checked in by 6:30 PM and stay until 8:00 PM.**

AU BASKETBALL GAME DAY:

ATTENDANCE	
Candidate	15 Points

RULES:

To be awarded participation points, each candidate must sign-in at the event and stay for the remainder of the event.

GO DOWNTOWN: AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING 2019

WHEN: Thursday, February 21, 2019

TIME: 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

WHERE: Augusta Commons - 836 Reynolds St. Augusta, GA

WHAT IS “GO DOWNTOWN: JAGUAR JAM EDITION?”

“Go Downtown: Jaguar Jam Edition” is a street fair, block party, and so much more wrapped into one. It gives the opportunity to the students of Augusta University to go downtown and experience a different part of town other than campus. There are going to be vendors from stores from the downtown area as well as local restaurants with samples of some of their top foods to lure students to their restaurants to eat.

ATTENDANCE	
Candidate	15 Points

RULES:

1. In order for the candidate to gain participation points, each candidate must sign-in at both the food aspect of the event as well as must participate in at least one activity provided at Go Downtown.
2. In order to receive points, each candidate must participate in at least one activity provided at Go Downtown.
 - a. Each court candidate must sign-in at the respective activity to gain the points.

JAGUAR MANIA: STEP AND DANCE SHOW

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING 2019

WHEN: Friday, February 22, 2019

TIME: 7:00-9:00 PM (Doors Open at 6:30 PM)

WHERE: Christenberry Fieldhouse

WHAT IS JAGUAR MANIA: Step and Dance Show?

It's the tradition for Augusta University Homecoming, the Annual Step and Dance Show! Located at the Christenberry, the Step and Dance Show is theatrical entertainment consisting of successive dancing and stepping routines.

The Step and Dance Show showcases students' talents in two different categories:

Dance: A series of movements or a sequence that match the speed and rhythm of music.

Step: A percussive dance in which the participant's entire body is used as an instrument to produce complex rhythms and sounds through a mixture of footsteps, spoken word, and hand claps.

Each act will be based on a theme that relates to Homecoming. In the event of a tie with the judges, the audience will be the deciding vote.

ATTENDANCE	
Candidate	15 Points
PARTICIPATION POINTS:	
Participation in step/dance show	5 Points
PARTICIPATION BONUS POINTS:	
Candidate 1 st Place Winner	Additional 15 Points
Candidate 2 nd Place Winner	Additional 10 Points

Candidate 3 rd Place Winner	Additional 5 Points
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IMPORTANT DATES/DETAILS FOR STEP/DANCE SHOW:

Monday, February 11th:

- Pre-Recorded Single Track MP3 are due by 12:00 PM via email to Garrett Green (gagreen@augusta.edu).
 - The MP3 File must only have the one track so that it may be added to an iPod.
 - All pauses and transitions must be included in track

Tuesday, February 19th:

- Step and Dance Show Rehearsal is from 6:30-9:00 PM in the Lee Auditorium, and is required for all performers
 - All performers should plan to attend a 30-minute briefing at 6:30pm prior to rehearsal starting.
 - This will be a closed door rehearsal and times will be selected at the Mandatory Candidate/Organization Meetings.

Friday, February 22nd:

- All Performers **MUST** arrive by 5:00 PM at Christenberry to review performance order and discuss other event details. If ALL performers are not present by this time, your student organization will be **DISQUALIFIED**.

JUDGING CRITERIA:	
Costumes and Stage Presence	5 Points
Creativity/Originality	5 Points
Cohesiveness/Precision	5 Points
Overall Entertainment	5 Points
Total	20 Points

RULES:

1. Augusta University Homecoming Court Candidates are allowed to participate with a Pass the Paw participant if they are a member of that organization/Student Housing Community. **The Candidate must participate on stage for the entire performance to receive participation points.**

a. If an Augusta University Homecoming Court Candidate does not have a group participating through Pass the Paw, they must develop their own group.

2. Groups must be comprised of at least three performers.

3. No more than 12 individuals will be allowed to perform on the stage at one time. This does not include transitions (For each additional performer on stage over 12, there will be a two (2) point deduction from the total score.)

4. The act must be set-up, performed, and torn down within 15 minutes. Therefore, it is important that each group time their performance from start to finish prior to the show.(Each 30 seconds over will be a two (2) point deduction from total score.)

5. No flips of any kind are allowed. If anyone performing attempts any flip of any kind, the group will be DISQUALIFIED from this event.

6. Props must not exceed six (6) feet in height and must have the organization's name on EVERY PROP. (For each prop over six (6) feet in height, props thrown into the audience, or any props left after the event will result in two (2) points deducted for each prop from the total score.)

7. Once your group's performance is complete, nothing may be left anywhere near the performance area. (Any item left in the performance area will result in two (2) points deducted for each item.)

8. Each group MUST refrain from the use of vulgar, demeaning, racially offensive, sexual, or provocative content in their skit. The content of ALL acts will be at the discretion of the Jaguar Production Crew and anything offensive or tasteless will result in that group being DISQUALIFIED from this event.

9. All performers/groups MUST follow guidelines set forth by the event space.

10. ALL GREEK PERFORMERS/GROUPS MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE STEP CATEGORY.