

2024 HOMECOMING



INFORMATION PACKET

ELECTIONS:

1. All recognized organizations may elect a Homecoming King and/or Queen nominee.
2. Freshmen and sophomore students are eligible to be homecoming nominees.
3. All nominees' nomination forms are due by 5 PM on Tuesday, October 8th via orgsync.tjc.edu/forms
 - a. The entry fee is \$40 per couple or \$20 per person
4. All homecoming nominees must attend a **MANDATORY** campaign meeting on Tuesday, October 8th at 4 PM in Jenkins Hall, room 1109.
5. All homecoming nominees must attach a digital headshot to the online application.
 - a. A headshot is a tightly cropped photo of the face and shoulders. **Selfies will NOT be accepted.**
6. Homecoming nominees **MUST** be full-time students (enrolled in 12 hours or more), be in good standing academically (cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher) with no prior code of conduct violations.
7. Voting will be held from 9 AM – 4 PM from Monday, October 21 to Wednesday, October 23 at Rogers Student Center, Jenkins Hall, and online via OrgSync.
 - a. TJC Students must be enrolled in the Fall 2024 semester to vote in the election and can only vote once.
8. "Most Beautiful" and "Most Handsome" will be chosen from overall Homecoming court nominees at the "Campus Capers" Talent Show and will be presented at the football game before the announcement of our Top 5 Homecoming King and Queen nominees.
9. Fifty points will be given toward the "Warrior Spirit Award" to the organization/s for each homecoming nominee, king or queen. Fifty additional points will be awarded to the organization for each nominee that is chosen to be in the Top 5.

COMPETITIONS:

Each organization that wishes to compete in Homecoming competitions must sign up by 5 PM by Tuesday, October 8 to enter. All organizations participating in any of the competitions must attend a MANDATORY homecoming meeting on Tuesday, October 8 at 4 PM in Jenkins Hall, room 1109.

A. OFFICE DECORATING

1. Any recognized organization may decorate a designated office, department or residence hall lobby and receive a \$100.00 reimbursement to help cover the cost of decorations. All receipts must be returned to CSLI on Friday, November 1 by 5 PM.
2. Judging will take place on Tuesday, October 22.
 - a. Office decorations will be judged on the use of TJC/Organization, illustration of theme, creativity and overall appearance, as well spaces must still be able to function as normal.
3. One hundred points will be given toward the "Warrior Spirit Award" to organizations who participate in the Office Decorating competition. First place winners will receive an additional one hundred points, second place will receive seventy-five points and third place will receive fifty points.

B. SPIRIT BANNER

1. Any recognized organization may decorate a spirit banner and must submit the banner by 5 PM on Monday, October 21.
2. Spirit banners will be provided to the organization, with a select set of paint colors.
 - b. If desired, additional colors may be used, but the organization or its members must cover expenses for these supplies.
3. Judging will take place on Tuesday, October 22.
 - a. Spirit banners will be judged on the use of TJC/Organization, illustration of theme, creativity and overall appearance, as well as all banners MUST be designed to hang vertically.
4. Fifty points will be given toward the "Warrior Spirit Award" to organizations who participate in the Spirit Banner competition. First place winners will receive an additional one hundred points, second place will receive seventy-five points and third place will receive fifty points.

C. SUPPLY DRIVE

1. Non-perishable food and supplies will be measured by number of items the organization donates. Only the food and supplies listed below will be accepted and no refrigerated items will be accepted.
2. Food or supplies must be new and cannot be opened or damaged, nor in glass containers and within expiration dates listed on the packaging.
3. Food and supplies can be dropped off at the CSLI, located on the 2nd floor of Rogers Student Center, starting Monday, October 21 from 9 AM to 5 PM until Wednesday, October 23.
4. All proceeds will be donated to the Student Resource Center, located in Pirtle Technology, Room 214 and all candy will be distributed at the Halloween at Homeplate event to community members on Oct. 27.
 - a. We will only accept the following items:
 - Individually wrapped candy
 - School supplies (spiral notebooks, note cards, blue/black pens and highlighters)
 - Meat products (such as jerky, Vienna sausages, or single serve chicken or tuna)
 - Canned meals or fruit with pull-top cans (such as spaghetti, ravioli, peaches, pears, etc.)
 - Granola or Nutra-grain bars
 - Microwavable meals: Ramen cups (no flat packs), mac & cheese cups, oatmeal cups, soup cups or other individually portioned, microwavable cups, pasta bowls and popcorn
 - Pop Tarts
 - Peanut Butter Crackers or individual servings of peanut butter
 - Single serving bags of chips
 - Hygiene items (soap, toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, feminine products, etc.)
 - Laundry pods
 - 12 oz microwave safe coffee cups, powder coffee creamer or Hot chocolate packets
5. One hundred and fifty points will be given toward the "Warrior Spirit Award" to organizations who participate in the supply drive competition. First place winners will receive an additional one hundred points, second place will receive seventy-five points and third place will receive fifty points.

