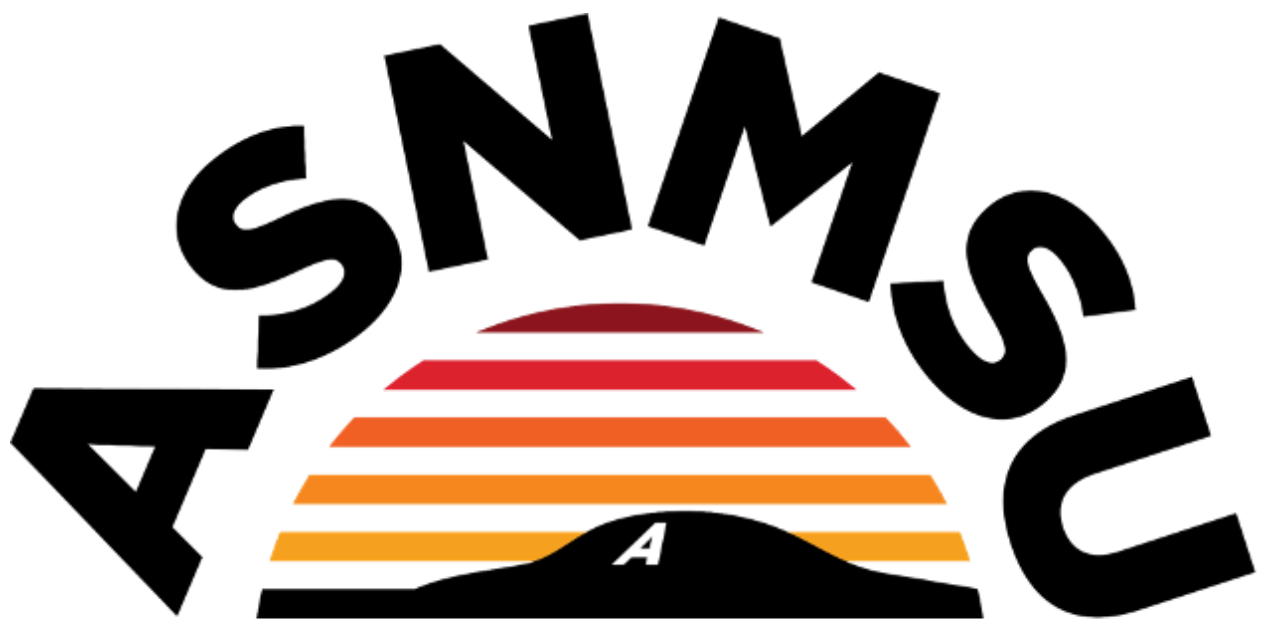


Official
ASNMSU
Homecoming
Packet 2024



Your Student Government

Welcome Letter

Dear Homecoming Participants,

My name is Caia Ortiz, and I am the Executive Director of Activities for the Associated Students of New Mexico State University (ASNMSU). I am pleased to welcome you to the 2024 *Aggiepalooza* Homecoming Week. This year's theme will capture the spirit and vibrancy of music festivals worldwide, celebrating the unifying power of music and the culture that brings people together. This year's Homecoming theme was curated to allow all of those participating in door decorations and floats to use creative freedom, and show what music means to the community of New Mexico State University, and Las Cruces as a whole. This packet has all of the information you are going to need to succeed throughout the week, including ways your organization can be involved and gain points to take a homecoming trophy home. PLEASE READ THIS PACKET IN ITS ENTIRETY. On behalf of the ASNMSU and Department of Activities, welcome to Aggiepalooza!

We hope to see everyone involved throughout the week. We understand that being a part of these events can be time-consuming, but we assure you that the ASNMSU is working diligently to ensure that this week runs smoothly and your organization has fun! Please keep in mind that all of the events are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

If you have any questions regarding this packet, please feel free to contact me at asnmsua@nmsu.edu. Please take note of the schedule of events attached including important dates, mandatory meetings, and deadlines. Thank you for your participation, and best of luck to you!

