

# SIUE Homecoming celebrates Cougar pride

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EDWARDSVILLE - Southern Illinois University Edwardsville students are showing their school spirit this week as they engage in a weeklong series of Homecoming activities and events.

From getting free rides to class from Uber Eddie, a chalk mural contest and chili cook-off to a festive golf cart parade and bonfire, students joined together to celebrate being Cougars.

“Being involved is a great way to build connections and make memories on campus,” said Benjamin Schlect, president of Sigma Tau Gamma and a junior studying mechanical engineering. “We love our campus. We love being Cougars. And, we’re glad to have the opportunity to show that during Homecoming!”

“I’m a freshman, so I’m really excited for all that is happening during Homecoming week,” added Amy Do, of O’Fallon, Mo.

“Homecoming makes everybody happy,” said senior Frederick Smith, of Chicago. “It brings a sense of community.”

Homecoming week continues with the ninth annual SIUE [Alumni Hall of Fame](#) Dinner on Friday, Sept. 28. The SIUE Alumni Association will host the third annual Cougars Unleashed Homecoming Run on Saturday, Sept. 29. To register, visit [runsignup.com/CougarsUnleashed](https://runsignup.com/CougarsUnleashed).

Additionally, multiple SIUE Athletics events will offer ample opportunities to cheer on the Cougars. For ticket information to all intercollegiate sporting events, visit [siuecougars.com](https://siuecougars.com).

Alumni are also invited to return to campus to cheer on men’s soccer as the Cougars take on Belmont University at Korte Stadium. The Homecoming Pre-Game Tailgate is scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 on the Korte Stadium lawn. For more information, visit [siue.edu/homecoming/events/alumni-tailgate](https://siue.edu/homecoming/events/alumni-tailgate).

A complete schedule of events can be found at [siue.edu/homecoming](https://siue.edu/homecoming).

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