

## Meet the 2022 Homecoming candidates

THE DAILY ATHENAEUM STAFF

West Virginia University announced the 2022 Homecoming Court on Monday, Oct. 17. This year, 10 candidates were selected and will compete for the title of Homecoming Royalty.

Voting is conducted through WVUEngage and will end at 7 p.m. on Wednesday,

Oct. 26. Students can vote using their laptops or mobile devices.

Each year, applications for royalty are based on campus leadership, involvement and a submitted essay from each candidate. Applicants are then reviewed by a team of judges, who select the final candidates for the court.

This marks the second year gender is not considered when selecting candidates.

The Homecoming Court will be featured in WVU's Homecoming Parade on Friday, Oct. 28. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. on High Street.

The Homecoming Royalty will be crowned during halftime at the WVU home football game against TCU on Saturday, Oct. 29.on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Homecoming Court candidate bios were provided by West Virginia University.

#### Raeanne Beckner.

a senior dual major in Iournalism and Multidisciplinary Studies from Bridgeport, West Virginia, serves as a student ambassador for the Reed College of Media and New Student Orientation Leader. She has



served in multiple roles with The Daily Athenaeum, including managing editor and culture editor. Beckner is also involved in Omega Phi Alpha and the West Virginia Innocence Project. She was selected as a Milan Puskar Leadership Scholar, Eberly College Scholar and has been on the President's List every semester. She is sponsored by the Professional Greek Council (PGC).

Lillian Bischof, a senior double major in Chemical Engineering and Finance from Wheeling, West Virginia, founding member of Women In Business and has served as President, Treasurer and Vice President of Professional Activities



ciety of Women Engineers (SWE), Global Business Brigades and Presidential Student Ambassadors. Bischof has served as Girl's STEM Day co-chair, undergraduate research assistant for the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering, Statler and Chambers college ambassador. She is a West Virginia University Foundation Scholar, Certified Student Leader, Beta Gamma Sigma National Honor Society Member and Tau Beta Pi National Honor Society member. She is sponsored by Women in Business.



The 2022 WVU homecoming court. Starting from left to right: Rylan Nemesh, Amaya Jernigan, Raeanne Beckner, Lauren Moore, Morgan Griffith, Paige McElroy, Lillian Bischof, Olivia Steeley and Sohan Daniel. Not pictured: Raafay Ugaily.

Sohan Daniel, a senior Sport & Exercise Psychology major from Chantilly, Virginia, is a NASPA Undergraduate Fellow and a recipient of the Emma G. Noe Scholarship. He has served the Student Government Associa-



ous roles including: senator, chief of staff, and treasurer. Daniel has been a New Student Orientation Leader, chair of the Wellness & Mental Health Advisory Board, intern for the WVU Alumni Association and a member of the South Asian Association. He is sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA).

Morgan Griffith,

a first-year graduate student in the Master of Science in Human Resource Management from Avon, Connecticut, serves as the current President of SHRM@WVU. Her involvement includes Kappa Kappa Gamma



Sorority, B&E Student Ambassador, Women in Business, Industrial Relations Student Association, Honors College, Order of Omega, Gamma Sigma Alpha and Phi Sigma Theta. Griffith was also selected to be an Honors Foundations Scholar, 3rd Place Winner at annual People's Bank Case Competition and recipient of the Blue & Gold Scholarship. She is sponsored by SHRM@WVU.

Amaya Jernigan, a senior Biology major and Addiction Studies minor from Waldorf, Maryland, is the immediate past Student Body President. She serves as the current president of Black Student Union. Her involvement included being a senator of the Student Government Association, chapter president of

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Eta Omicron Chapter, WVU collegiate chapter of the NAACP vice president, and the community service chair of Minorities Aspiring Pre- Health. Jernigan is also the recipient of the Greek Community Pilar, Gamma Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Phenomenal Women award, Rising Star of the year award and was the first Black women student body president for the 2021-2022 school term. She is sponsored by Black Student Union.

