ROYAL COURT INFORMATION PACKET

UNCG HOMECOMING 2021

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Homecoming Royal Court 2021 Application

Homecoming Royal Court is an honored tradition of UNC Greensboro’s Homecoming celebration to showcase and recognize a few of the many outstanding students at UNCG. The Royal Court is composed of eight (8) students who shall represent the University and student body at various campus and community events. Candidates compete annually for this honor, which recognizes two UNCG students for their participation in campus life and their promotion of school spirit. The Royal Court will be presented and the two UNCG Royalty winners announced at the annual UNCG Homecoming Block Party on Saturday, October 2, 2021. The two winners, in addition to the title and honor, will receive other rewards and responsibilities including: professional headshot, financial support for required community service project, 15 community service hours, requests to emcee various campus events, and UNCG sponsored professional development/leadership trainings.

Eligibility Requirements: All candidates must:

- Be enrolled full-time at the University for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Have attended the University for at least one semester prior to application.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50.
- Be in good disciplinary standing with the University.
- Must be sponsored by a recognized student group, residence hall, or other University sanctioned involvement opportunity or department.
  - There is no financial support for sponsorship, only verification that the student is an active leader in a recognized group/department.
- Must be Junior, Senior, or Graduate Student.
- Must be able to attend and participate in all Homecoming activities as outlined in the Royalty Timeline. Please review the Royalty Timeline before submitting an application.

Note: Former Homecoming Royalty are not eligible.

The application includes an essay in response to the following questions:

- Essay Question #1: Why should you be selected to be part of Homecoming Royal Court?
- Essay Question #2: If you are crowned, what idea or ideas do you have for the required community service project?

Responses are to be typed, double-spaced and are not to exceed three pages (not including the cover page)

All candidates are also required to submit an updated resume which includes a listing of their on-campus or co-curricular activities, including leadership, volunteer, and community service experiences.
Link to Application: go.uncg.edu/royalcourt2021

Applications are due on Tuesday, August 31 at 5:00pm

Please note that the Homecoming Royal Court selection process and contest is not a beauty pageant or a popularity contest. Royal Court will be screened and ultimately selected based on the applicants’ ability to articulate and demonstrate academic performance, curricular and co-curricular involvement, contribution to the university and the community, and school spirit.

For any questions regarding Homecoming Royal Court, please contact Kynnith Francis-Vaughan, Office of Campus Activities and Programs, at kjfranc2@uncg.edu.
## UNCG 2021 Homecoming Royal Court
### Timeline and Selection Process

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<td>Royal Court Information Meeting</td>
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<td><strong>Friday, September 3;</strong></td>
<td>Selected candidates will be interviewed by a panel of judges to determine the 8 members of the 2021 Royal Court. Judges may consist of staff, faculty, students, and/or alumni. Scores will be tallied and processed by the Office of Campus Activities and Programs.</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday, September 9</strong></td>
<td>The student selected to be part of the 2021 Homecoming Royal Court will be emailed and notified of their selection.</td>
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<td><strong>Friday, September 10</strong></td>
<td>Homecoming Royal Court candidates must confirm/deny their status on Royal Court by 3:00pm.</td>
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<td>Students that applied for Royal Court but were not chosen will be notified by this date.</td>
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<td>Royal Court Orientation Dinner and Photoshoot: Orientation will cover some of the additional rules and details of the Royal Court.</td>
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<td>Blue and Gold photoshoot for release photos. It is mandatory that candidates attend this photo session.</td>
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<td><strong>Monday, September 20</strong></td>
<td>Royal Court is introduced via Campus Activities and Programs Social Media and Website. Royal Court status will be kept secret until this formal announcement.</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday, September 29</strong></td>
<td>All UNCG Students may vote for Homecoming Royal Court via Spartan Connect following the Royal Court Contest which begins at 7:00pm. Voting will remain open until Thursday, September 30 at 7:00pm.</td>
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<td>Homecoming Royal Court recognized at the annual UNCG Homecoming Block Party.</td>
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Royal Court Interview Process

A panel of judges will interview all the candidates and review all eligible application packets. The interviews will take place Friday, September 3 through Wednesday, September 8 by sign-up only (no interviews on Labor Day).