D. FLOAT

1. Any recognized organization may decorate a float to transport its Homecoming Nominee(s) in the Apache Nation Parade and receive a \$50.00 reimbursement to help cover the cost of supplies. All receipts must be returned to CSLI on Monday, October 28 by 5 PM.
2. Student Life will notify the approved driver when the golfcart keys are available for pick up.
3. Judging will take place at 5 PM on Thursday, October 24, prior to the Apache Nation Parade at the S/R 22 parking lot.
4. Floats will be displayed at the Homecoming Block Party, so please DO NOT clean off your float until after 8 PM.
 - a. Cheyenne Sallee will be stationed by the floats to ensure they are completely cleaned and to return the ID in exchange for the golf cart key.
5. Two hundred points will be given toward the "Warrior Spirit Award" to organizations who participate in the float competition. First place winners will receive an additional one hundred points, second place will receive seventy-five points and third place will receive fifty points.

E. CAMPUS CAPERS

1. Tryouts for Campus Capers will be held on Oct. 3 from 4 – 6 PM and Oct. 4 from 1 – 3 PM.
2. If chosen, groups must perform the routine or song at Campus Capers as performed at tryouts.
 - a. Groups MUST also present a roster at rehearsal and every performer must be a current TJC student (NO SUBSTITUTIONS).
3. Groups are judged by individuals selected by the Center for Student Life and Involvement and up to ten groups may be selected to perform at the show.
4. Music and lyrics must have NO offensive or vulgar language and all acts MUST be a family friendly performance.
5. All chosen acts MUST attend the come-and-go rehearsal from 1:30 - 4:00 PM on Monday, October 21 in RPPAC, Wise Auditorium.
6. The chosen acts will perform at **Campus Capers Talent Show in RPPAC, Wise Auditorium at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 22. All performers must be there when doors open at 6:30 PM!**
7. Prizes that will be awarded are \$500 for first place, \$200 for second place, and \$100 for third place.

F. DRUM BEAT

The Homecoming Drum Beat started in 1948 and it is an unbroken tradition since that time. The drum beats to the Apache Cadence 24 hours a day starting on Monday of Homecoming Week and continues until kickoff at the game on Saturday. The tradition of the drumbeat is that if the drumbeat doesn't stop, we will win the game!

1. Ten Points will be given per hour toward the "Warrior Spirit Award" to the organization beating the drum. Points will double for shifts from midnight to 8 AM.
2. Students can only represent one organization per hour
3. Drum Beat Opening Ceremony will be held outside RSC on Monday, October 21 at 11:30 AM.

***Reimbursements for homecoming supplies will only be issued to organizations whose receipts are submitted by 5 PM on Friday, November 1! ***

HOMECOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21:

- Drum Beat Ceremony – Rogers Student Center @ 11:30 AM
- Homecoming King and Queen Elections - Rogers Student Center & Jenkins Hall @ 9 AM – 4 PM
- Office Decorating & Spirit Banner Competition Contest Begins

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22:

- Homecoming King and Queen Elections - Rogers Student Center & Jenkins Hall @ 9 AM – 4 PM
- Office Decoration & Spirit Banner Competition Judging
Come check out all the office decorations and spirit banners around campus that were decorated by TJC students and campus organizations.
- Spirit Wall Painting – Center for Earth and Space Science Education @ 10 AM – 3 PM
Come be a part of the Art when students and employees can stop by and help paint the spirit wall that will be on display for the next year.
- Drum Beat Continues - Rogers Student Center
- TJC Soccer vs. Northeast Texas Community College – Pat Hartley Field @ 5 & 7 PM
- “Campus Capers” Talent Show – Rogers Palmer Performing Arts Center @ 7 PM. Doors open @ 6:30 PM.
No need for a ticket, just come enjoy the show! Campus Capers is an “Amateur Night” Talent Show, where TJC students show off their talents including dancing, singing and much more! Only the most talented acts will be chosen to perform and cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 performances. The Homecoming court will be presented and “Most Beautiful” and “Most Handsome” will be chosen.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23:

- Homecoming King and Queen Elections - Rogers Student Center & Jenkins Hall @ 9 AM – 4 PM
- Spirit Wall Painting Continues – Center for Earth and Space Science Education @ 10 AM – 3 PM
- TJC Baseball vs. Weatherford College – Mike Carter Field @ 1 PM
- Drum Beat Continues - Rogers Student Center
- Homecoming Bash – Rogers Student Center, Apache Rooms @ 8 PM
Bring a friend and join us for a party with music, dancing and tons of fun!
- Late Night Breakfast - Rogers Student Center @ 11 PM.
Student Senate is hosting their annual late-night breakfast with FREE food for the first 400 students!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24:

