



GUIDEBOOK FOR TRITON SPIRIT COMPETITION

Homecoming 2019
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Welcome to the UMSL Tritons Spirit Competition!

The University of Missouri – St. Louis' Homecoming Week 2019 will be held February 15 – 23 and features a variety of fun-filled activities designed to unite the campus and instill a sense of Triton pride. Though many activities will be celebrated throughout the week, the highlight of the week will be on Thursday, February 21 when the UMSL Tritons take on the Drury Panthers at our annual Pack the Stands.

The 2019 Homecoming Committee invites you to get involved this year and celebrate Homecoming with us at UMSL. All recognized student organizations are encouraged to participate in this year's Triton Spirit Competition. Student organization teams will compete against one another in a variety of events throughout the week and have the opportunity to become the 2019 Homecoming Champions. 2019 Homecoming Champions will win a \$300 Sodexo co-sponsorship.

This guidebook is a reference for all student organizations interested in participating in and contributing to the success of Homecoming 2019. Please read the information carefully. Many of the events in the Triton Spirit Competition have changed this year! It is extremely important that the information in this guidebook is communicated to your fellow organization team members. Please review the attached documents with all of your team members. If you have questions, please contact us in the Office of Student Involvement, 366 Millennium Student Center.

We encourage the participation of all students and organizations in the Triton Spirit Competition. Don't belong to a student organization? No problem! Join a student organization by visiting umsl.edu/go/tritonsync. There, you can search for organizations that match your interests and passions and connect with the organization's portal. What better way to show your UMSL pride than celebrating your Triton spirit with your fellow students and dominating the competition?! The deadline for student organizations to register for the Triton Spirit Competition is February 10, 2019, at 11:59 pm. Late submission will not be accepted.

This year's Homecoming will have something for everyone, and the 2019 Homecoming Steering Committee is working extra hard to create a memorable week of events! Be sure to join the fun and help us continue building this great tradition at UMSL.

Go Tritons!

Your 2019 Homecoming Steering Committee

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Timeline of Events

Event	Date, Time, and Location	Points	Event Description	Page
Spirit Competition Captains Meeting **REQUIRED**	Wednesday, February 13 4 pm Millennium Student Center 314/315	None - BUT REQUIRED	All organizations participating in the Triton Spirit Competition must send at least one representative from their organization. Failure to attend will result in disqualification.	8
Homecoming Window Painting	Friday, February 15 12 pm - 5 pm Millennium Student Center Bridge	Participation 50 pts 1st place 75 pts 2nd place 50 pts 3rd place 25 pts	Student groups can compete in the window painting competition to demonstrate school spirit and bring excitement to Homecoming Week.	11
Lip Sync Practice	Wednesday, February 20 4 pm - 9 pm JC Penney Auditorium	None - BUT REQUIRED	Students will have the opportunity to practice their lip sync routines. Groups will be given a specific 20-minute time slot for practice.	17
CANstruction	Thursday, February 21 8 am - 11 am Millennium Student Center, 3rd Floor Rotunda	Participation 100 pts 1st place 75 pts 2nd place 50 pts 3rd place 25 pts	CANstruction allows student groups to collect cans ahead of time in order to build a structure reflecting the overall Homecoming theme. Cans must be turned in by Feb. 20.	13
Chili Feed & Be Inspired Kickoff	Thursday, February 21 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Century Room ABC	None	For only \$5.00 for faculty & staff, and \$4.00 for students, you will have the opportunity to sample 5 chili recipes submitted and served by UMSL faculty and administrators in the Chili Contest. All proceeds benefit Pagedale Family Support Center.	n/a
Pack the Stands	Thursday, February 21 5:30 pm Mark Twain Gymnasium	Participation 50 pts 1st place 75 pts 2nd place 50 pts 3rd place 25 pts	Come cheer on the Tritons Women's and Men's Basketball team at the annual Pack the Stands Basketball game, and have your Creation Station sign judged for the Triton Spirit Competition.	15