Paige McElroy, a se nior Advertising and Public Relations major from Miamisburg, Ohio, serves as the President of the WVU Panhellenic Association, Vice President of the 168 Society, Marketing & Communications Coordinator for WVUGo Adventure WV and Campus Recreation, a Student



Ambassador for the Reed College of Media and Assistant Director of Marketing for WVU Hockey. She is also involved in Alpha Xi Delta, Martin Hall Agency and the Honors Foundations Program while previously serving as a WVU Campus Tour Leader, Mountaineer Guide for WVU Football and Social Media Content Creator for WVU Football. McElroy is the recipient of the WV PRSA Crystal Award for Research. She is sponsored by WVU Panhellenic Association.

first-year graduate student in Business Data Analytics from West

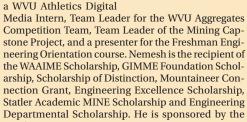
Milford, West Virginia, serves as the Student Chair and License of TEDxWVU. Her involvement includes West Virginia University Marketing Am-



bassador, Student Government Association, Women in Business, Phi Beta Lambda and Mon Hills Recording Studios. Moore, a 2022 Summa Cum Laude graduate, is a recipient of the 2022 WVU Foundation Outstanding Senior Award. She is sponsored by TEDxWVU.

Rylan Nemesh, a senior Mining Engineering major from Allentown, Pennsylvania, serves as Vice President of the Men's Volleyball Club while also involved in the WVU Photography Club and Student Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration. He is currently

Men's Volleyball Club.



Olivia Steeley, a senior Nursing major from Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Steeley served as Founding President of Changing Health Attitudes and Actions to Recreate Girls (CHAARG) for two years while also involved in Alpha

Xi Delta, Student Nurses Association, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Honors Foundation Program and Honors Hall Council. She is the recipient of the Rotary Club of Greensburg's Scholastic Achievement Award, CASA Westmoreland's Youth Leadership Award and the Tribune-Review's Outstanding Young Citizen Award. She is sponsored by CHAARG



Raafay Uqaily, a senior Biomedical Engineering major from Morgantown, West Virginia, serves as the President of the Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) and a Senator At-Large within the Student Government Association (SGA). He is also involved as Recording Secretary for Tau Beta



Pi, STEM Editor for the Mountaineer Undergraduate Research Review (MURR), Research Coordinator for the Emergency Medicine Research Division, Chief Engineer for his Senior Design, Math Tutor for the AeSC, Counselor for Camp Kesem, Research Intern at the Heart and Vascular Institute (HVI) and an Ambassador for the Statler College. He is the recipient of the Engineering Excellence Level 1 and the WVU Scholarship of Distinction. He is sponsored by Tau Beta Pi.

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## **Honky Tonk Homecoming: WVU faculty** vote Team Nashville banner as winner

ASSISTANT CULTURE EDITOR

Homecoming banners dropped Sunday night as part of a decades-long Greek Life tradition at West Virginia University. The event marks the beginning of homecoming week each year.

This year's theme was "Road Trip to Homecoming." Each team created a banner based on their assigned popular city, making sure to capture the unique characteristics of their city, including the Greek letter of the team.

Judges took to a Google Form Monday afternoon to find a Banner Drop winner. Each banner was judged on

ship, adherence to directions and visual appeal.

With a total of 53 votes from WVU faculty and staff, Team Nashville was announced as the winner Monday night by the WVU Panhellenic Association Instagram page. Team New Orleans won second, Team New York City third and Team Dallas fourth.

The WVU Panhellenic Association is hosting a Fan Favorite Banner Competition on its Instagram page @wvupanhellenic now until Thursday, Oct. 27 at midnight. One "like" on a Banner Drop picture equals one vote for that team's banner.

