



October 19th - 25th, 2026
Captain's Packet Information & Regulations

**There will be a mandatory meeting of all participants on
Monday, October 12th, at 2:00PM via Zoom**
(Login information was sent directly to Captains)



For any general questions about Homecoming, please contact:

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Homecoming Spirit Competition

October 19 - October 22nd, 2026

The following are brief descriptions of the categories on which the 2026 Homecoming Spirit Competition will be judged. Teams will be judged for spirit at the Push Cart, Profs Trivia, Battleship, and Lip Sync competitions. The highest value given to any team per competition will be a total of 30 points. Each category can earn 0-10 points. Points may be recorded in half-units (i.e. 4.5, 7.5, etc.).

What is spirit?

Spirit is more than just being the loudest or winning any of the competitions. The Spirit Competition encompasses the unity of the teams and their passion for Rowan. You don't have to be the loudest or have the most amount of people to show your spirit. Spirit is about not only uplifting your team, but other teams as well. This can range from creating a cheer for your own team to going above and beyond and rooting on another team that you are competing against.

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Team Presence	Team is not present at the event.	Team is in attendance at the event, but does not have any active participants.	Team is present at an event and has active participants. The team did not stay for the duration of the event & left after they competed, or only showed up for their competition.	Team is actively participating in the event & stayed for the event's duration.	Team is actively participating in the event, stayed for the entire event, and actively cheered for their own team.	Team is actively participating in the event, stayed for the entire event, actively cheered for their own team and continued to cheer for other teams as well. Team showed overall good sportsmanship
Use of Homecoming Theme	Team is not present at the event.	Team does not have any visible evidence of the theme in their artwork or performance.	Team attempted to incorporate the theme in their artwork or performance, but the theme is unclear.	Team has visible evidence of the theme in their artwork or performance.	Team clearly incorporated the theme into their artwork or performance.	Team displays an outstanding effort to incorporate the theme into their artwork or performance.
Overall Creativity	Team is not present at the event.	Team shows little to no creativity in their artwork, attire, or performance.	Team shows some creativity in their artwork, attire, or performance.	Team shows creativity and originality in their artwork, attire, or performance.	Team clearly put time and thought into the creativity and originality in their artwork,	Team shows an outstanding effort in creating artwork, attire, or performances that are creative and original.

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Additional Opportunities to Obtain Spirit Points

- **Homecoming Spirit Content Competition** - Each team will earn 1 extra spirit point for every social media post created & tagged to our **@ROWANSCCA** instagram. Teams can earn 5 points on Thursday for the Homecoming Finale video.
- Teams will follow the schedule below and screenshot proof and email it to nieves23@rowan.edu and ellixs28@rowan.edu for credit. Each post is due no later than 11:59pm on the day it is due. When sending in, please include your TEAM NAME for full credit.

Schedule:

- **MONDAY — Show Your Spirit (1pt)** | Take your best team spirit photo.
- **TUESDAY — Show Your Rowan (1pt)** | Capture something that represents what Rowan means to your team.
- **WEDNESDAY — Rowan Recreated (1pt)** | Recreate an iconic Rowan photo, meme, or moment.
- **THURSDAY — Homecoming Finale (5pts)** | Show us what **Rowan pride** looks like! Teams will create a **60-second video/reel** that captures their team's personality, energy, creativity, and love for Rowan.
 - Bring the spirit, the laughs, the traditions, the chaos, and the unforgettable moments. Whether it's an epic entrance, a creative skit, a team chant, a campus takeover, or something completely unexpected — make it **ICONIC**.
 - Videos will be judged on creativity, school spirit, entertainment, originality, and overall WOW factor.

The highest point value for any team overall (across all competitions) is **128 points**.

Trophy Presentation

- **Winners will be announced at half-time of the Homecoming football game on Saturday, October 24, 2026.**
- For results and the trophy announcements, all groups need to meet at the entrance (with their team banner) to the track behind the end zone closest to Lot D/the Beer Garden when there is 10 minutes left in the second quarter before halftime.

If you have any questions please contact:

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Julian Nieves

Spirit Competition Co-Lead, Homecoming Committee

Homecoming Banner Competition

Banners DUE: Mon., October 19 | 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Student Center Back Patio | Rain Location: Student Center

Judging will take place Tuesday, October 20 - Thursday, October 22

The Homecoming Banner Competition is a great way to show off your Prof pride. The spirit of Homecoming Week is displayed in a banner created by a group of students or an individual. The banners will be hung in the Student Center Pit all week to help promote Homecoming, student organizations, and campus pride. This competition is open to the entire Rowan community.