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POINT SYSTEM

Points for Homecoming will be given based on participation at events held throughout the week, door or window decoration, car chalking, the bonfire, parade floats, and spirit shown throughout the week and **Aggie Cupboard will also be accepting donations.** All donations must be taken to 906 Agriculture Way, Las Cruces, NM 88003 labeled with your organization during Aggie Cupboard business hours (8 am - 5 pm closed Saturday & Sunday) Points will be given based on the donations you bring (see sheet attached in packet). All donations must be labeled with your organization's name. **Donations will take place from November 4, 2024 - November 8, 2024.**

CAR CHALKING	Bonfire
<i>VALID</i> car chalking submissions before the deadline: 25 Points maximum (5 points per car, 5 cars maximum)	One (1) point per pallet (untreated, unpainted) 65 MAXIMUM per organization. Spontaneous Event (information will be given at the bonfire) Pallets with paint will not be given points

Event Participation	Parade Floats (Each Category)
<p>Be sure to check in at events using your event pass from Crimson Connection. Your roster on Crimson Connection will be cross checked. Each organization president is responsible for updating their own rosters.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">10% participation: 5 Points 15% participation: 10 Points 25% participation: 15 points 50% participation: 20 Points Above 50%: 30 Points</p> <p>This is NOT required, however it is an easy way to get points throughout the week.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1st Place: 100 Points 2nd Place: 80 Points 3rd Place: 60 Points 4th Place: 40 Points 5th Place: 20 Points</p>

<p>Social Media Spirit</p> <p>Show your excitement on social media! Each post must be on Instagram, have @asnmsu tagged and must be appropriate, relating to the theme, and mention one homecoming event. (5 posts maximum)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 points per post</p>	<p>Points will count towards parade dances! (If you decide to dance, it cannot exceed two minutes)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st Place: 60 Points 2nd Place: 50 Points 3rd Place: 40 Points 4th Place: 30 Points 5th Place: 20 Points</p>
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List of Competitive Events for Organizations to Participate In:

Homecoming Royalty (NMSU Main Campus Students ONLY):

The NMSU student body will elect two students to be crowned as the 2024 ASNMSU Homecoming Royalty. Voting will take place online at Crimson Connection from November 4 at 8:00 am until November 8 at 5:00 pm. Winners will be announced at the Homecoming Parade - Saturday, November 9th. **Nominations are due October 25, 2024 at 11:59 pm to asnmsua@nmsu.edu.** There will be a mandatory meeting on **October 29, 2024 at 6:00 pm.** **The candidate must attend this meeting to be deemed valid.** Students must be nominated by an NMSU organization.

Door, Office, and Window Display (Student, Faculty, and Staff)

Awards will be given to the NMSU Residence Hall, College/Department Office, NMSU Student Organization, or Greek Life organization that have the best display depicting the Homecoming theme. (You may only enter in one of these categories).

Homecoming Bonfire

This is one of the amazing traditions of NMSU and we are going to spice it up this year! It is highly recommended that you attend this event (who knows, you could earn some extra points). Current standings will be announced at this event as well.

Car Chalking

Car chalking is a great way to spread the word of homecoming through the NMSU and Las Cruces community! Each group will be awarded 5 points per car, with a 5 car maximum for emailing valid submissions by the deadline. **Photos must be emailed to asnmsua@nmsu.edu between 8:00 am on November 4, and 11:59 pm on November 8th.** **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

To receive points for car chalking, each car must have the following:

- Overall theme: "Aggiepalooza"
- Names of organization/group
- One upcoming NMSU Homecoming event (date and time required)
For example: ASNMSU Homecoming Bonfire at 6:00 PM

The rules and regulations pertaining to car chalking are as follows:

- Car chalking cannot be placed on the front windshield of ANY vehicle
- The supply of car chalk will be the responsibility of each organization
- For windows that do have writing, the driver must be able to see clearly out of the window
- Car chalking cannot be placed on the driver or front seat passenger window

We ask that the organization president update their roster on Crimson Connection by November 1, 2024.