- Drum Beat Continues - Rogers Student Center
- Apache Nation Parade @ 6 PM, followed by the Homecoming Pep Rally at Pat Hartley Field and Block Party PM at S-15 parking lot.
Let's show our school spirit and come out for the main attraction!
The Apache Nation parade will start at S/R 22 parking lot at 6 PM, continue through campus and finish up at Pat Hartley Field. Following the parade will be the Pep Rally, which includes performances by the Apache Band, Belles, Cheer, along with the announcement of top 5 King & Queen Homecoming court and Warrior Spirit Award Winner. We will finish up the night with Residential Life and Student Life's Homecoming Block Party, where you can enjoy food, outdoor games, activities, inflatables, and so much more!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25:

- Drum Beat Continues - Rogers Student Center

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26:

- Drum Beat Continues until Kick Off
- Rim March and Homecoming Pre-Game, Rose Stadium @ 2 PM
- TJC Football vs. Kilgore College - kickoff will be @ 3 PM at Rose Stadium

HOMECOMING NOMINEES' DEADLINES

Tuesday, October 8: Campaign Meeting

All nominees must attend a **MANDATORY** campaign meeting on Tuesday, October 8 at 4 PM in Jenkins Hall, room 1109. Candidates cannot campaign for Homecoming King and Queen prior to attending the campaign meeting.

Monday, October 21- Wednesday, October 23: Elections

Voting will take place from 9 AM - 4 PM via orgsync.tjc.edu. Polling locations will be located at Rogers Student Center Information Desk and Jenkins Hall, 1st floor. Campaign tables may be provided during these hours and will be available on a first come, first serve basis at RSC.

Monday, October 21: Drumbeat Ceremony

All homecoming nominees are required to attend the Drum Beat Ceremony, held outside RSC on Monday, October 21 at 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM and wear the 2024 homecoming t-shirt.

Monday, October 21: Campus Capers Rehearsal

Formal attire not required for rehearsal, although it is recommended that ladies bring the shoes that they will be wearing for Campus Capers. **Nominees must be at RPPAC, Wise Auditorium by 4:00 PM for rehearsal.**

Tuesday, October 22: Campus Capers

All Homecoming Nominees must attend Campus Capers @ 7 PM at RPPAC, Wise Auditorium. **All nominees will be introduced**, "Most Handsome" and "Most Beautiful" will be chosen from all nominees. **All nominees must be at RPPAC, Wise Auditorium by 6:30 PM when the doors open. FORMAL ATTIRE IS REQUIRED.**

Thursday, October 24: Parade & Pep Rally

All Homecoming Nominees must be present for the Apache Nation Parade and Pep Rally by 5 PM at the S/R 22 parking lot. The events include Apache Nation Parade, followed by the Pep Rally and Block Party at Pat Hartley Field, where all nominees will be introduced and Top 5 Homecoming Kings and Queens will also be announced. Nominees should wear the 2024 Homecoming t-shirt, as well as be on the field for the presentation at approximately 6:45 PM.

Saturday, October 26: TJC Football vs. Kilgore College @ 3 PM

- Pregame begins @ 2 PM (**TOP FIVE nominees MUST be there at 2 PM to line up!**)
- "Most Handsome" and "Most Beautiful" will be presented first.
- TJC Homecoming King & Homecoming Queen will be crowned! Pictures will be taken following the announcement.

***ALL HOMECOMING COURT NOMINEES MUST ATTEND ALL REQUIRED EVENTS ABOVE. ***

WARRIOR SPIRIT AWARD POINTS

EVENT	POINTS EARNED
ELECTIONS	
Homecoming King Nominee	50
Homecoming Queen Nominee	50
Top 5 Homecoming Nominees	50 points per nominee
COMPETITIONS	
Spirit Banner	Participation: 50 1 st : 100 2 nd : 75 3 rd : 50
Office Decoration	Participation: 100 1 st : 100 2 nd : 75 3 rd : 50
Supply Drive	Participation: 150 1 st : 100 2 nd : 75 3 rd : 50
Float	Participation: 200 1 st : 100 2 nd : 75 3 rd : 50
PARTICIPATION	
Drum Beat	10 points (per organization per hour) 20 points for the hours of 12 AM to 8 AM

WINNERS OF THE 2024 WARRIOR SPIRIT AWARD WILL RECEIVE:

- Recognition at the 2024 Homecoming Pep Rally and football game
- \$100 award to your organization
- Display the award in your advisor's office or department
- Your organization will start the 2025 Homecoming Drumbeat at the Homecoming Kick-off Event and lead the 2025 Homecoming Parade.
- Bragging rights for the entire year!