Candidates will be judged on the following:

- Application Information (10 points)
  - Application Essay Responses (5 points)
  - Resume (5 points)
- Interview (30 points)
  - Communication (5 points)
  - Involvement in co-curricular activities on campus (5 points)
  - Reasoning on why they should be selected to be on Royal Court (5 points)
  - Service Project Potential/Creativity (5 points)
  - Professionalism (5 points)
  - Overall answers/responses (5 points)

The decision of the judging panel is final.
Candidate Obligations

All students selected to be on the Royal Court will have a variety of obligations to fulfill, including the Royal Court Schedule. Each applicant must understand that these appearances are mandatory and by accepting the court position is also agreeing to fulfill them. In the event that a candidate is unable to fulfill the obligations of the below appearances, percentage points will be taken away from the candidate’s final student vote total. *The only excuse for missed appearances are for class, as you all are students first. However, any class conflicts must be submitted via email within 48 hours of the Royal Court Information Meeting. Internships, jobs, other involvement commitments, etc are not excused and will result in point deductions.*

Communication is a vital part of the holistic Royal Court process. Royal Court represents some of the most outstanding students at UNCG, so both the honor and responsibilities are high. Communication is required throughout the process, especially in regards to attendance and tardiness. Lack of communication, missed mandatory events without prior approval/communication, and other disregard for policy and rules will result in a point deduction as seen fit by the Campus Activities and Program staff. Every year we are unable to accept qualified and fit students to Royal Court, so please respect the process and your fellow students throughout all events.

Some appearances may require professional attire. At the Royal Court Information Meeting, each candidate will be given one (1) Royal Court sash that they will be expected to wear to every required Royal Court Scheduled event. Please note that while you are allowed to wear your Royal Court sash outside of these events, the sashes are extremely frail and fray easily, so please use caution as we will not have any replacements.
Royal Court Mandatory Event Schedule

All events below are mandatory for Royal Court, unless otherwise stated

**Monday, September 13**
- Royal Court Orientation and Blue & Gold Photoshoot
  4:00pm - 6:30pm
  EUC Azalea and College Avenue
  Dinner will be provided. Please wear your best Blue and Gold attire as the photoshoot will take place prior to dinner. Business casual attire is recommended.

**Thursday, September 16**
- Royal Court Open Rehearsal
  12:00PM - 4:00PM
  EUC Auditorium
  The EUC Auditorium will be open for rehearsals on a first come, first serve basis. This event is not mandatory, but this space is provided for you to practice, rehearse, and plan for your first dress rehearsal.

**Monday, September 19**
- Royal Court Rehearsal
  6:00pm - 8:00pm
  EUC Auditorium
  Please try your hardest to have any partner(s) attend your rehearsal time with you. Please send your music (if applicable) to Kynnith prior to your rehearsal time.

**Tuesday, September 28th**
- Royal Court Final Dress Rehearsal
  6:00PM - 9:00PM
  EUC Auditorium
  All of Royal Court will be expected to attend the entire final dress rehearsal. Please bring any props, costumes, fellow students, etc you may need. We will be doing a run through of the evening with our Emcees, as well as final rehearsals for your individual acts.

**Wednesday, September 29**
- Royal Court Contest
  7:00pm
EUC Auditorium

Royal Court needs to be onsite by 6:00pm, along with anyone participating with you.

Saturday, October 2

- Royal Court Coronation/Block Party
  Afternoon (Time is TBD)
  Kaplan Lawn

You will be required to attend the Block Party and coronation will happen at 3:00PM.
Please meet Kynnith at 2:00PM in the EUC Auditorium for coronation practice.

Homecoming 2021 Schedule of Events

For more information on the general Homecoming schedule, please visit [homecoming.uncg.edu](http://homecoming.uncg.edu)

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the below schedule of events are subject to change. Early notification will be provided to all Royal Court Members*

**Wednesday, September 29**

- Homecoming Kick Off
  TBD
  TBD

**Wednesday, September 29**

- Royal Court Contest
  7:00pm
  EUC Auditorium

**Thursday, September 30**

- Spartan Madness
  TBD
  TBD

**Friday, October 1**

- Homecoming Bonfire
  TBD
  TBD

**Friday, October 1**

- Homecoming Late Night Party
  TBD
  TBD

**Friday, October 1**

- Homecoming Comedy Show
  TBD
  Virtual

**Saturday, October 2**

- UNCG Homecoming Block Party/Coronation
  TBD
  College Avenue
Royal Court Contest

Finalists will participate in an evening of competition and school spirit on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 7:00pm in the EUC Auditorium. All contestants must be in the EUC Auditorium by 6:00pm.

Review of Event Program

**Line up for the contest will be alphabetical order by last name**

- **Welcome**
  - Our Emcee is to be determined at a later date
  - We will have four judges made up of staff and faculty. These judges will be anonymous until the contest. Side persuasion of judges is not tolerated and will result in deduction from final points.