Parade Dance

The rules and regulations are as follows:

1. Dances cannot be more than 2 minutes. If the dance exceeds 2 minutes you will be disqualified. The music must be completely stopped (you will not have points taken away if the parade in front of you is not moving, only if the music continues).
2. Seeing that this is an event for the entire Las Cruces Community, MUSIC MUST BE CLEAN. If the music is sent to KRUX, and it is not clean, you will be messaged with the request to provide an edited version. (No derogatory or offensive language or implications).
3. Music must be sent to kruxgm@nmsu.edu by October 30, 2024 at 11:59 pm. This is so we can play the music from event staff speakers to avoid anyone not being able to hear the music you all spend time on putting together. The dance music can only be played from your speakers at your chosen stop. You can of course play music while you are all walking, but that must be clean as well. If it is reported to us that your group is playing anything that is not clean, points will be deducted. PLEASE SEND MP3 FILES ONLY to kruxgm@nmsu.edu.
4. The dance should match the theme to the best of your ability (think Coachella, Lollapalooza, EDC, Rolling Loud, etc). Points will be given based on how you follow the theme, audience reaction, cohesion, and creativity. You will have two opportunities to stop and do your dance. One stop is required to be in front of the NMSU bookstore, and the other is up to your discretion. You cannot stop more than two times to perform your dance.

Office/Door/Window Display Contest Information & Rules

All departments, offices, students, and organizations are invited to enter a display of the Homecoming theme. You will be assigned a window number on the 2nd floor of Corbett if you do not have an office to decorate. Any display that will be placed on the 2nd floor of Corbett will be done on Study Room windows. It is your responsibility to ensure that the display is up at all times and is not in the way of any daily activities on the 2nd floor. **Window displays will need to be up by October 31, 2024 at 11:00 am.** The activities department will be there that day and time to ensure they are all up before the deadline. If they are not up before the deadline, the entry will automatically be disqualified from this portion of the week.

Please indicate the building and room number on the entry form as well as the name of your department or organization (if applicable). If you are requesting a window to decorate in Corbett, please indicate so. **All entry forms must be completed and turned into the ASNMSU office to the activities department or on Crimson Connection October 17, 2024 by 5:00 PM.** You can find paper entry forms in the ASNMSU office. **Displays must be taken down on November 11th by 5:00 pm.** If it is not taken down by that date, it will result in a \$100.00 fee.

The only materials that can be adhered to Study Room windows are cardboard or butcher paper. Painters tape is the only adhesive that can be used to attach it to the window. **WINDOW PAINT IS NOT PERMITTED IN CORBETT.** You may have a maximum of two members at your assigned door to explain the display at the time of judging if you wish. Be sure to email asnmsua@nmsu.edu if you wish to be present. Responsibility for the security of your display lies with your organization and not with ASNMSU or NMSU. The door/window and office display will be judged on overall appearance, originality and depiction of the theme. The winners will be announced on November 8th by 6:00 pm.

DATE	EVENT	TIME	SUBMIT TO/LOCATION
10/25/2024	Homecoming Royalty Nominations due	11:59 pm	asnmsua@nmsu.edu
10/29/24	Homecoming Royalty Candidate Meeting	6:00 pm	ASNMSU Conference Room
10/30/24	Parade Registration Due	11:59 pm	Crimson Connection
10/30/24	Parade music due	11:59 pm	kruxgm@nmsu.edu
10/31/24	Door decor up	11:00 am	Assigned Location
11/4-11/8	Car Chalking	8 am 11/4 - 5 pm 11/8	asnmsua@nmsu.edu
11/1/24	Crimson Connection Roster Due	11:59 PM	Crimson Connection
11/4/24	Promotional Item Tabling	2:00 pm	Outside of CCSU
11/5/24	Coachella Night	5:00 pm-6:00 pm (Happy Hour) 6:00 pm-9:00 PM	Pete's Patio
11/6/24	Food Tabling	2:00 PM	Outside of CCSU
11/7/24	Homecoming Bonfire	6:00 pm	Lot 30 (tailgate parking lot)
11/9/24	Homecoming Parade	10:00 am	University Ave
11/4-11/8	Homecoming Royalty Voting begins and ends	8 am 11/4 - 5 pm 11/8	Crimson Connection
11/7/24	Pallet Drop Off	12:00 pm-5:00 pm	Lot 30 (Tailgate Lot)
11/9/24	Homecoming Royalty Announced	Beginning of Parade (TBD)	Bookstore Judge Table
11/9/24	Parade Check-In	8:00 am-9:00 am	Free Lot East of PanAm
11/11/24	Door Decor Down	5:00 pm	Assigned Location

Parade Information and Rules

Start: Lot #30, east of the Pan American Center

End: Lot #3, west of Skeen Hall, corner of Knox and University Avenue

ALL FLOATS must lineup and check in between 8:00 am and 9:00 am on Saturday, November 9, 2024, in the NMSU Parking Lot #30 (unless notified otherwise). Other entries (band, dance groups, groups on foot, etc.) must arrive no later than 9:00 am. All entries unaccounted for by 9:30 am will be considered to have dropped out of the parade and will not be judged. Volunteers will be present to assist with check in and getting everyone into a proper position for the start of the parade. Only those vehicles participating in the parade will be allowed in this area.