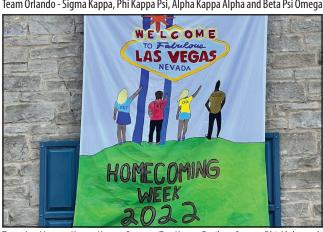
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Team New York - Alpha Omicron Pi, Sigma Alpha Mu, Phi Sigma Pi and Pi Lambda Phi. This banner won third place in the faculty and staff vote.





Team Las Vegas - Kappa Kappa Gamma, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Omega Phi Alpha and Alnha Phi Alnha

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Team Nashville - Chi Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Alpha Iota and Alpha Omega Epsilon. This banner took first place in the faculty and staff vote.



Team Washington - Alpha Xi Delta, Phi Sigma Phi, Alpha Phi Omega and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

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Team New Orleans - Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Alpha, Alpha Gamma Rho, Pi Kappa Alpha



Team Dallas - Alpha Phi, Pi Kappa Phi, Zeta Phi Beta and Sigma Phi Delta.



Team Los Angeles - Alpha Epsilon Pi, Sigma Nu, Delta Gamma and Alpha Kappa Psi,



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# 'It's who we are': Former Mountaineers to return home for WVU's largest-ever mascot reunion

BY LARA BONATESTA

CUITURE EDITOR

From his tenure as WVU's 2002 and 2003 Mountaineer mascot, Trey Hinrich's proudest memory was visiting a juvenile prison in Salem, West Virginia.

Upon arriving, he met a group of kids, who were reluctant to speak but after finally breaking the ice, he shared a piece of encouragement.

"I said, 'You're all here for various reasons and I don't know what the reason is, but don't let that reason, don't let that sentence define you as a person. Let this be an opportunity. So that you say, 'That was my past, I'm gonna learn from it and that's not who I am. It's not who I want to be,"" he said.

Later one of the kids approached him and said, "Thank you so much. No one's ever come to talk to us. No one's ever encouraged us like this and this really means a whole lot."

It's stories like these that former Mountaineers such as Hinrichs will get to share with one another at the 2022 Mountaineer Mascot Reunion.

"One of the great things about it is I get to catch up with the old guys, but also I get to

talk to the newer Mountaineers, most of which I haven't had a whole lot of time to sit and talk with," Brady Campbell, Charleston city councilman and WVU's 2006 and 2007 Mountaineer said.

For Hinrichs, who now lives in St. Augustine, Florida, opportunities to come home are

"It's been hard to come home but it's like I've looked and watched WVU grow from afar and been a big fan everywhere we've gone so like I said, it's really exciting to come home." he said.

This year's reunion will be the largest mascot reunion to date with over 20 Mountaineers returning, Sonja Wilson, the reunion organizer and senior advisor of the Mountaineer Mascot Program, said.

"I'm just really excited," she said. "I think the Mountaineers are very excited about coming back and getting together. It's like a fraternity, they just can't wait to see everyone."

Wilson organized the first mascot reunion in 1992. Over the past three decades, the event has been held every five years, with this year being the seventh gathering.

The three-day reunion will kick off Thursday, Oct. 27, with the Mountaineer Mas-



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Former Mountaineer mascots pose for a photo at 2012 mascot reunion.

cot Blood Drive in the Alumni Center Nutting Gallery from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone who wants to donate should email Wilson at Sonja.Wilson@mail.wyu.edu to register.

Later that day, the Mountaineer Mascot Program and Mountain Honorary will present a fireside chat event at 7 p.m. in Salon A of the Alumni Center featuring mascots Robert Richardson, Natalie Tennant, Jonathan Kimble, Michael Garcia and Mary Roush.

All other former mascots in attendance will be high-

lighted at the event and audience members will be able to ask questions.

The mascots will also march in Friday's Homecoming Parade and appear on Mountaineer Field during the halftime presentation of the Homecoming Court at Saturday's home football game.

"We love being on the field. We love running across the field. And we love being there to support whoever the Mountaineer is," Natalie Tennant, former West Virginia Secretary of State and WVU's 1990

Mountaineer, said.