- **Spartan Spirit**
  - Introductions of self and which organization(s) you are representing
  - Share your idea for your service project (2-3 sentences)
  - Please dress in blue and gold attire

- **Creative Explosion (Talent portion)**
  - Please email your talent (title of performance, brief description) to Meredith at kjfranc2@uncg.edu by Thursday, October 1 at 5:00pm
  - Please send any resources (powerpoint, prezi, music, video, etc) to Kynnith kjfranc2@uncg.edu by Tuesday, October 6 at 5:00pm
    - No streaming videos/music (youtube, etc)
    - No playing from phones
    - Kynnith will upload any music files, video, and/or powerpoints to Google Drive
  - You have 4 minutes to perform. We will be timing you during rehearsals. There is no minimum performance time. Performance time does not include any brief setup needs.
  - The lights will be static and will not change per act. You will have normal stage lights and the house lights will be dark.

- **Royal Court Q&A**
  - Our Emcees will ask you two random questions focused on school spirit, your goals/aspirations, your impact on this campus, leadership/involvement, etc. You will have one minute for your response.
  - Please dress in professional business attire, as if you are going to a job interview, not pageant attire.
Closing remarks

- Voting opens on Spartan Connect
- The UNCG Homecoming Royalty will be selected from the judged competition on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. The judges will get 50% of the vote and the student body will get the other 50% of the vote.
- Student voting will start at the end of the competition due to the virtual nature of the event. Voting will remain open for 24 hours (until Thursday, September 30 at 7:00pm).
Post-Court Responsibilities

After the UNCG Homecoming Block Party on Saturday, October 2, the two students crowned as UNCG Homecoming Royalty will be required to complete the following:

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**Rewards:***
- **Professional Headshot**
  - A professional headshot will be taken by a professional UNCG photographer from University Communications and/or Campus Activities and Programs. This headshot will be available for LinkedIn, etc.
- **UNCG Lapel Pin**
  - A UNCG lapel pin will be provided to the winners to wear to formal UNCG professional events
- **Fast Pass for CAP Events**
  - The Fast Pass will provide VIP experiences at events! Accommodations must be pre-arranged via email at least 48 hours prior to event
- **Swag Bag**
  - The Swag Bag will be filled with items from the Division of Student Affairs
- **$500 for Community Service Project**
  - Homecoming Royalty will each have a $500 budget in order to complete their Community Service Project. Community Service Project will be completed with the guidance of a CAP Event Consultant and must follow all UNCG policies
Responsibilities:

- 15 hours of community service
  - 15 hours of community service prior to the 2022 Homecoming Game. This encourages UNCG Homecoming Royalty to give back to the Greensboro and UNCG Community. Service hours will be recorded by Spartan Connect.
  - Service hours earned at a UNCG event may be recorded as part of the required 15 community service hours. Community service hour validation will be approved by a member of the Office of Campus Activities and Programs staff.
  - Failure to complete the required 15 community service hours prior to the 2022 Homecoming Game will result in loss of Homecoming Royalty title and loss of privileges for participating in Homecoming 2022.

- Community Service Project
  - With the $500 budget, the UNCG Homecoming Royalties will work to launch the community service project from the Royal Court application process.

- Emcee Spartans of Excellence Student Awards Ceremony and other CAP events, including Homecoming 2022
  - As an outstanding student leader, the UNCG Homecoming Royalty are often asked to be present and/or emcee at various UNCG events. This includes the Spartans of Excellence Student Awards Ceremony at the end of the spring semester, the Homecoming 2022 Royal Court Contest, and other University Sponsored events. Ideas for UNCG Homecoming Royalty presence are always welcomed!

- Leadership development
  - UNCG Homecoming Royalty will have the choice to participate in one of the following that has not previously been completed. More details will be provided post-coronation during the meetings with the Office of Campus Activities and Programs
    - Spartans in Dialogue Training
    - Safe Zone Training
    - Leadership Challenge

- Resume meeting with Career Services Center
  - To encourage professional development and career preparation, UNCG Homecoming Royalty will be required to receive personal feedback on their professional resume through the Career Services Center. More details will be provided post-coronation during the meetings with the Office of Campus Activities and Programs.

*Failure to complete the responsibilities prior to the 2022 Homecoming game will result in loss of Homecoming Royalty title and loss of privileges for participating in Homecoming 2022*
Questions

For any additional questions about the Homecoming Royal Court, please contact:

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