Furthermore, a representative from your organization needs to be with your float AT ALL TIMES. Your float will be required to be checked by NMSU Environmental Health and Safety & Risk management.. Violations of safety and/or rules may cause disqualification from this parade and/or future parades.

Be sure that your entry is safe; floats should be continuously monitored once building begins in order to prevent vandalism or arson. No open flame or fire will be permitted on the float. Floats must adhere to the following guidelines: Maximum height at 14 ft and 6 in (from the ground to the highest point on the float). Maximum length at 65 ft. Any purposeful damage to another group's float will result in disqualification.

Be sure that your entry has enough gas or water to complete the parade route. Due to the low speed of the parade, vehicles burn more gas and are prone to overheating.

All bands, cheerleaders, dance groups, and those on foot are expected to march the full extent of the parade as outlined above. If you are planning to give out candy/promo during the parade, you must hand it to viewers, as tossing is not allowed for safety reasons. There will be no jumping on

the floats. Floats must be completely stopped before anyone can get on or off of them. If you borrow anything to be used in the parade, make sure it is returned as soon as the parade is over. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to refuse ANY entry, reserves the right to remove any pre-approved entry from the line of march, and reserves the right to move an entry from a judged category to a non-judged category for unacceptable and undisciplined behavior, as well as for an unacceptable float or an unsafe float. Additionally, the Homecoming Committee reserves the right to make any visibly intoxicated or under the influence participants leave (these participants will not be allowed to be a part of the parade in any capacity if this happens).

The presence and/or consumption of alcohol is prohibited on or around the float. In violation of this rule, disqualification will ensue and police action will be taken.

We cannot guarantee where your entry will be placed in the parade as ASNMSU and SILP will be coordinating where you will be in the lineup and making it both balanced and uniform. Please refrain from asking to be in the front of the parade. The parade order will be determined based on a first-come, first-serve basis (who filled out their parade registration form on Crimson Connection first). There is no charge to enter. Political entries are not permitted in the homecoming parade. However, political student organizations may participate by representing only their organization, without making political statements or endorsements during the parade.

Parade registration will begin on September 16, 2024 at 8:00 am, and it will be due to Crimson Connection by October 30, 2024 at 11:59 pm.

PARADE FLOATS MUST BE VIEWABLE FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET

FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION

NO EXCEPTIONS

Float Safety Requirements

1. **Float & Running Gear** - The foundation for a tow float is typically a sturdy flat trailer bed with pneumatic wheels. All load supporting areas on the float should be of wood, steel, or other structurally competent material (not cardboard). Wheels, tires, dollies, axels, bearing of adequate sizes and strength to support the total load of the float are required. Wheels and tires should be in good condition and vehicle breaks sufficient to stop the float when loaded. The authority having jurisdiction with the parade shall have the exclusive right to ban any unsafe vehicle.

2. **Vehicle Maintenance** - Vehicles pulling floats and self-propelled floats shall be serviced for gas, oil, water, tires, and battery prior to reporting to the staging areas. Vehicles licensed for highway use shall have proof of insurance. No extra gasoline may be carried on the float. For emergencies, a horn or other sounding device is to be present.

3. **Decorations** - All decorative material shall be manufactured or treated to be effectively fire retardant. If not marked as such, decorative material may be treated with a fire retardant solution. Commercial solutions may be purchased or the following retardant solution can be mixed and used: 1 ¼ lbs. boric acid + 9 oz. borax + 3 gallons water. Satisfactory flame retardant is determined by holding a sample of the material in a vertical position and placing a match flame ½ inch below it. If the material ignites, it must self-extinguish when the flame is removed. The finished float and decorated areas should have no sharp or unfinished edges exposed. If the driver or any other individuals are enclosed within the float or decorations, proper ventilation and emergency exits shall be provided for them.