Tennant paved the way for future female Mountaineers attending a number of public engagements as the first woman to ever hold the coveted position. When she took on the role she faced major resistance but said her experiences shaped her future career as a television reporter and a politician.

"I can remember running for Secretary of State the first time and someone said, 'Do you think she's got thick enough skin for politics?' And I'm like, 'Yeah, as a 22-year-old kid I had things thrown at me and I was spit at... So yeah, I'm pretty tough at politics."

The thing that brings the mascots back every five years, however, goes beyond professional success.

"It's just who I am and I think all the other Mountaineers feel the same way too. It's who we are. We're proud of what we did. We would love to do it again any moment. And it's, I just respect it so much that of course, I'm going to come back and show the respect for it," Tennant said.

Tennant still treasures her time as the Mountaineer and years later, she said she still comes to the mascot reunions to show support for the incumbent Mountaineer.

"I also think about Mary a lot. I think she's done a fantastic job. She has to be a lot of different places. Because I think it's gradually, the Mountaineer has become more requested at things. And I think that, thank goodness, they said those things to me. Thank goodness, they wrote those things about me because they're not doing it about her now."

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## Mountaineer mascot competes for national awards, find out how to vote

BY LARA BONATESTA

CULTURE EDITOR

West Virginia University's Mountaineer mascot is competing in the inaugural National Mascot Hall of Fame awards for the titles of "College Mascot Greatest Community Impact" and "Best College Live Human Program."

"Our Mountaineer is one like none other because across the country most of the mascots are characters and they don't speak and you don't see their face," Sonja Wilson, senior advisor of the Mountaineer Mascot Program, said.

This is the first time the Mascot Hall of Fame is host-

ing these awards. The contest allows major league, minor league, collegiate, high school, corporate and independent mascots to compete against other mascots of the same level.

The Mountaineer is competing against Auburn University's Aubie the Tiger, Valparaiso University's Beacon and Blaze, Ohio State University's Brutus the Buckeye, James Madison University's Duke Dog, UNC Wilmington's Sammy C. Hawk and University of Tennessee's Smokey for the greatest college community impact award.

For the best live human program, WVU's mascot is

facing Stephen F. Austin State University's Lumberjack and the University of Notre Dame's Leprechaun.

In order to compete for these awards, the Mountaineer was selected by the Mascot Hall of Fame Executive Committee.

Voting opened Wednesday, Oct.19, and will remain open until Saturday, Nov. 12.

Anyone can vote online for their favorite mascots in each category and level. Each person can only vote once per day by entering their name and valid email address. Winners will be named based 100% on public voting.

The award winners will be

announced Saturday, Nov. 19 during a livestream event from the Mascot Hall of Fame in Whiting, Indiana. Each winner will be presented with a "Golden Reggy," a trophy statue of the Mascot Hall of Fame's official mascot.

"Our Mountaineer has a face, they have a personality, and they go to everything they are, and they not only represent sporting events, but they represent our college and our state," Wilson said. "Our Mountaineer stands for the strength and courage that all West Virginians have."

To find more information or to vote visit the National Mascot Hall of Fame website.

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## Hospital workers tell fans to put a lid on Blue Lot trash

BY SAVANNAH JONES

CORRESPONDENT

WVU football is still in full swing, and some hospital employees say they are sick of the "trashy" disrespect being left behind after singing "Country Roads."

Describing the Blue Lot, a prime tailgating spot at WVU, as "mass destruction" after a game, Ruby Memorial nurse Melissa Taylor said she is not impressed.

<sup>a</sup>I think as a community it looks bad," Taylor said. "I appreciate, you know, how much revenue the games bring in, and I appreciate what it does for the school, but I just think we could do better ... I do not understand why there's so much trash on the ground."

The Blue Lot is known for the trash left behind after hours of tailgating, and a particularly large amount was left after WVU was taken down by Kansas at the home opener this year.

