

MEMORANDUM

September 4, 2015

Dear Panther family,

Hope your first two weeks of the semester went well!

We are excited about last night's Panther victory over UCF in Orlando, and about the upcoming football season. We hope you are, too! With the home football opener just 2 weeks away and Homecoming week just over 40 days away, it is time to kick our preparations and Panther pride into high gear. Unleash the Spirit for FIU's 50th year anniversary and 35 years of Homecoming!



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Panthers far and wide will return home in anticipation of one of our FIU's biggest celebrations to date. This year we will welcome back our Panthers from around the globe to celebrate the 50th anniversary of FIU's establishment AND the 35th anniversary of FIU Homecoming with exciting events that highlight our university's traditions, accomplishments and football team! Feel the anticipation for FIU's most exciting week in the fall and get ready to overthrow those Monarchs!

Join us **Oct. 16- Oct. 24** for fun concerts, free food, and more! Highlights include:

- Unleash the spirit for this year's **Panther Prowl**. Meet us at the FIU Arena at 6:00 p.m. on Oct. 21 for a chance to see comedians Natasha Leggero and Jeff Ross live! For ticket information, click [here](#).

- Come out and cheer on your fellow employees and students at **Panthers Got Talent** at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 22. Space is limited for performances, so don't delay and register today by [clicking here!](#)
- Nominations are now open for the second annual **FIU Faculty/Staff Homecoming King and Queen competition**. Nominate your favorite faculty and staff members [here](#) by Sept. 30th. Once nominations close, the top 10 finalists will be announced in HR News & Campus Updates with further instruction on how to cast your final vote. Campaigning and voting for the top 10 finalists will take place from Oct. 5th-Oct. 16th.
- This year's **office decoration competition** will be bigger, better and fiercer than ever. Can you outdo last year's winner? Now is your chance to release your inner Roary and demonstrate your true Panther spirit. Make sure to [register](#) your department by October 9, 2015!
- [Register your unit name](#) by October 9th to participate in the **Spirit Hashtag Competition!** We will take to social media to see which colleges/units can tweet, share and "like" the most through October 24th!
- Everything will culminate with our 2015 **Homecoming Parade** on Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. The parade will begin at the red statue at the east entrance of campus and continue through the south side of campus past the FIU Stadium. There will be plenty of floats, spirit cars, and walking brigades, so come out and cheer on the students, faculty, staff, and community members who will be participating and Unleashing their Panther Spirit!
- Finally, at 6 p.m. our football team will rattle the cage for our **Homecoming Game** against Old Dominion University's Monarchs. That's when we will announce the 2015 student Homecoming King and Queen and the 2015 faculty/staff Homecoming King and Queen.
- Remember -- we have revised our **tailgating plan** for the 2015 season. You can view the new tailgating plan and map of all tailgating areas [here](#). Click [here](#) to read the new university tailgating guidelines for faculty and staff.



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For a slideshow of the 2014 Homecoming game and parade, click [here](#)

A video of 2014 Homecoming highlights is available [here](#)

For a full list of events and ticketing information, please visit hc.fiu.edu.

I urge you to take part in the Homecoming festivities, give back and support our FIU, because there is no gold and blue, without F-I-YOU! Let them hear us roar!

Go Panthers!

Sincerely,

Mark B. Rosenberg
President