



Greenville University Homecoming Weekend Includes Return Of Panther 5K

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GREENVILLE, IL - Greenville University invites community members, alumni, and friends to campus for Homecoming activities October 13-15, 2022.

The weekend kicks off with a jazz band concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Whitlock Music Center on GU's campus. Friday's events start with a Praise and Prayer event, led by Pastors Doug and Margie Newton, along with GU President Suzanne Davis. Other featured events of the day include the Homecoming Parade at 4 p.m. along College

Avenue; Food, Friends, and Fun on Scott Field—featuring food trucks, live music, and more; the GU Choir Concert at 7 p.m. at the Whitlock Music Center; and fireworks at 8:30 p.m.

Activities on Saturday hit the ground running with the return of the Panther 5K run/walk.

“We are so excited to bring back the Panther 5K tradition to Homecoming weekend,” says Tina Watterson, coordinator of alumni and church relations in GU’s Alumni Office. “We invite you to bring your whole family out to run or walk and enjoy the fall weather and foliage and community!”

The Children’s Fun Run for ages seven and under begins at 8 a.m., the College Ave Dash for ages 8–12 begins at 8:15 a.m., and the 5K run/walk begins at 8:30 a.m. Awards will be presented to various age groups. Register at panther5k.org before October 5 to guarantee your free Panther 5K t-shirt.

Saturday’s schedule of activities also includes regular season sports competition, alumni games, the Homecoming Honors Banquet, and various class reunions.

The Homecoming Honors Banquet celebrates the 2022 alumni awardees and athletic Hall of Fame inductees. This year’s alumni awardees include Distinguished Alumnus Greg Groves ’80,

longtime youth pastor, church leader, and mentor to countless young people in the Greenville area; Outstanding Young Alumna Katie (Rathgeb ’05) Myette, founder and executive director of The Restore Network, an organization working to care for vulnerable children and change the culture of foster care; and The Gene A. Kamp Loyalty Awardees, Jack ’69 and Susan (Bourne ’68) Chism, former and current GU faculty and continuous supporters of the University and GU students.

Hall of Fame inductees include Jeff Boele ’00, cross country and track; Rodney Malone ’01, soccer; Stefan Neece ’10, baseball; and the 1995 and 1996 softball teams.

The banquet begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, in the Crum Recreation Center on GU’s campus. Reserve a table or single tickets at greenville.edu/homecoming or by calling (618) 664- 7119.

Everyone is welcome to attend GU’s 2022 Homecoming! Some events may require registration, and some may have a cost. Check schedule and registration requirements at www.greenville.edu/homecoming.

About Greenville University

Greenville University is an accredited Christian liberal arts university with more than 1,000 students, including traditional undergraduate, graduate, and adult degree completion students. Founded in 1892 and affiliated with the Free Methodist Church, the University is located in Greenville, Illinois, 45 miles east of St. Louis, Missouri. Visit www.greenville.edu.