

MEMORANDUM

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Dear FIU faculty and staff,

Thousands of students have returned to our campuses, and despite the interruption due to Hurricane Irma, the fall semester is off to a great start. This only means that one of the most exciting times of year at FIU is right around the corner... [Homecoming!](#)

In a month, our entire FIU will *Unleash the Spirit!* Once again, we'll call home our alumni and welcome the community for a week of family-friendly rallies, concerts, parades and other exciting events that highlight our many traditions, accomplishments and student-athletes.

As you know, this summer our FIU was the only university in the country to achieve honor roll designation with recognition [in all 12 categories of The Chronicle of Higher Education's "Great Colleges to Work For"](#) survey! What better time to keep the celebration going – and show what a special place this is – than Homecoming?



*Relive last year's highlights – and get ready to make this year's Homecoming even bigger, better and fiercer – with this [video](#).*

If you haven't done so already, mark your calendars for **Homecoming Week 2017!** The fun kicks off **Saturday, October 28** and runs through **Saturday, November 4**.

With your help, Homecoming 2017 is going to be bigger, better and fiercer than ever. Some special highlights include:

- **Spirit Decorating Competition**



Who is going to have the most “Pantherized” office this year? It’s time to turn your workspaces into a sea of gold and blue for this year’s Spirit Decorating Competition! Register your department by **Friday, October 20 at 3:00 p.m.** For more information, please click [here](#).

- **Homecoming Faculty/Staff King and Queen**

Who are you going to nominate for this year’s Homecoming Faculty/Staff King and Queen? The deadline to submit nominations is **Friday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m.** For more information, please click [here](#).

- **Spirit Hashtag Competition**

Register your college or unit name by **Friday, October 6** to participate in the Spirit Hashtag Competition and then start tweeting, sharing and liking until Homecoming Game Day, **Saturday, November 4**. I recently expanded my social media presence – and this year I’m really looking forward to seeing your #FIUHC social media takeover! For more information, please click [here](#).

- **Panthers Got Talent**

Our FIU family will take center stage at this year’s Panthers Got Talent show on **Thursday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m.** in the **Ocean Bank Convocation Center**. During the show, the FIU Faculty/Staff Homecoming King and Queen will also be announced. This event is open to all; no tickets required. To register to attend or perform, please click [here](#).

- **Homecoming Parade**



Floats, spirit cars, and walking brigades – there’s no better way to get ready for the big game than the Homecoming Parade! Come cheer on your fellow Panthers and community members on **Saturday, November 4 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.** If you want to participate, please click [here](#) for this year’s parade participation packet. To sign up, please click [here](#).

**This year’s Grand Marshal will be our very own alumnus and distinguished poet, Richard Blanco!**



- **Roar Lounge**  
Game day isn’t complete without a tailgating party! After the parade, get to the **Roar Lounge from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. on the Parkview Lawn!** There will be music, food, drinks, giveaways, appearances by the FIU Marching Band and much more. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

- **Homecoming Game**

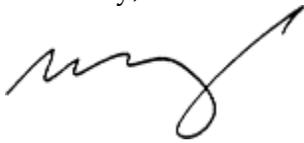
It all leads up to this! Following the parade, let's rattle the cage at **7:00 p.m.** for the big game against the University of Texas at San Antonio. Trust me, you won't want to miss this! To buy tickets, please click [here](#).

There's so much more happening - including some of our most popular events like Panthermonium and the Panther Prowl Comedy Show! **For a full list of events and ticketing information, please visit [hc.fiu.edu](http://hc.fiu.edu).**

You're an important part of making this year's Homecoming the most memorable yet! Take part in all of the festivities, give back and support our FIU.

This is going to be good... Go Panthers!

Sincerely,



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President