Lip Sync Competition	Friday, February 22 7 pm JC Penney Auditorium	Participation 50 pts 1st place 75 pts 2nd place 50 pts 3rd place 25 pts	Lip sync is a performance-based competition for any student group wishing to participate. Teams up to 10 will choreograph a dance & skit performance up to 8 minutes.	17
Service Saturday	Saturday, February 23 10 am - 1 pm Meet in Millennium Student Center 366	Participation 100 pts 1st place 75 pts 2nd place 50 pts 3rd place 25 pts	Student groups are encouraged to attend and show their Triton pride through service.	19
Tiny Tritons Pancake Breakfast	Saturday, February 23 10 am - 12 pm South Campus Ed Collabiat	None	Join Tiny Tritons for our annual Homecoming Breakfast. Wear your PJs and come grab a stack of pancakes! We have lots of fun activities planned including Dr. Dan the Pancake Man from Dancakes.	n/a
Leaders & Luminaries **Invitation Required**	Saturday, February 23 5:30pm Marriott Grand	None	This year's Leaders and Luminaries Reunion will bring together current and former student leaders from the Student Electronic Media Professionals Association (SEMPA)/The U Radio.	n/a
Dinner & Dance	Saturday, February 23 6:30pm - 11pm Marriott Grand	None	Students can purchase tickets to the Homecoming Dinner and Dance where they will dress up, and spend the evening at the Marriott Grand Hotel.	n/a



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TRITON SPIRIT COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Student teams eligible for the competition will be defined as any recognized student organization in good standing with the University and with the Office of Student Involvement. Organizations are NOT allowed to pair up.
2. All student teams are be expected to adhere to all policies as stated in the University of Missouri Student Code of Conduct. These policies can be found on the UMSL website at www.umsl.edu/~studentconduct/.
3. Any team whose members are deemed by the Homecoming Committee to be acting in an inappropriate manner, including but not limited to, disorderly conduct, vandalism, theft, and verbal or physical threats, will be automatically disqualified from Homecoming 2019.
4. Any and all issues regarding a team's eligibility and/or disciplinary actions are up to the discretion of Homecoming Steering Committee.
5. For events in which participation points are awarded, team members must check-in at the Triton Spirit Competition table prior to the start of the event. Rules and regulations for each event can be found in this guidebook.
6. Triton Spirit Competition registration must be turned in by 11:59 pm on Sunday, February 10 via TritonSync. Late submission of registrations forms will be disqualified from participating in the Triton Spirit Competition.
7. One delegated member of the student team is required to attend a Spirit Competition Captain's meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at 4:00pm in the Millennium Student Center Room 314/315. This meeting will allow students time to answer questions and receive additional information about the Triton Spirit Competition events. Failure to attend this meeting will result in disqualified from participating in the Triton Spirit Competition.
8. Triton Spirit Competition winners throughout the week will be announced on the Homecoming website at homecoming.umsl.edu and on our social media, Facebook and Twitter, @umslhomecoming.
9. Recognition will be given to the student teams with the three highest point totals in the red and gold division. Competition winners from the red and gold division will be announced at the Homecoming Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 23, 2019. All members of your student group are invited to attend (a purchased ticket is required for entry).



10. If there is a tie within an event for placement, each of the tying teams will receive placing points in which they tied for. For example, if organization A and B tie for first place in Lip Sync, each organization will get the 150 points for placing first along with the participation points. Then, if organization C was beaten by both A and B, they will receive third place with 50 points along with participation.
11. In the event of a tie at the end of Homecoming Week, the highest and lowest point values for the tied organizations will be dropped, and the remaining points will be averaged. The organization with the highest average will win

	Window Painting	CANstruction	Lipsync	Pack the Stands
Organization A:	<u>50</u>	100	<u>100</u>	75
Organization B:	50	<u>175</u>	100	<u>50</u>

The new average is: 175 points for Organization A and 150 points for Organization B



TRITON SPIRIT COMPETITION POINT SYSTEM

All student organization teams will be placed in a division based on organization size. You will be required to upload an organization roster upon registration.