After the game, @dartywvu and @wvubarstool posted a photo on Instagram of the lot covered in trash, saying it was a "perfect metaphor for the current state of our football team".

Although the behavior was meant to stick it to head coach Neal Brown after the loss, two employees at Ruby Memorial said they were offended by the mess.

"In general, I think [patients] enjoy the fanfare," Taylor said. "But when it's over, it's just terrible."

Taylor said large street sweepers pick up the trash after each home game.

Milan Puskar Stadium opened in 1980, followed by Ruby Memorial Hospital in 1988, so the lot is not rightfully owned by the hospital, according to Shauna Johnson, director of news communications.

"[The lot] is leased to the hospital with the understanding that, on home football game days, the lot is controlled by WVU Athletics," Johnson said in an email, noting that any disruption is "minimal."

Although the hospital has full control of the lot every day other than the five to six home game days a year, those days are still a hassle, according to Megan Boyce, a patient monitor technician at Ruby Memorial.

On game days, the hos-

pital's main parking is completely shut down, leaving only one off-site lot available for employees, according to Boyce. She said that the off-site lot requires employees to arrive up to an hour early to shuttle to the hospital, and that this inconvenience often

affects the staff in more ways than one.

"Staffing is already shorter on game days, and you have a lot more call offs because people don't want to have to deal with the traffic," Boyce said.

Boyce said many patients are inconvenienced on game day as well.

"Patients definitely feel it because there are separate entrances that the visitors now have to go through," Boyce said. "They have to jump through all these hoops just to be able to come see their family members on game days."

Taylor claimed the doors to alternate entrances also have to be shut and locked on game days to avoid attendees from overcrowding the hospital facilities.

"I don't even know where a patient gets in," Taylor said. "[Employees] have to go through back ways with our badge."

The contractual agreement between the University and the hospital prevents many of these inconveniences from being solvable.

"I love the pride for the Mountaineers and for their team. I just don't understand the garbage," Taylor said. "I get it. I went to WVU, but can we just behave better?"

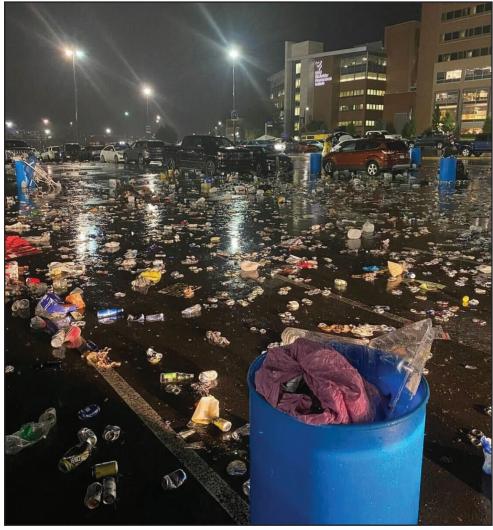


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WVU's Blue Lot after the first home football game on Sept. 10, 2022.

### Student Life hosts panel about upcoming reunion, changes at WVU

BY ASHLEY CUMPSTON

CORRESPONDENT

The spectacular views and beautiful spots in Morgantown have stayed the same over the years while student life has changed greatly, Corey Farris, WVU alum and Dean of Students said Monday.

Farris discussed the changes in student life with Kevin Berry, WVU Vice President of Alumni Relations, during a virtual livestream as part of the University's Homecoming on Monday.

Farris, who graduated from WVU in 1981, started the event by briefly sharing stories that ranged from women in sports, women in marching band, Morgantown's architecture, the club district and the beginning of U-92, the campus radio station.

During the inaugural Welcome Week at WVU in the 1990's, the only entertainment for students were performances from three to four bands and food advertised as part of what was then Fall Fest. Since then, WVU has added many more activities.

These include job and student organization fairs, freshman major-orientation where students have the opportunity to meet their academic deans and advisors, and a movie fest.

