

2023 KU Homecoming Packet



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For questions or concerns about Homecoming,
please contact the 2023 Homecoming Steering Committee at homecoming.ku@gmail.com.

Homecoming Save the Date



SAVE the DATE

Oct 23-28

HOMECOMING 2023

Return to the Nest for KU's 111th Homecoming! Enjoy a week of fun-filled festivities to celebrate the pride of being a Jayhawk!

The celebration concludes with the **KU vs. Oklahoma** game Saturday, **Oct. 28** | David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium

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We will continue to update the schedule as events are finalized

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Homecoming Theme

In 1956, KU introduced Homecoming themes. Themes are utilized to create a consistent concept to be used throughout Homecoming week on participating entries for events. The first official theme was "Songs of Victory." The theme is annually selected by the Homecoming Steering Committee, and the 2023 Homecoming theme is "**Rah Rah Jayhawk**" designed to celebrate the origin of the famous Rock Chalk chant and embody the Jayhawk traditions and spirit. In celebration of the 111th Homecoming at the University of Kansas and the 100th anniversary of the 1923 Jayhawk, the theme pays tribute to the long-lasting connections and achievements Jayhawks have made throughout KU's history.



Important Homecoming Dates

Date	Activity	Location	Time
Sept. 11 th	Ex.C.E.L., Alderdice & Spirit of 1912 Award applications open	Ex.C.E.L. Application Alderdice Application Spirit of 1912 Application	8:00 a.m.
Sept. 27 th	HC Student Information Session <i><u>Virtual & In-person Option Available</u></i> <i><u>(Students only, no RSVP required)</u></i>	Jayhawk Welcome Center, Summerfield Room (1266 Oread Ave., Lawrence, KS, 66045) HC Student Information Session Virtual Registration Link	6:00-7:00 p.m.
Oct. 6 th	Ex.C.E.L., Alderdice & Spirit of 1912 Award applications close	Ex.C.E.L. Application Alderdice Application Spirit of 1912 Application	8:00 a.m.
Oct. 9-13 th	Ex.C.E.L. & Alderdice Interviews	Details communicated to finalist only	n/a
Oct. 13 th	Homecoming Student Competition Sign-Up deadline	Homecoming Student Competition Sign-Up Link	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 18 th	Jayhawk Jingles submission dues	Submissions must be sent to Homecoming Steering Committee: homecoming.ku@gmail.com	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 18 th	Sign Competition submissions due	Submissions must be sent to Homecoming Steering Committee: homecoming.ku@gmail.com	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 19 th	Mandatory Jayhawk Jingles Rehearsal <i><u>(Required for all Jingle participants, must arrive by 6 pm)</u></i>	Kansas Memorial Union, Woodruff Auditorium (1301 Jayhawk Blvd, Lawrence, KS 66045)	6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
Oct. 23 rd	Sign Competition starts. <i><u>Virtual & In-person Voting Available</u></i>	Virtual voting will take place via Instagram: @kustudentalumni. Station #1: Central Bank of the Midwest Branch at the Kansas Memorial Union, 4 th floor. (1301 Jayhawk Blvd, Lawrence, KS 66045) Station #2: Jayhawk Welcome Center, Glorius to View, 2 nd floor. (1266 Oread Avenue, Lawrence, KS, 66045)	12 p.m.
Oct. 23 rd	Homecoming Kickoff	Jayhawk Welcome Center, Front Lawn & Lobby Patio (1266 Oread Avenue, Lawrence, KS, 66045)	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Oct. 24 th	Glowtopia	Jayhawk Welcome Center (1266 Oread Avenue, Lawrence, KS, 66045)	7:00-10:00 p.m.
Oct. 25 th	Chalk N'Rock	Wescoe Beach	10:00 a.m.-2 p.m.
Oct. 25 th	Hawktober Movie Night	Central Field, Stouffer Place Hall (1450 Jayhawk Blvd. Lawrence, KS, 66045)	6:30-11:00 p.m.
Oct. 26 th	Jayhawk Jingles <i><u>(Required for all Jingle participants, must arrive by 5:45 pm)</u></i>	Kansas Memorial Union, Woodruff Auditorium (1301 Jayhawk Blvd, Lawrence, KS 66045)	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Oct. 27 th	Sign Competition ends. <i><u>Virtual & In-person Voting Available</u></i>	Virtual voting will take place via Instagram: @kustudentalumni. Station #1: Central Bank of the Midwest Branch at the Kansas Memorial Union, 4 th floor. (1301 Jayhawk Blvd, Lawrence, KS 66045) Station #2: Jayhawk Welcome Center, Glorius to View, 2 nd floor. (1266 Oread Avenue, Lawrence, KS, 66045)	12 p.m.
Oct. 27 th	Home Football Friday: Homecoming Fest!	Jayhawk Welcome Center (1266 Oread Avenue, Lawrence, KS, 66045)	1:00-3:00 p.m.
Oct. 27 th	Rock Chalk Block Party	Mass Street & (10 th & 11 th)	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 28 th	KU vs. Oklahoma Football Game	David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium	TBA