Red Division	Student groups with 1-20 active members
Gold Division	Student groups with 21+ active members

For all events, there will be three winners from each division who will earn points based on a 1st, 2nd, 3rd place finish. In addition to the points your team can win for each event for finishing in the top three, your student group can also earn points just by participating in a particular activity.

If your student group signs up for an activity but does not show up, your team will lose 50 points per activity missed. While participating in Homecoming events, we encourage all student groups to advertise their student organization.

The student group in the red and gold division with the most points at the end of the week will be named the overall spirit week competition winners, will win a \$300 Sodexo co-sponsorship, will be recognized and announced at the Homecoming Dinner and Dance, and will have their name engraved on the Homecoming Spirit Award plaque hanging in the Office of Student Involvement. Second and third place winners will also be recognized and announced at the Homecoming Dinner and Dance.

Event Points Breakdown

Event	Participation Points	1 st Place Points	2 nd Place Points	3 rd Place Points
Window Painting	50	75	50	25
CANstruction for Pagedale	100	75	50	25
Pack the Stands Competition	50	75	50	25
Lip Sync Competition	50	75	50	25
Service Saturday- Homecoming Edition	100	75	50	25

Homecoming Window Painting

Friday, February 15, 2019

12:00pm – 5:00pm, Millennium Student Center Bridge

Student groups can compete in the window painting competition to demonstrate their school spirit and bring excitement and energy to Homecoming. Participating groups will be given supplies to decorate window space on the Millennium Student Center Bridge.

Teams must sign up in advance by completing the Triton Spirit Registration at umsl.edu/go/spiritcompetition.

Window Painting Rules

After signing in, your members will receive painting materials and will be assigned a window panel. All Window artwork will be displayed in the Millennium Student Center Bridge during Homecoming week (February 15-23). All artwork must meet the following requirements to receive participation spirit points and be considered for judging:

- All artwork MUST be created by active students in the recognized student organization.
- Groups may only use the supplies provided by the Homecoming Committee to decorate their window.
- Artwork details & theme should relate back to the Homecoming theme; you should not use window painting to directly promote organization-specific events, recruit members, etc.
- There is no limit to the number of organizational members that can contribute to the artwork. However, no more than five (5) organizational members may work on a display at the same time.

All artwork MUST include the following information:

- The name of your student organization
- If applicable, the name of your royalty candidate
- The Homecoming slogan, "Rise of the Red & Gold"
- The fan page address, homecoming.umsl.edu.

Judging Criteria:

Judges will grade all submissions on the following criteria:

- Effort: Does it look like the design was planned and time was put into it? Did the students give genuine effort while painting?
- Appearance: Is the design neat/organized? Is it a good quality?
- Creativity: How colorful is your window?
- Originality: Is the design unique and not significantly copied on something else?
- School Spirit: Are school colors used? Is UMSL well-represented? Does the artwork give a positive image of UMSL?

To get participation points at Homecoming Window Painting, your organization:

Red Division	Must have at least 2 members participate
Gold Division	Must have at least 5 members participate

Homecoming Window Painting Points

Participation 50 points

1st Place 75 points

2nd Place 50 points

3rd Place 25 points



CANstruction for the Pagedale Family Support Center

Thursday, February 21, 2019

8am – 11am, Millennium Student Center, 3rd Floor Rotunda

CANstruction is the Homecoming philanthropy event. In this competition, teams will collect cans ahead of time in order to build a structure reflecting the overall Homecoming theme.

Teams must sign up in advance by completing the Triton Spirit Registration at umsl.edu/go/spiritcompetition.