Banner Competition Rules and Regulations

On Wednesday, October 14, 2026 beginning at 12pm, registered participants will be able to pick up supply bags at the Information Desk in the Chamberlain Student Center. Bags will include approximately 9ft x 3ft banners, 1 plastic tarp, and SOME paint/brushes to begin creating their banner on their own time.

Participants should return their banner at the Homecoming Kickoff on Monday, October 19, 2026 from 2pm-6pm on the Student Center Back Patio to be considered for the competition. All paint and glue on banners must be dry by the time of return.

- The banner must include the names of all team members OR the team name, Homecoming 2026, and must incorporate the theme of Homecoming: *"A Timeless Tradition"*
- Student Centers & Campus Activities will provide (1) banner and *SOME* paint/brushes to each participating group, however, we highly encourage you to use your own supplies as well. Banners will approximately measure 9 feet by 3 feet.
- Decoration of the banner can be done with art supplies including acrylic craft paint, spray paint (when outdoors), markers, etc. **Glitter CANNOT be used, including glitter glue or paint.** Some supplies will be provided, but if your banner theme/idea requires any special supplies, entrants must provide them.
- Teams are asked to be mindful of the space(s) they choose to paint their banners. Please be aware when painting inside that various forms of paint can often cause fumes that may require better air circulation (i.e. fans, open windows, etc.). Additionally, all teams are still asked to use the provided tarps to place under their banners while painting in order to protect their painting surface. Finally, teams are asked to clean up all spills, supplies, etc. after painting so that their space is left as it was found. **Teams found in violation of these community expectations can be disqualified from the competition or may be held responsible for any costs associated with cleaning the space(s).**
- Banners must be painted **horizontally**, not vertically. **Please make sure you are painting the banner with the cut holes across the top.**

- The banner can be 3-D. All objects used must be securely fastened to the banner and cannot exceed the banner size. Materials for this part of the banner must be supplied by the entrants.
- No profanity, nudity, substance abuse, or anything that would be unbecoming of Rowan students may be portrayed.

Judging Information

The Homecoming Committee will choose a panel of judges consisting of Rowan University faculty, staff, and/or alumni. Judges' decisions will be final. Winners will be announced during halftime of the Homecoming football game on Saturday, October 24, 2026.

The following are brief descriptions of the categories on which banners will be judged. Each category can earn 0-10 points with the highest value being a total of 40 points.

- **Creativity of Design** – This category is for the creativity of the banner. Judges will consider the originality and excitement of the design. (0-10 points)
- **Appearance/Execution of Design** – This category is for the actual appearance of the banner. Attention to detail and overall appearance will be considered. (0-10 points)
- **Theme** – This category takes into consideration the use of the Homecoming theme in their banner. (0-10 points)
- **Other** – This category will consider the amount and quality of the submission. (0-10 points)

Trophy Presentation & Announcements of Winners

- Banners must be picked up from the Student Center Pit after 4:00PM on Friday, October 23, 2026. Please return PVC piping to the Building Manager in Room 104 immediately after cutting your banner down. Teams are responsible for cutting down their own banner from the Pit and bringing it with them to the trophy presentation on Saturday, October 24, 2026.
- For results and the trophy announcements, all groups need to meet at the entrance (with their team banner) to the track behind the end zone closest to Lot D/Glassboro High School with 10 minutes left in the second quarter before halftime. The trophy presentation will occur on the field during halftime.
- If you choose to not participate in the trophy presentation (highly encouraged), please pick up your banner by Monday, October 26 at 12pm. If the banner is not picked up by 12pm, it will be discarded.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF YOUR BANNER FROM THE COMPETITION.