"About five or six years ago, we reimagined Welcome Week," said Farris. "We have a movie fest at our coliseum that we show a popular movie that our students select. We do some online social media polling to figure out what movies they want to watch."

According to Farris, Monday Night Lights and Fall Fest are "the two big signature events" that have always occurred during Welcome Week.

Farris explained newer programs, like Adventure West Virginia and facilities like the Student Rec Center, which opened in 2001, are "ways to connect our students to our campus".

"We've got some incredible facilities for our students to have some great out-of-class-room experiences. We often talk about 168 hours that are in a week. I often will say students are in class for 18 hours. So what are they doing for those other 150 hours?" Farris said.

During the virtual event, participants were welcomed to ask questions which prompted curiosity about topics like new additions to campus such as Reynolds Hall, homecoming traditions and the hot spots on campus.

The panel also discussed how Greek life and student life have changed overtime.

"I think [Greek life] is different and the risks are different today than they were some years ago, or maybe we're paying closer attention to the risks today than years ago," said Farris. "But, the fundamentals of why fraternities and sororities were started from leadership development, to camaraderie, to building those networks for future jobs and friendshipsall those are relevant today as they were 50 years ago."

There were also live concerts held at the coliseum several years ago; however, Farris attributes the decrease in concert events now to modern technology.

"Students consume music differently, because now it's whatever interests you and you can find the Youtube channel, music channel, or Spotify to listen to that music," Farris said.

As homecoming continues, 50-year WVU alumni are welcomed back to campus with the Graduate Emeritus Reunion.

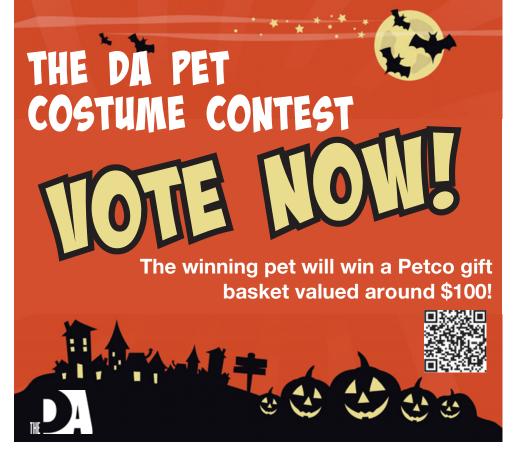
"It's always exciting for them [alumni] to see the progress that's been made at WVU since they graduated," Berry said.

Farris reflected on his time

as a student at WVU over 30 years ago, mentioning all the experiences, passion and purpose the University has given him.

"Once you see that beacon

of gold over the Coliseum, once you're coming up 79, you know you're home, and it just makes your heart sing when you see that," said Farris.



## **OPINION**

## Why students should care about Homecoming

BY RAEANNE BECKNER

MANAGING EDITOR AND 2022 HOMECOMING ROYALTY CANDIDATE

Homecoming is not just for alumni. A common misconception is that the week of events is only for those coming back to visit, which is simply not true.

There are numerous events that are available to students and faculty alike. From free giveaways to games and advice, there is something for everyone that currently attends school at WVU or finds themselves on campus this week.

Walking through the downtown campus throughout these seven days, you can see everything from the Greeks playing musical yoga mats on the Mountainlair Green to the Mountaineer Mascot handing out pepperoni rolls in front of the Mountainlair with the

alumni truck

Students, faculty and anyone else passing through campus should take advantage of this. Who doesn't like free things?

Moreover, Homecoming is about unity. Unity among students, among alumni and among Mountaineers.

There are many examples of this that take place throughout Homecoming week.

What shows such unity more than the Mountaineer Mascot reunion?

The Homecoming parade, which takes place on Friday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m. on High St., is something else that is a great example.