CANstruction Rules

- All participants are responsible for providing their own food items for this event. All food items will be donated to the Pagedale Family Support Center and the Triton Food Pantry at the conclusion of Homecoming Week.
- Nonperishable boxed or canned food items are the only items allowed in this contest and can be purchased by the organization or donated by its members. It is encouraged to gather additional nonperishable food items (boxed, bagged, or cans/plastic jars) to donate outside of what you may need for the structure. No ramen noodles, pet food, alcoholic beverages, or glass containers will be allowed.
- All labels must remain visible on the can or box in order to be judged. Cans and boxes cannot be disfigured in any way including, but not limited to: painting, construction paper sleeves, removal of labels, etc. (This is because the food bank needs to know what they are receiving in order to distribute the items).
- No opened or exposed food. All food items must be full, unopened, and with labels intact and legible. Remember the food banks need nutritional food, not junk food. Make every effort in designing your structure to use nutritious, edible foods.
- No adhesive, glue or tape can be used to secure items together. Sculptures must be free-standing. You may only use cardboard to separate layers if your sculpture needs. Please ask if you have any questions regarding this.
- Organizations will have approximately a 7ft x 7ft space to construct their structure. A sign, no larger than 11 inches x 17 inches, should be clearly displayed on the structure recognizing the participating group.
- Teams must have all donations in their area in the Millennium Student Center 3rd floor rotunda by 7 pm the day before the competition (Wednesday, February 20). Any donations submitted after 7 pm will be welcomed for support of the pantries, but will not be counted toward points. Teams that do not submit any donations by 7 pm will automatically be disqualified from CANstruction.
- Teams are responsible for leaving their areas clean and rid of any trash, bags, or excess packaging not used in the sculpture or to transfer the food items. Failure to clean a team's space will result in a disqualification from CANstruction.
- Each team may have a maximum of 6 representatives working on the structure at a time.
- Teams will win based on the judging criteria listed below and the total number of food items collected. It is not required that all food items are included in the CANstruction structure.
- In the event of a tie, the number of cans/boxes used in the design will be the tie-breaker. The group who used the most food items will win.
- Diversity of donations is defined as the number of non-perishable donations that are not cans.
- At least two group representatives from each team must return to help tear down and re-pack the donations. Tear down will begin at 1:30pm on February 21 in the Millennium Student Center 3rd



floor rotunda. Failure to meet this minimum will result in disqualification from the event, i.e. 0 points.

- In the event of a tie, the team with the highest amount of donations will win.

Judging Criteria

Each structure is scored on a scale from 0 – 20 based on the following criteria:

- Best Design/Creativity 0 – 5 points
- Diversity of Donations 0 – 5 points
- Incorporation of Theme 0 – 5 points
- Total # of Non-Perishables 0 – 5 points

To get participation points at Homecoming Window Painting, your organization:	
Red Division	Must have at least 3 members participate
Gold Division	Must have at least 6 members participate

CANstruction Points

Participation 100 points

1st Place 75 points

2nd Place 50 points

3rd Place 25 points



Pack the Stands: Spirit Sign Contest

Thursday, February 21, 2019
5:30pm, Mark Twain Gymnasium

During Pack the Stands, student groups will have the opportunity to showcase their Triton pride by cheering on the UMSL Tritons. Participating groups will be provided various supplies to decorate their spirit sign. Groups will be tasked to create a unique and spirit filled sign for the Pack the Stands basketball game.

Teams must sign up in advance by completing the Triton Spirit Registration at umsl.edu/go/spiritcompetition.

Spirit Sign Contest Rules

- The spirit sign creation event will be held on Thursday, February 21 from 1:00pm - 5:00pm in the Mark Twain Gymnasium. An open work station will be provided to create your team sign during this time.
- In order to receive participation points, representatives from your organization must sign in upon arrival.
- All spirit sign contest signage must be created during the spirit sign creation event (from start to finish).
- Failure to start and finish the team sign during the spirit sign creation event work time will result in disqualification of your team sign being judged at the Pack the Stands game.
- Groups may only use the supplies provided by the Homecoming Committee
- All organizations must attend the Women's Pack the Stands game to have their sign judged.
- All participating spirit signs will be judged during halftime of the Women's Pack the Stands game

Judging Criteria

Signs will be judged on 4 criteria, using a 5-point scoring system

- **Aesthetic:** The overall aesthetic of the poster is pleasing to the eye. The sign is designed with neatness and organization in mind.
- **Creativity:** The sign shows originality and unique ideas.
- **School Spirit:** UMSL pride is shown throughout the sign (i.e. school colors, Louie, Trident).
- **Homecoming Theme:** The 2019 Homecoming theme "Rise of the Red & Gold" is included throughout the sign.