Competition Format

Who Can Sign Up:

For Homecoming 2023, all student organizations will be able to sign up to participate in the week's activities. Using this [registration link](#), students can register by **October 13, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.** for individual events or for the overall competition. Individuals or groups wanting to create a chalk drawing for Chalk N' Rock, perform a talent at Jingles, or make a sign, but not compete in each event can sign up only for the events they are participating in. Groups that would like to be a part of the overall competition will sign up as a large group/organization (101-600 members) or a small group/organization (0-100 members). Partnering will be allowed for both small and large organizations, though there are guidelines for these partnerships below.

Partnering will be allowed 😊



Partnering Guidelines:

- € Organizations are welcome to partner with one other organization for the HC overall competition to form a Competition Group. Organizations must partner with another registered student organization at KU through Rock Chalk Central.
 - ⊘ Organizations are required to indicate whether they are a *Small Group* or *Large Group* when registering for the competition.
 - ⊘ Regardless if your organization is competing alone or with another organization, organization(s) within the Small Group Category **cannot exceed more than 100 members**, and organization(s) within the Large Group Category **must exceed 100 members, but not exceed 600 members**.
- € When awarding first, second, and third place, all organizations will receive a trophy or plaque in recognition of their achievements (including each organization within a Competition Group).
- € The cash prize awarded from first, second, and third place will be split amongst each organization within a Competition Group. If an organization is competing alone, they will receive the lump sum.

<u>Group Category</u>	<u>Numbers</u>
Small Group Category	0 – 100 members
Large Group Category	101 – 600 members

<u>Overall Competition Points System</u>				
<u>Competitive Events</u>	<u>1st Place*</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>	<u>Participation</u>
Chalk N' Rock	125	100	75	25
Jayhawk Jingles	150	125	100	See below
Hawktober Costume Contest	125	100	75	See below
Sign Competition	125	100	75	25
<u>Participation Events</u>				
Glowtopia	5 points per person attending. Maximum of 100 points per group**			
Jayhawk Jingles	50 points for each group who participates. 25 points for each group who participates as audience members during the whole event.			
Homecoming Kick-Off	5 points per person attending. Maximum of 100 points per group**			

Hawktober Movie Night	5 points per person attending. Maximum of 100 points per group** Additional 5 points per person participating in the costume contest.
Home Football Friday	5 points per person attending. Maximum of 100 points per group**
Maximum Points	
Max Participation	525 points for all participation points with no 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , place.
Max Total	1225 points for all participation points and achieving 1 st in all categories.