If you have any questions please contact our Banner Competition Co-Leads:

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Push Cart Competition

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 | 4:00pm | Bunce Circle

Push Cart Competition Rules:

- Each team must have 4 members participate
 - Please note: ALL participants will both run & push during the competition
- All participants must report to University Green between 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm for check-in on Tuesday, October 20th, 2026. Any teams that do not arrive by 3:30 pm may not be allowed to participate in the competition.
- All participants must wear a helmet, which will be provided by Student Centers & Campus Activities (participants may use their own helmet)
- Each cart will have one runner and one driver at a time
- Each team will race in two heats.
- Each heat will consist of: racing around Bunce Circle, getting out of the cart at the marked halfway point to switch runners, and finishing at the Start/Finish line.
- To avoid injury, all participants must keep all arms and legs inside of the pushcart at all times. *Failure to do so may result in team disqualification.*
- All runners must keep hold of the pushcart at all times, including when crossing the finish line. *Failure to do so may result in team disqualification.*
- Each pair's times will be combined for a total team time.
- The fastest team time wins!
- **Winners will be announced during halftime of the Homecoming football game on Saturday, October 24th, 2026.**
 - For results and the trophy announcements, all groups need to meet at the entrance (with their team banner) to the track behind the end zone closest to Lot D/Glassboro High School with 10 minutes left in the second quarter before halftime. The trophy presentation will occur on the field during halftime.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF YOUR TEAM FROM THE COMPETITION.

If you have any questions, please contact our Push Cart Competition Lead:

Ashley Davis

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Profs Trivia: Prof Pride

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

5:00pm | Student Center Expansion Commons

Profs Trivia Rules:

- Each team must have at least one member and no more than 5 to participate
- All participants must report to the Student Center Expansion Commons by 5:00pm to check-in & register their team; trivia will begin promptly at 5:30pm
- Trivia will consist of 4 rounds & one final round/question
- The use of cell phones or assistive technology is strictly prohibited.
 - Points will be deducted/the team will be disqualified upon multiple instances.
- **Winners will be announced at the end of the event, as well as during halftime of the Homecoming football game on Saturday, October 24th, 2026.**
 - For results and the trophy announcements, all groups need to meet at the entrance (with their team banner) to the track behind the end zone closest to Lot D/Glassboro High School with 10 minutes left in the second quarter before halftime. The trophy presentation will occur on the field during halftime.

**FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL RESULT IN
DISQUALIFICATION OF YOUR TEAM FROM THE COMPETITION.**

If you have any questions, please contact our Profs Trivia Co-Leads:

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Lip Sync Competition

Thursday, October 22nd | 9:00pm

Show begins at 9:15pm | SC Pit

- All members must be current Rowan undergraduate students.
- There may not be more than **13 performers** to a team
- There will be an additional night of Captains Meeting in the Student Center, Suite 117A at 7:30pm to review rules.
 - **YOUR TEAM CAPTAIN/TEAM REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT OR YOUR TEAM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO ON STAGE.**
- Your musical track (can be a mash-up of songs) must be emailed as an mp file to Emma Smith at smithe13@rowan.edu, by Monday, October 19th at 4:00pm
- Your performance can be no longer than 5 minutes. (NOTE: This may be adjusted depending on the number of teams that sign up)
- Participants must stay in the designated area on the stage during their performance.
- Performers cannot pull people from the crowd and cannot throw things off the stage
- No food or drink/liquids on stage
- No obscene profanity may be used. This includes, but is not limited to, racial, ethnic, or sexual orientation slurs.
- Don't forget that this is a LIP SYNC competition
- No projection will be permitted, as well as helium balloons or affixed signage (you cannot hang anything on stage)
- Performers will have one minute to set up any props they bring with them on stage
- Be mindful of valuables - green rooms are not secure
- **NO GLITTER!** Performers **CANNOT** use any form of glitter on costumes or in their performance. Glitter is prohibited in the Student Center and will result in immediate disqualification.
- Acts must check in between 7:15-7:45pm in the Student Center first floor hallway, near the ramp to the Pit.
 - All team members must be present for the entire event (approx. 7:45pm-12:00am), unless a class issue is brought to Emma Smith's attention at least 24 hours **before the event.**
- Only participants that are signed up can be on the stage.
 - A complete updated list of all of your performers must be sent to Emma Smith at smithe13@rowan.edu, by Monday, Oct. 19th by 4:00pm
- **Winners will be announced at the end of the show and the following prizes will be awarded via Rowan Bucks per winning team:**
 - First Place - \$300
 - Second Place - \$200
 - Third Place - \$100
- **Winners will also be announced during halftime of the Homecoming football game on Saturday, October 24th, 2026.**
 - For the trophy announcements, all groups need to meet at the entrance (with their team banner) to the track behind the end zone closest to Lot

D/Glassboro High School with 10 minutes left in the second quarter before halftime. The trophy presentation will occur on the field during halftime.

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DISQUALIFICATION OF YOUR TEAM FROM THE COMPETITION.**

If you have any questions please contact our Lip Sync Competition Lead:

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