

GUIDEBOOK FOR TRITON SPIRIT COMPETITION

**Homecoming 2020
University of Missouri – St. Louis
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Welcome to the UMSL Tritons Spirit Competition!

The University of Missouri – St. Louis' Homecoming Week 2020 will be held February 24-29 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 27 when the UMSL Tritons take on Lewis University at our annual Pack the Stands.

The 2020 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 2020 Homecoming Champions. 2020 Homecoming Champions will win a \$1,000 co-sponsorship for an event or program hosted by your organization.

This guidebook is a reference for all student organizations interested in participating in and contributing to the success of Homecoming 2020. Please read the information carefully. 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 at homecoming@umsl.edu.

We encourage the participation of all student organizations in the Triton Spirit Competition. Don't belong to a student organization? No problem! Join a student organization by visiting myengage.umsl.edu. 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 9, 2020, at 11:59 pm**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

This year's Homecoming will have something for everyone, and the 2020 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 2020 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 12 4pm - 5pm Millennium Student Center 314	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.	6
Homecoming Window Painting	Friday, February 21 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.	9
Creation Station	Tuesday, February 25 1 pm - 5 pm Millennium Student Center Fireside Lounge	Participation 50 pts 1st place 75 pts 2nd place 50 pts 3rd place 25 pts	During Pack the Stands, student groups will have the opportunity to showcase their Triton pride by cheering on the UMSL Tritons with a custom sign.	11
CANstruction	Thursday, February 27 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. 26.	13
Lip Sync Practice	Wednesday, February 26 6:00pm - 10:30pm Touhill Lee Theater	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.	15
Chili Feed	Thursday, February 27 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Century Room ABC	None	Sample 5 chili recipes submitted and served by UMSL faculty and administrators in the Chili Feed competition. All proceeds benefit Pagedale Family Support Center. Tickets are available at any Sodexo sponsored dining on campus.	n/a
Pack the Stands	Thursday, February 27	Required for Creation	Come cheer on the Tritons	11

	5:30 pm Mark Twain Gymnasium	Station judging	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.	
Lip Sync Competition	Friday, February 28 7 pm Touhill Lee Theater	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.	15
Service Saturday	Saturday, February 29 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.	17
Tiny Tritons Pancake Breakfast	Saturday, February 29 10 am - 12 pm MSC 366 (Office of Student Involvement)	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
Dinner & Dance	Saturday, February 29 6:30pm - 11pm Hilton Ballpark	None	Students can purchase tickets to the Homecoming Dinner and Dance where they will dress up, and spend the evening at the Hilton Ballpark Hotel.	n/a

Meet the Student Homecoming Committee



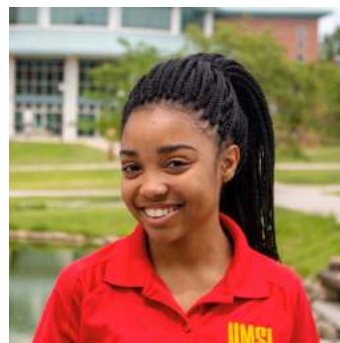
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Pack the Stands



Mallory Mason
Service Project

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 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 2020.
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 11:45 pm on Monday, February 9 via MyEngage. Late submission of registration 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 12, 2020, at 4:00pm in the Millennium Student Center Room 314. 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, Instagram, 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 29, 2020. 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 \$1,000 co-sponsorship for an event or program hosted by your organization, and will be recognized and announced at the Homecoming Dinner and Dance. Second and third place winners will also be recognized and announced at the Homecoming Dinner and Dance as well.

Event Points Breakdown

Event	Participation Points	1st Place Points	2nd Place Points	3rd 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 21, 2020

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 24-29). 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 “Timeless Tritons”; 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, “Timeless Tritons”

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



Pack the Stands: Spirit Sign Contest

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

1:00pm - 5:00pm, Millennium Student Center Fireside Lounge

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 Tuesday, February 25 from 1:00pm - 5:00pm in the Millennium Student Center Fireside Lounge. 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).
- Signs must be complete by 5:00pm on February 25. 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.
- A photo of your sign is taken upon completion on Tuesday in the Fireside Lounge and posted on instagram. Must tag @umslhomecoming and #UMSLHomecoming
- 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. The game will be held in Mark Twain Gymnasium beginning at 5:30pm on Thursday, February 27.
- All participating spirit signs will be judged & announced during halftime of the Women's Pack the Stands game.

Judging Criteria

Signs will be judged on 6 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 originally 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.
- **Social Media Post:** A photo of your sign is taken upon completion on Tuesday in the Fireside Lounge and posted on instagram. Must tag @umslhomecoming and #UMSLHomecoming by 12:00pm on February 27
- **Instagram 'likes':** The amount of 'likes' will count towards points as well; the more likes the post has, the more the points the group gets.

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



CANstruction for the Pagedale Family Support Center

Thursday, February 27, 2020

8:00am – 11:00am, 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 designated donation room in the Millennium Student Center by 7 pm the day before the competition (Wednesday, February 26). 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 27 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
2 nd Place	50 points
3 rd Place	25 points



Lip Sync Competition

Friday, February 28, 2020
7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)
Touhill Performing Arts Center - Lee Theater

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 4 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 11:59pm on Wednesday, February 26th. 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) minutes 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 four (4) 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.
- This competition comes with a few required meetings:
 - Spirit Competition Captains Meeting - **Wednesday, February 12th at 4pm in MSC 314**
 - Your teams specific rehearsal times and performance order will be selected at this meeting
 - Rehearsal in the Lee Theater - **Wednesday, February 26th (6:00pm - 10:30pm)**
 - Your team will be allotted a specific 20-30 minute practice slot. Those times will be assigned at the Spirit Competition Captains Meeting.
 - Music and Lighting Tech Rehearsal - **Friday, February 28th beginning at 1pm**
 - Your team will be allotted a specific 15 minute slot to meet with the technicians to go over music and lighting cues for that evening. The individual slots will be based off of performance order.

Judging Criteria (each team will be judged on the following criteria on a 1-5 likert scale)

- **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 Stage Presence/Crowd Reaction:** How well does the crowd receive the performance?
- **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 2 members participate
Gold Division	Must have at least 4 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 29, 2020

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 umsl.edu/go/servicesaturday

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