Prizes:

Overall:

- Large Group Competition:
 - 1st: \$500 Cash Prize and Plaque
 - 2nd: \$300 cash Prize and Plaque
 - 3rd: \$100 cash Prize and Plaque
- Small Group Competition:
 - 1st: \$500 Cash Prize and plaque
 - 2nd: \$300 Cash Prize and Plaque
 - 3rd: \$100 Cash Prize and Plaque

*In case of a tie for first place in the overall Homecoming competition, the organization with the most first-place wins in individual events will receive first place. Winners will be announced at halftime of the Homecoming football game on **Saturday, Oct. 28.**

Homecoming Kick-Off

Details:

Date: Monday, October 23rd

Time: 5:30 pm – 7 pm

Location: Jayhawk Welcome Center, Front Lawn & Lobby Patio (1266 Oread Avenue, Lawrence, KS, 66045)

Event Description: This event will serve as the official kick-off/pep rally for Homecoming 2023 which will serve as the first official event hosted by the KU Alumni Association to kick off the week of festivities. This event will be open to the KU and Lawrence communities and will provide attendees with a fun-filled environment to learn about homecoming events occurring this week, receive a special performance from the spirit squad, and will highlight a few VIP KU guests through an official interview capacity with kick-off hosts.

Partners:



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Questions: Contact Thanh Tan Nguyen at ngthanh@ku.edu.

Homecoming Sign Competition

Details:

Date: Monday, October 23rd -Friday, October 27th

Time Voting Begins: 12:00 p.m.

Time Voting Ends: 12:00 p.m.

Location: [*Virtual & In-person Voting Available*](#)

- Virtual voting will take place via Instagram: @kustudentalumni.
- In-person Voting Locations:
 - Station #1: Central Bank of the Midwest Branch at the Kansas Memorial Union, 4th floor. (1301 Jayhawk Blvd, Lawrence, KS 66045)
 - Station #2: Jayhawk Welcome Center, Glorious to View, 2nd floor (1266 Oread Avenue, Lawrence, KS, 66045)

Sign Submission Deadline: October 18th at 5:00 pm

Submissions must be sent to Homecoming Steering Committee: homecoming.ku@gmail.com

Sign-Competition Submissions must be sent using the following guidelines:

- Size: 18"x24"
- Print File: PNG or PDF
- Design: Must incorporate the 2023 HC theme, Rah Rah Jayhawk.

Event Description: The KU Homecoming Tradition of the Sign Competition will take place the week of Homecoming. The submissions will be open until October 18, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Voting will take place online via social media and there will be two voting stations located in the Kansas Memorial Union outside the Central Bank on the fourth floor and at the Jayhawk Welcome Center, Glorious to View area on the second floor for in-person voting.

When submitting, organizations must submit their sign of choice with the guidelines highlighted above via email to the Homecoming Steering Committee at homecoming.ku@gmail.com by 5:00 p.m. on October 18th to be considered for judging. Groups can exercise their creativity and work on as small or as large of a scale as they would like- posters, banners, social media graphics, or any other sort of creative sign celebrating Homecoming and the theme: *Rah Rah Jayhawk* will be accepted. Groups participating in the overall weekly competition will be judged in their categories using the rubric below. Winners will be announced via social media and score totals will be updated on the Homecoming website.

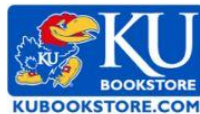
- Individual and small group acts can spend no more than \$200.
- Large group acts can spend no more than \$300.
- Submissions must be created for this competition and be original designs.
- No late submissions will be accepted.

Judging Rubric: Each group will be rated from 1-5 (1 being the lowest, 5 being the highest) in each category below:

- **Overall Effort:**
 - Does it appear as though the group took a substantial amount of time in preparation?
 - Does it look like the group put a lot of effort and thought into the project?
- **Overall Appearance:**
 - Does the entry have a neat or interesting appearance?
 - Does it look like they took time to figure out the design?
 - Does the photo show the sign including all the details?