The parade features alumni, Greek Life, student organizations, the Homecoming Court and so many others. It is a perfect example of how Homecoming unites the Mountaineer community because it features Mountaineers from all walks of life.

Another example can be found in the tailgating that happens before the football game. Mountaineers come from near and far to spend time in the Blue Lot before the game takes place.

If you walk through the rows of cars, you can find current students, alumni who have come to visit or even friends and family who want to join in on the Mountaineer spirit.

Being on the Homecoming Court, I can say I have seen perhaps the biggest example of Mountaineer unity. Although it is technically a competition to win the title of "Royalty," everyone has been incredibly supportive of each other.

From sharing snacks and tape, to wearing each other's buttons, even dancing with each other and watching each other's belongings, I can say my experience with other candidates has been nothing but supportive, which is my favorite aspect of being a Mountaineer.

Students are able to vote for Homecoming Royalty on WVU Engage, which is another way they can be involved during Homecoming week.

Each candidate will walk on the field during halftime at the game this weekend. The Royalty winners will be announced at that time.

At the end of the day, Homecoming is about tradition and making memories. Whether you are a student making memories on this campus for the first time or an alumni coming back to reminisce and make more, Homecoming is a time to celebrate being a Mountaineer.



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Raeanne Beckner, a WVU Homecoming Royalty candidate.

## FOOD REVIEW | Linsan Soul Food: A meal to heal the soul

BY MADELINE HARRIS

FOOD CRITIC

With plenty of shops, entertainment and, best of all, so many great food options, High St. is one of the main attractions near WVU's campus for students to enjoy. Some of the most popular options downtown offer sandwiches, ice cream, fries and cookies, but there is one restaurant that sells food found nowhere else in Morgantown.

Welcome to Linsan Soul Food, which is located at 330 High St. and is less than a mile walk from WVU's downtown campus. This is a fairly new restaurant here in Morgantown, and I had not heard much about it before visiting.

Linsan is best known for its soul food, which is a traditional African-American southern style of cuisine. Popular entrees include foods such as fried chicken, salmon, shrimp and steak.

This restaurant is open every day of the week but Monday, with hours ranging from noon to 10 p.m. on weekdays, and noon to 11 p.m. on weekends.

My friend Bridget and I visited Linsan on Sunday evening for dinner. When I first entered the restaurant, I was immediately reminded of a theater since the black walls were adorned with red curtains and gold accents.

Linsan also has a photo booth that customers are encouraged to try out, which contributes to the very comforting atmosphere for a first impression.

As we walked up to the counter, we were warmly greeted by the hostess and informed that Linsan is paperless, and the menu can be accessed through a QR code located on each table. We got to pick our own booth, so we sat down and began to analyze the menu.

When it was time to order drinks, we went with a unique choice: homemade kool-aid!

The hostess sold us on the recipe, filled with blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, lemon and what tasted to me like pineapple.

I was very intrigued by this recipe and was pleasantly surprised by the wonderful way the variety of fruits blended together with just the right amount of sweetness. Not to mention, we were given the kool-aid in the biggest cups I have ever seen at a restaurant — not that I am complaining.

Deciding what to order took some time; there are so many good options. After careful consideration, I ended up going with the steak sandwich with provolone and mozzarella with red onions, mushrooms, tomatoes and lettuce. I got my steak cooked medium rare. Bridget decided on fried salmon with sides of garlic mashed potatoes and macaroni and cheese.

The environment of the restaurant was very welcoming. Our hostess Cynthea was amazing and made sure we had everything we needed and more. The music was very calm and soothing, a relaxing atmosphere away from the outside world.

When our food came out,



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A steak sandwich from Linsan with provolone, mozzarella, red onions, mushrooms, tomatoes and lettuce

Bridget and I knew it was going to be a good meal just by the looks of it. Bridget described her meal as "looking like a home cooked meal, cooked by somebody's mom just for her." I couldn't agree more.