4. **Driver Vision/Communication** - Floats decorations shall be designed to allow the driver 180 degrees clear vision to the front and sides of the float or tow unit. If 180 degree vision cannot be provided, a spotter(s) with clear vision of these areas must accompany the float as a guide. Drivers shall also have view of (or communication with) float riders in the event of a problem on the float.
5. **Fire Extinguisher** - At least one 10 pound ABC fire extinguisher shall be carried in an easily accessible, designated location on the float or towing vehicle. The fire extinguishers shall be sealed, tagged, and dated within the previous 12 month period. Open flame displays, roman candles, and fireworks are prohibited on floats and tow vehicles.
6. **Rider safety** - All participants riding on open floats shall have solid sitting arrangements with hand holds readily available to them. Any standing participants shall have a stabilized body support with buckled safety belt or other means to prevent falling from the unit. No person shall be wired or tied to the float. Secured safety rails, barriers, or ropes may be used to prevent a fall from the float. No unsecured riders may be located where they might fall beneath the float, its wheels or between tow vehicle and float (e.g. no seating on rear edge of tow vehicle or on front edge of the float). If present, children must be under adult supervision and seated at all times when in motion. Riders are to remain on float once the parade begins and at all times when the float is in motion. Alcohol consumption or smoking on the float is prohibited.
7. **Driver** - Float driver shall have a valid driver's license and be in competent condition to safely operate the vehicle. Driving under the influence of drugs or intoxicants is

prohibited. For the safety of float riders, the driver must minimize abrupt starts and stops. The float safety checklist must be in possession of the driver.

8. **Generators** - Where used, generators shall be securely mounted on the vehicle with not less than 12 inches of clearance separating it from any combustible material. Any generator in a confined space (e.g. pick-up camper shell) shall not have any riders in the same space.
9. **Electrical System** - Where used for lighting, motorized decorations or other application on a float, electrical wiring must be a type approved for the use for which it is being employed, shall have sufficient capacity, shall be secured to prevent damage, shall have all connections secured via approved devices (or electrical boxes) and shall be properly fused. No bare wires or exposed electric connection are permitted.
10. **Speed** - towed and self-propelled floats shall be capable of maintaining a minimum speed of 10 miles per hour during the parade. The speed when the float is occupied during the parade is limited to a maximum of 20 miles per hour.
11. **Towing Safety** - Adequate primary (tow bar) and secondary connection (chain, cable, etc) devices shall be made between the towing vehicle and float. All connections shall comply with any and all applicable laws and standards. Primary and secondary connections shall be appropriate for the normal and anticipated loads.
12. **General Safety Rules** - Hard objects, candy, boxes, etc, should not be thrown from the float during the parade. Parade participants wishing to provide give-aways should have walkers along the float to HAND OUT the give-aways. **DO NOT THROW ITEMS INTO THE CROWD.**

Inspection

All floats will be subject to an inspection check for compliance with the float safety requirements prior to the commencement of the parade. The float safety checklist must be signed and in the possession of the driver at the start of the parade. If the float safety checklist is not in possession of the driver, the entry will not be allowed to line up until the checklist is proven to be present.

Jurisdiction

Any matter of safety not covered in these rules can be reviewed and required to be corrected by any member of the Homecoming Parade Committee or NMSU Environmental Health & Safety & Risk Management. This includes but is not limited to; the NMSU Fire Department, NMSU Police, or Office of Facilities and Services. Materials considered hazardous to the extent that they may pose a risk to the participants or public are to be corrected. Failure to correct the hazard identified can result in the removal of the float from the parade.

If there are any questions on the above requirements, please call NMSU Environmental Health & Safety Office at (575) 646-3327. You can also stop by the ASNMSU office, contact the Director of Activities for ASNMSU at (575) 646-4415, or send an email to asnmsua@nmsu.edu

Float Safety Checklist

Name of Float Entry - _____

Float Driver must have this Inspection Checklist in his/her possession the day of the Parade. Driver must check off, sign, and present a checklist to the Officials for verification prior to the start of the parade.

___ 1. **Float & Running gear** – Float and tow vehicle, supporting structure, wheels, tires and brakes are in good condition and sufficient for safe handling of float with riders on board.