- **Originality:**
 - Does it stand out? Is it clever?
 - Does it have a unique format that is different from the other entries?
- **Correspondence to Theme:**
 - Does it keep with the theme “Home on the Hill”?
 - Would you have been able to guess the theme from just seeing the entry?
- **Use of Color and Spirit:**
 - Can you tell the entry or project was done for KU Homecoming?
 - How does it incorporate KU spirit?

Sponsors:



Questions: Contact Andy Denekas at adenekas@ku.edu.

Glowtopia

Details:

Event Date: Tuesday, October 24th

Event Time: 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Event Location: Jayhawk Welcome Center (1266 Oread Avenue, Lawrence, KS, 66045).

Event Description: This event will serve as a social event for KU students and alumni to visit the Jayhawk Welcome Center and engage in various glow in the dark activities. This event will include activities such as but not limited to glow in the dark trivia, axe throwing, silent disco, mini golf, and so much more! Food, beverages and opportunities for participants to win Homecoming swag prizes as a perk for attendees. This event will be a part of the point system for groups to earn points as part of our Homecoming competition.



Partners:

Sponsors:



Questions: Contact Nana Amfo Sackey Jr at nanaamfojr@ku.edu.

Hawtober Movie Night

Details:

Date: Wednesday, October 25th

Time: 6:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Location: Central, Field, Stouffer Place Hall (1450 Jayhawk Blvd. Lawrence, KS, 66045).

Event Description: This event will serve as a social event for the KU and Lawrence communities to come together to watch a Halloween movie. There will be refreshments provided to enjoy while watching an outdoor movie on the field. Starting at 6:30pm, attendees can enjoy yard games and food with the actual movie starting around 7:30pm. After the movie, there will be a costume contest that is part of the point system for groups to earn points towards the Homecoming competition. All students are welcome to participate in the costume contest. Students that are not a part of the Homecoming competition will enter in for prizes, whereas students in the Homecoming competition will contest for points towards the overall competition.

Sponsors:



Questions: Contact Jess Mumm at jess.mumm@ku.edu.

Chalk 'N Rock

Details:

Date: October 25th, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Location: Wescoe Beach

Event Description: Chalk N' Rock is a signature Homecoming event that offers a sidewalk chalk competition that invites student organizations and individual students to engage in chalk drawing on Wescoe Beach as an engagement activity to display school KU spirit and Jayhawk pride by incorporating the annual Homecoming theme. Participating groups and individuals will be given a pre-assigned square on Wescoe Beach where they will have from 10 am to 2 pm to chalk a design following this year's theme, *Rah Rah Jayhawk*. Each group will be provided with the same amount of chalk which the Homecoming Steering Committee will provide to groups on the day of the event. Everyone participating will be judged according to the criteria below. Every group or individual is eligible to receive a superlative, and those competing in the week-long competition will receive bonus points for each superlative awarded. Fan Favorite voting will take place on social media. The following categories and criteria outlined are what competition participants will be evaluated based on as a reference.

Evaluation Categories:

- Incorporation of the Homecoming theme
- Incorporation of KU
- Quality of the work

- Creativity

Teams will receive points for First through Third place that will be added to their overall total at the end of the week.

Judging Criteria: Each group will be rated from 1-5 (1 being the lowest, 5 being the highest) in each category.

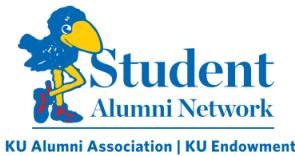
- **Overall Effort:**
 - Does it appear as though the group took a substantial amount of time in preparation?
 - Does it look like the group put a lot of effort and thought into the project?
- **Overall Appearance:**
 - Does the entry have a neat or interesting appearance?
 - Does it look like they took time to figure out the design?
- **Originality:**
 - Does it stand out? Is it clever?
 - Does it have an original appearance that is different from the other entries?
- **Correspondence to Theme:**
 - Does it keep with the theme “Rah Rah Jayhawk”?
 - How does it illustrate the theme?
 - Would you have been able to guess the theme from just seeing the entry?
- **Use of Color and Spirit:**
 - Can you tell the entry or project was done for KU Homecoming?
 - How does it incorporate the KU spirit?