To get participation points for the Spirit Sign competition, your organization:	
Red Division	Must have at least 2 members participate
Gold Division	Must have at least 4 members participate



Spirit Sign Competition Points

Participation	50 points
1 st Place	75 points
2 nd Place	50 points
3 rd Place	25 points



Lip Sync Competition

Friday, February 22, 2019
7pm, JC Penney Auditorium

Lip Sync is a performance-based competition for any team or organization wishing to participate. Teams of up to ten will choreograph a dance and skit performance of up to 8 minutes (a minimum of 5 minutes performing).

Teams must sign up in advance by completing the Triton Spirit Registration at umsl.edu/go/spiritcompetition.

Lip Sync Rules

- No more than 10 members per team may participate in the competition. All participants must be associated with UMSL (i.e. current UMSL student, faculty or staff).
- All music and performance themes must be submitted to the Homecoming Committee no later than NOON on Wednesday, February 20th. Keep in mind that all themes and music must be approved by the Homecoming committee prior to use; crude and/or inappropriate material will not be tolerated. If an organization wishes to have their music approved prior to that date, they are more than welcome to turn in their materials earlier by emailing homecoming@umsl.edu.
- No outside assistance may be used when choreographing dances. Only current UMSL students may be involved in choreographing the dances.
- Tennis shoes or dance shoes are the only shoes allowed during the performance. Dancers **should not** perform or practice in socks or other shoes that may slip easily.
- Each team will have an eight (8) minute maximum performance. A total of four (4) additional minutes can be used for set up (2 minutes) and take down (2 minutes).
- Only active members of the organization may be on the floor during the performance. A team may have up to five (5) non-dancers on the floor to assist with setting up and take down.
- Basket tosses or holding someone at full extension will not be permitted. The use of spotters is required for the safety of the performers.
- All teams are required to attend the mandatory rehearsal on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 in the JC Penney Auditorium. Your team's specific rehearsal time slot will be assigned at the required Spirit Competition Captains Meeting (Wednesday, February 13th at 4pm in MSC 315).
- **Judging Criteria**
 - **Originality:** How creative is the performance and how does it stand out among other groups?
 - **Execution:** How well is the performance implemented and synchronized with the music?
 - **Choreography:** How well are all members utilized in the performance and how well is the performance space utilized?
 - **Overall appeal:** How does the performance rate overall and how well do the members of the performance fit together? How well is the lip sync performed?



To get participation points at Lip Sync, your organization:

Red Division	Must have at least 3 members participate
Gold Division	Must have at least 5 members participate

Homecoming Lip Sync Competition Points

Participation	50 points
1 st Place	75 points
2 nd Place	50 points
3 rd Place	25 points



Service Saturday- Homecoming Edition

Saturday, February 23, 2019

10am – 1pm, Millennium Student Center 366

During the service project, you will have the opportunity to choose from different service efforts. Student groups are encouraged to attend and show their Triton pride through service.

Teams must sign up in advance by completing the registration form at homecoming.umsl.edu

Service Saturday Rules

- Participants must sign in for the organization they represent upon arrival. Check in begins at 9:00am.
- All participants not signed by 9:30am will not be counted for Service Saturday attendance points.
- Participants who fail to stay for the entire duration of the project will not be counted for Service Saturday attendance points.

Judging Criteria

There will be a first, second, and third place for the organization which has the greatest number of people participate in both the RED and the GOLD category.

To get participation points at the Service Saturday- Homecoming Edition, your organization:

Red Division	Must have at least 3 members participate
Gold Division	Must have at least 8 members participate

Service Saturday Project Points

Participation	100 points
1 st Place	75 points
2 nd Place	50 points
3 rd Place	25 points





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