___ 2. **Maintenance** – Float and tow vehicle are in good working order, properly serviced with gasoline, oil and water. If licensed for highway use, vehicle’s proof of insurance is available. No extra gasoline is carried on the float. For emergencies, a horn or other sounding device is present.

___ 3. **Decorations** - All decorative materials used are flame retardant, either manufactured or treated (borax). No sharp or unfinished edges are exposed. If individuals are enclosed within float or decoration, proper ventilation and emergency exits are provided.

___ 4. **Vision/Communication** - Driver has proper 180-degree forward vision (or spotters) as well as view of (or communications with) float riders.

___ 5. **Fire Suppression** – The float has a least one 10 lb ABC Type Fire Extinguisher, which has been serviced, tagged & dated. It is affixed to units within easy reach of the float driver and float occupants (or 2 separate extinguishers may be used, as needed).

___ 6. **Riders** - Each float rider has a sturdy support, hand holds, belt restraints or other means to prevent fall from the unit. No one shall be located where they could fall under the float. Safety of seated and standing riders will be assessed by the Parade Committee. Alcohol consumption or smoking on floats is prohibited. Riders have been cautioned to remain on float during the parade and anytime the float is in motion.

___ 7. **Driver** - Float driver has a valid driver's license and is competent to drive float safely. Driving under the influence of drugs or intoxicants is prohibited.

___ 8. **Generator** -Portable generator, if used, is securely mounted and separated from decorative materials. Generator is equipped with a metal exhaust which extends the exterior of the unit.

___ 9. **Wiring** –All float electric wiring used for light or other components are secured and appropriately guarded to prevent shock or fire. This includes any inverters or alternative power supply devices

___ 10. **Speeds** – Float unit is able to maintain at least 10 mph. Float speed shall not exceed 20 mph when float riders are on board and during parade.

___ 11. **Towing** - Towed trailers or towed floats have sturdy tow connection and safety cables or chains in place (and attached) which are of sufficient strength for proper handling.

___ 12. **General** - Riders have been advised that objects should not be thrown from the float.

The above inspection has been made and to the best of our knowledge this float is in accordance with NMSU safety requirements and is acceptable for participation in the Homecoming Parade.

Float Driver Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date:

Parade Official Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date:

*** Please bring this checklist to your safety inspection (conducted at parade check in) ***

Please read the following waiver carefully before participating in any events or activities associated with Homecoming Week.

By participating in Homecoming Week events and activities, I acknowledge and agree to the following: Please initial on each line indicating you understand and agree to each section.

1. **Assumption of Risk**____: I understand that participation in Homecoming Week events may involve inherent risks, including but not limited to physical injury, illness, or property damage. I voluntarily assume all such risks associated with my participation.
2. **Release of Liability**____: I hereby release New Mexico State University, its trustees, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me or to any property belonging to me, while participating in Homecoming Week events.
3. **Indemnification**____: I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Associated Students of New Mexico State University, its trustees, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents from and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands, actions, costs, damages, or expenses (including attorney's fees) that may arise out of my participation in Homecoming Week events.
4. **Medical Treatment**____: In the event of any injury or illness during Homecoming Week events, I authorize the Associated Students of New Mexico State University and its representatives to secure medical treatment for me, including transportation if deemed necessary, at my expense.

5. **Photographic Release**____: I hereby give the Associated Students of New Mexico State University irrevocable right and permission to use and publish any and all photographs/video images taken of me by NMSU staff members on this date. I recognize these same photographs/video images and their copyright as the property of the Associated Students of New Mexico State University solely and completely and that they may be used in university publications and promotional materials, including but not limited to the university's catalog and view book, recruitment materials, Internet applications, advertising in newspapers and other media, slide shows, video applications, displays and exhibits, and other generally recognized communication methods for the purpose of representing university activities and services to potential students and the community at large. I also understand these photographs/video images may be used by external, non-university entities in partnership with NMSU in similar fashion as described above, for purposes related to university business. I hereby release the Associated Students of New Mexico State University from any and all claims, including libel and invasion of privacy, resulting from the usage of these photographs/video images. I understand that no modeling fee or other compensation will be paid to me for such use of my photographic license.
6. **Compliance with Rules**____: I agree to comply with all rules, regulations, and instructions provided by the Associated Students of New Mexico State University and its representatives during Homecoming Week events.
7. **Minors**____: For participants under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign this waiver on their behalf.