Superlatives

- The best interpretation of the theme
- Best use of space
- Difficulty level
- Most spirited
- Best incorporation of an organization
- Fan Favorite

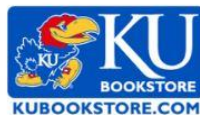


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Partners:

Sponsors:



Questions: Contact Nana Amfo Sackey Jr at nanaamfojr@ku.edu.

Jayhawk Jingles

Details:

Submission due: October 18th at 5 PM

- Submissions must be sent to the Homecoming Steering Committee at: homecoming.ku@gmail.com.

Rehearsal Date: Thursday, October 19th

Rehearsal Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Rehearsal Location: Kansas Memorial Union, Woodruff Auditorium (1301 Jayhawk Blvd, Lawrence, KS 66045)

Date: Thursday, October 26th

Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: Kansas Memorial Union, Woodruff Auditorium (1301 Jayhawk Blvd, Lawrence, KS 66045)

Event Description: Jayhawk Jingles is an annual KU tradition where groups create and perform skits that incorporate the overall homecoming theme and KU. These skits will be original performances that will be performed for a live audience the night of the show.

Performance Rules and Guidelines:

- Jayhawk Jingles is open to all KU students and organizations.
- All participants must be KU students.
- There are three categories for performances:
 - Individual acts
 - Small group acts
 - Large group acts (50+ members)

If your performance represents your organization, you will be judged in the category based on your organization's membership size, not the number of performers in the act

- Every performance must be appropriate for family viewing.
- Words and actions throughout the performance are to be appropriate.
 - If a performance is unsatisfactory, the performance will be:
 - Disqualified
 - Not be judged.
- The participation limit is 50 members of the organization.
- Individuals performing talent acts have a maximum time limit of 3 minutes.
- Small and Large group acts have a maximum time limit of 5 minutes.
- Each performance may use as many songs as you desire but cannot run over the maximum time limit.
- Musical tracks must be lyrical versions only.
 - Use of tracks containing words will result in a 10-point deduction.
- Acts cannot pay for assistance on their rehearsals, arrangements, coaching direction, composition, or performance writing. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. If two groups turn in similar performances, it shall be on a first come, first-serve basis as determined by the Homecoming Steering Committee.
- Budgets (money is not provided, but is the responsibility of those performing should they decide to spend money on supplies for performance)
 - Individual and small group acts can spend no more than \$200.
 - Large group acts can spend no more than \$300.
 - Copies of receipts used on supplies will be collected via email from groups by the HC Steering Committee

Judges:

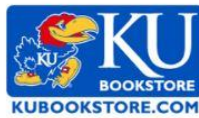
- The Homecoming Steering Committee will select judges.

- Judges will remain anonymous until the night of the performance.
- Every effort will be made to select impartial judges with no affiliation with the participating groups.
- Judges' decisions and accountants' tally announce will be final.
- They will not be subject to an appeal or available for review at any time.

Judging Criteria and Points:

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| ● Overall effect | 0-30 points |
| ● Preparedness and Organization | 0-20 points |
| ● Clearness and Volume | 0-20 points |
| ● Creative Use of Zoom Format | 0-20 points |
| ● Incorporation of Homecoming Theme | 0-10 points |

Sponsors:



Questions: Contact Jess Mum at jess.mumm@ku.edu.

Home Football Friday: Homecoming Edition

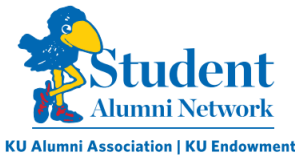
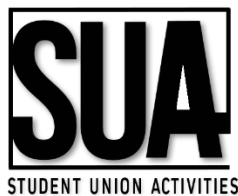
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Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Date: October 27th

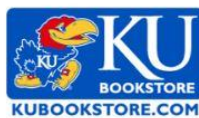
Location: Jayhawk Welcome Center (1266 Oread Avenue, Lawrence, KS, 66045)

Event Description: This event is tailored to students in an effort to celebrate the week's home football game. This event will provide students with free KU swag and connections to outside partners such as Truity Credit Union, Pickleman's, Josten's, and Student Union Activities while positioning students to participate in a safe and celebratory tailgate experience.