I have read this waiver and fully understand its terms. I understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue. I acknowledge that I am signing this waiver freely and voluntarily, and intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

Participant/Organization Name: _____

Participant/Organization President Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian (if participant is under 18):

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please sign and return this waiver to asnmsua@nmsu.edu or submit the form on Crimson Connection by November 4, 2024 at 11:59 pm.

Conduct and Ethics

The Associated Students of New Mexico State University and the Homecoming Committee wants to ensure that all participants are celebrating school spirit and the community of New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, and New Mexico as a whole. It is essential to uphold standards and ensure a positive and inclusive experience. Here are some guidelines for conduct and ethics:

Respect For All: Treat all participants with respect, kindness, and consideration. This includes fellow students, staff, alumni, and members of the community. Avoid any actions that could be considered discriminatory, offensive, or exclusionary. Homecoming is a time to unite and celebrate our community, engage in activities and conversation that foster a sense of belonging. Be mindful of different perspectives and support a welcoming atmosphere.

Integrity and Fair Play: Engage in Homecoming events with honesty and integrity. Please avoid any and all forms of cheating, dishonesty, and misrepresentation, whether in competitions, voting, or other activities. If participating in competitive events, ensure that you and your organization adhere to the established rules and guidelines in this packet. Respect all outcomes of all competitive events.

Personal Responsibility: Exercise self-discipline and always make decisions that reflect well on yourself and your organization. Avoid any and all behavior that could be harmful or disruptive. Take responsibility for your actions and their impact on others. If you witness inappropriate behavior, please report it to the ASNMSU Department of Activities (contact information on the first page).

Safety and Well-Being: Participate in all Homecoming events with safety in mind. Follow any safety guidelines provided by event organizers and be aware of emergency procedures. Ensure that your actions do not endanger yourself or others. Treat campus facilities and property with care. Avoid all vandalism and damage, clean up after yourself, and leave areas as you found them.

By adhering to the conducts and ethics stated, you and your organization contribute to making Homecoming a memorable and enjoyable experience. Your commitment to respectful, fair, and responsible behavior helps build a strong and connected community. If there are any violations of the guidelines, please reach out to the ASNMSU Department of Activities. Failure to adhere to these guidelines could result in points being taken away, the inability to participate in events, or disqualification as a whole.

Official ASNMSU Homecoming Royalty Nominations and Rules 2024

The ASNMSU Activities Department happily welcomes all interested students to participate in the Homecoming Royalty elections. This section will have all the essential information to ensure a smooth and fair election process for all candidates.

Nomination Process:

As outlined in the ASNMSU ByLaws, each campus club or organization has the privilege to nominate two individuals to be included in the ballot. While students run as individuals, they are permitted to campaign collectively. It is crucial to note that students will be voted for ***individually***, regardless of their campaign strategies. Consequently, the possibility exists for multiple Homecoming Royalty winners, each representing different clubs or organizations.

Parade Participation:

Homecoming Royalty candidates are **REQUIRED** to actively participate in the Homecoming Parade, scheduled for the morning of November 9th, 2024. All nominees must be present in the parade and provide their own float/car for the parade. Your method of transportation will go from from the parade's starting point to the judges' table, where this year's Homecoming Royalty will be announced. After the crowning, candidates are free to join their respective groups/organizations in the parade.

Important Dates:

- Deadline for Homecoming Royalty Nominations: October 25, 2024 by 11:59 PM
- Mandatory Candidate Meeting: October 29, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the ASNMSU Office
- Homecoming Royalty voting begins: November 4, 2024 at 8:00 AM
- Homecoming Royalty voting ends: November 8, 2024 by 5:00 PM
- Mandatory parade appearance: The morning of Saturday, November 9, 2024

Voting Process:

Each student will have two votes that they can cast for any two individuals, irrespective of gender orientation, organization affiliation, or other considerations. The campaign and voting week will commence at 8:00 AM on November 4th, and conclude at 5:00 PM on November 8th. Candidates running for Homecoming Royalty are required to adhere to campaign rules outlined in the ASNMSU governing documents which are provided in this packet.

All student organizations are encouraged to nominate two members from their respective organizations, whom they believe not only strongly represent the ideals and principles of the organization, but also will serve as an exemplary and respectable part of NMSU Homecoming history for years to come. The nominees must have an academic standing of junior, senior, or graduate student, must be enrolled as a full time student, must have a cumulative grade point average of a 2.5 or above, and must be in good standing with the University and rules and policies set forth by their organization.

2-11-2 HOMECOMING ELECTION PROCEDURES

Candidates for Homecoming Royalty shall be bound to the Campaign Rules as established in Campaign Rules:

- A. Any violations concerning Homecoming Court Elections shall be referred to the ASNMSU Chief Elections Officer and Executive Director of Activities; and
- B. The top two (2) candidates who run shall be crowned Homecoming Royalty regardless of gender identity or organization affiliation; and
- C. To abide by gender-inclusive language, the ASNMSU Department of Activities must provide materials for everyone on the ballot with respect to their gender identity and royalty title, with the options of King, Queen, or Royalty to whoever is crowned Homecoming Royalty.

There will be a required meeting for all persons running in the Homecoming Royalty portion on **October 29, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the ASNMSU Office**. If you cannot attend this meeting, please reach out to asnmsua@nmsu.edu to schedule another between October 30, 2024 and November 1, 2024. You will be nominated by your respective organization and those nominations will be turned into the ASNMSU Department of Activities **Nominations will be due on October 25, 2024 by 11:59 pm to asnmsua@nmsu.edu**.

Campaigning will begin November 4th at 8:00 am. Any campaigning materials found by ASNMSU before this date will be removed and the candidate(s) will be disqualified. **All campaign material must be taken down by November 8th at 5:00 pm**. A \$50 fine will be charged to your organization for every piece of material found thereafter; sidewalk chalk excluded.

Taping flyers to the sidewalk, poles, and trees is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. Posters must be approved by building supervisors and all campaigning must be done in accordance with NMSU campus policies Which is outlined here: <https://arp.nmsu.edu/chapter-3/3-63.html> in Part 6, C.

Any campaign-related material not in good taste, especially in association with another candidate, will not be tolerated under any circumstances and will result in immediate disqualification, regardless if elections have started or not. Candidates are asked to adhere to the same rules as those who seek candidacy for regular ASNMSU elections (Chapter 2 of the ASNMSU bylaws.)

ASNMSU will not be allowed to sponsor a nominee for Homecoming Royalty. When polls close, no further votes will be accepted. All voting processes will take place online via Crimson Connection. Only main-campus NMSU students will be allowed to vote.

Homecoming Nomination Form

(All campus clubs and organizations are allowed TWO nominations)

Please email this filled out form before the nomination deadline to asnmsua@nmsu.edu,

Note: Each nominee will also have to sign the ASNMSU Qualifications Check Release Form

NMSU Campus Club or Organization:

Name of Student Nominee:

NMSU Aggie ID Number:

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ASNMSU QUALIFICATION CHECK RELEASE/AUTHORIZATION

ASNMSU Qualification Check Release and Authorization Form is due to the Chief Elections Officer, Deputy Chief Elections Officer, and Director of Activities (asnmsuceo@nmsu.edu, asnmsu_dceo@nmsu.edu, and asnmsua@nmsu.edu) by 5:00 PM on October 14, 2024.

By my signature below, I hereby authorize personnel in the offices of the Associated Students of New Mexico State University and the office of Conduct and Community Standards to verify and release the following information to the Chief Elections Officer and ASNMSU Advisor in accordance with the ASNMSU ByLaws:

1. Membership in ASNMSU (paid the ASNMSU fee)
2. Academic Standing
3. Disciplinary Standing
4. Cumulative Grade Point Average

The Chief Elections Officer, in conjunction with the ASNMSU Advisor, will prepare a list of candidates for office, including their qualifications for office, and provide the list and this Release Authorization form to the office of Conduct and Community Standards. The office of ASNMSU and Conduct and Community Standards shall notify the Chief Elections Officer of the status of the candidates seeking election and whether any candidate does not meet the qualifications of Homecoming Royalty.

Signature AND Printed Name

Aggie ID Number

Date Signed