Partners:

Sponsors:





Questions: Contact Andy Denekas at adenekas@ku.edu.

Ex.C.E.L. Award

Excellence in Community, Education, and Leadership

Details:

Online application opens: September 11th at 8:00 am

Online application closes: October 6th at 8:00 am

Application: [Ex.C.E.L. Application](#)

Ex.C.E.L. Interviews: Week of Oct. 9-13th (Virtual)

Finalist notifications: October 16th by 5:00 pm

Finalist will be asked to attend the following events:

- Homecoming Kick-Off | Oct. 23 | 5:30-7 p.m., Jayhawk Welcome Center
- Homecoming Awards Banquet | Oct. 24 | 6-7:30 p.m., Jayhawk Welcome Center, The Pub & Bruckmiller
- Football Game: KU vs. Oklahoma | Oct. 28 | Time-TBD, David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium

Award Description: In conjunction with the Student Union Activities, the Student Involvement & Leadership Center, and the Board of Class Officers, the Homecoming Steering Committee will select and honor two KU students with the annual Ex.C.E.L. Award for Excellence Community, Education, and Leadership. These two students will be chosen based on their capacity for leadership, effective communication skills, involvement in the KU community, academic scholarship, and their ability to interact and work with a wide variety of students and organizations. The selected recipients of the Ex.C.E.L. Award will also each receive a cash gift from the Board of Class Officers and the KU Alumni Association. All applications will be screened, and finalists will be selected to interview with the Ex.C.E.L. Award Selection Committee, comprised of students, faculty, staff, and administrators from various University departments. The Ex.C.E.L. Award finalists are presented and recognized during Homecoming Week.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

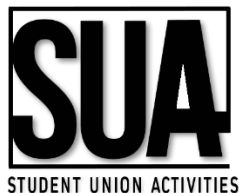
- Applicants must be enrolled as full-time University of Kansas undergraduate students during the 2023-2024 academic year and have a minimum of 60 total credit hours.
- Applicants must have maintained a cumulative GPA equal to or greater than 3.0.
- Applicants must submit an application, supply one reference, a personal statement, and a résumé or CV.
 - The reference form must be a KU faculty, staff, administrator, or representative of a community service agency.
- Past Ex.C.E.L. winners are not eligible to apply for the award.
- Winners are awarded a \$250 stipend, award plaque, and recognition at the Football games and throughout the HC week at various events.

Application Process:

Students interested in applying for the award must submit:

- [Online application](#)
- **Personal Statement**
- **Résumé/CV**
- **Name and contact information for one reference**

Interviews: Upon notification that a candidate is a finalist, interviews will take place during the week of **Oct. 2-6th**, in a hybrid format. Finalists will be required to participate in a 30-minute interview during this time.



Partners:



KONICA MINOLTA

Sponsor:

Questions: Contact Andy Denekas at adenekas@ku.edu.

Jennifer Alderdice Homecoming Award

Details:

- Online application opens: September 11th at 8:00 am
- Online application closes: October 6th at 8:00 am
- Application: [Alderdice Application](#)
- Alderdice Interviews: Week of Oct. 9-13th (Virtual)
- Finalist notifications: October 16th by 5:00 pm
- Finalist will be asked to attend the following events:
 - Homecoming Kick-Off | Oct. 23rd, 2023, | 5:30pm-7:00 pm, Jayhawk Welcome Center
 - Homecoming Awards Banquet | Oct. 24th, 2023, | 6:00 pm-7:30 pm, Jayhawk Welcome Center, The Pub & Bruckmiller
 - Football Game: KU vs. Oklahoma | Oct. 28th, 2023, TBA, David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium

Award Description: In her 13 years at the University of Kansas Alumni Association, Jennifer Alderdice motivated countless students to become involved and take pride in the University. As assistant vice president, she organized hundreds of events for the Student Alumni Association and the KU community. Jen's motivation and dedication to our university are inspiring, and those who possess her attributes should be recognized. The 2009 Homecoming Steering Committee created this award to honor Jen, a longtime Steering Committee advisor. Jen left the Alumni Association after she and her husband adopted a baby in 2009. The winner of the Jennifer Alderdice Homecoming Award will be selected based on outstanding dedication, initiative, motivation, positive attitude, and contributions to KU – in other words, the Jayhawk who best

emulates the qualities of Jen Alderdice. The winner will be recognized during Homecoming Week and will be selected by the Homecoming Steering Committee. Past recipients are listed online at homecoming.ku.edu.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

- Applicants must be a full-time sophomore or junior students with an overall grade-point average of 3.0 or higher.
- Applicants must be presently active in the KU community.
- Current members of the Homecoming Steering Committee are excluded from applying.
- Applicants must submit an essay.
- The committee will accept nominations as well as individual applications. If nominated, the nominee will need to fill out an application as well.

Application Process:

Students interested in applying for the award must submit:

- [Online application](#)
- **Personal Essay**



Sponsor: Jennifer Alderdice

Questions: Contact Andy Denekas at adenekas@ku.edu.

Spirit of 1912 Homecoming Award

Details:

- Online application opens: September 11th at 8:00 am
- Online application closes: October 6th at 8:00 am
- Application: Spirit of 1912 Application
- Winner notifications: October 9th by 5:00 pm

Award Description: The Student Alumni Network is pleased to recognize outstanding KU alumni each year during Homecoming. This award was created to acknowledge graduates of the University of Kansas who consistently display school spirit, pride, and tradition throughout their lives. The “Spirit of 1912” takes its name from two influences—the first Homecoming at KU was held in 1912, and the SAN logo uses the Henry Maloy Jayhawk drawn in 1912. The Student Alumni Network accepts nominations from staff and students each fall before Homecoming. The SAN members consider these nominations and vote for a recipient at a regular meeting. A graduate or married couple may be recognized. The award was created in 2007 to honor Judy and Rich Billings, both 1957 graduates, for their extraordinary commitment to attending 50 consecutive Homecoming weekends. Their dedication sets an inspiring example of dedication to KU pride and traditions.

Past Winners:

- Rich, c’57, and Judy Howard Billings, d’57 (Lakewood, Colo.)
- Margey Wallet Frederick, j’69, g’78, and the late Bob Frederick, d’62, g’64, EdD’84 (Lawrence)
- Amy Hurst, c’74 (Whitmore Lake, MI)

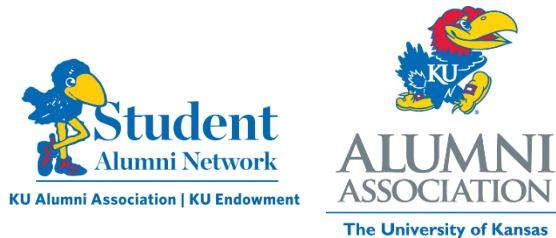
- Marching Jayhawks Alumni Band
- Topeka Corvette Club
- Scott Simpson, '89
- Joe, b'61, & Susan Morris
- Linda Ellis Sims, e'79
- Larry, c'73, and Nancy Stoppel, d'73
- Howard, b'79, and Debra Cohen, assoc.
- Warren, e'50, and Mary Corman, c'73, h'74d

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

- Must be an official graduate of KU.
- Must be a current member of the KU Alumni Association
- Display outstanding school spirit and pride while upholding tradition through involvement and leadership contributions to KU.

Application Process: Alumnus or nominators interested in applying for the award must submit an official application which includes the following:

- [Online Application](#)



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