My steak was delicious, perfectly cooked and seasoned wonderfully, with the cheese melted just right all over the steak. The sandwich was packed full of goodness, causing it to be very hard to pick up, so I would recommend a fork and knife.

The fries, however, were without a doubt my favorite part of the meal. The seasoning on the fries was absolutely phenomenal. When I told Cynthea this, she laughed and said that is what all the guests rave about to her.

Bridget was also very fond of her meal — her favorite part was definitely the garlic mashed potatoes. She said

they were some of the best she has ever had.

When we were finished eating, we were instantly able to pay with a card reader brought to the table. After Cynthea noticed we were students, she informed us that Linsan is going to start instating student discounts, since they understand the struggles of being a college student.

Besides the wonderful food, Linsan will also be hosting events at the restaurant in the future, such as providing meals for unhoused individuals on Thanksgiving and doing a toy drive around the holiday season.

I encourage everyone to be on the lookout for these events in the future.

Overall, my experience at Linsan was highly enjoyable: a welcoming atmosphere, delicious food, and employees that are trying to make a difference in their community.



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Linsan is a soul food restaurant in Morgantown, established in 2021.



PHOTO COURTESY MADELINE HARRI

The interior of Linsan, decorated with red curtains and gold accents.

# **Q&A: WVU Alumni Association** reflects on homecoming traditions

BY LARA BONATESTA

CUITURE EDITOR

Kevin Berry, WVU's vice president for alumni relations and CEO of the Alumni Association, is a two-time WVU alumnus who has spent over 25 years at the University.

Since his time as a student, Berry has attended the WVU homecoming celebration every year, with the exception of the 2020 pandemic pause. Now he's working to expand opportunities for both the current student body and alumni to get involved in Homecoming through spirit truck stops, giveaways, postcards and more.

Berry spoke with the Daily Athenaeum to share his favorite memories and traditions.

The following interview has been edited for length and clarity.

## The Daily Athenaeum: What are your favorite homecoming traditions?

Berry: The parade is one of my favorite traditions. If we win the game singing "Country Roads" afterwards, certainly. The Mantrip, that's an absolutely great experience.

A few traditions that I remember growing up, I remember my mother, who would always get a homecoming mum, and that was always a great memory.

And then there used to be a balloon release. We don't do that anymore. But I can remember as a young child being so excited about getting a balloon, and when the team would come running out, releasing the balloon with thousands of other people doing the same thing.

#### DA: When were the mums handed out?

Berry: They would be available as you arrived, typically to tailgate, during the football game. I grew up in Charleston and so what we would do is get up first thing in the morning and drive to Morgantown so that we could participate in tailgates and then go to the game. But I remember, specifically, literally, as soon as we would arrive, trying to find the first place that we could pick out that perfect mum, for my mother.

#### DA: What did you like about that tradition?

**Berry:** First of all, if you've seen a mum, it's a beautiful fall flower. I mean, it's just vibrant, it's gold, it matches the golden blue of West Virginia University.

And just seeing people walking around with them



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WVU's Chris Potts (32) makes a block in the 1971 homecoming football game at Mountaineer Field in Morgantown, West Virginia.

on, it was just so regal. And it was a really, really neat tradition. And it's my understanding that it was a student organization that would sell those as a fundraiser.

We're making an effort to try to expand Homecoming here at West Virginia University. It's now a week-long activity. We're looking for opportunities to create new traditions. So one of the things that we're exploring is the possibility of bringing back homecoming mums or another tradition similar to that.

## DA: What other traditions have you expanded in recent years?

Berry: A couple of the new traditions that I'm particularly excited about. First of all, there's going to be a mascot reunion. More than 20 former mascots are going to come back to campus.

There's a variety of activities that are going to be taking place but one of the ones that I think is going to be particularly neat is there's going to be a fireside chat. It's going to be here at the Erickson Alumni Center and the former mascots are going to talk about their experience in the buckskins

They're going to talk about the impact it had on their student life as well as life after and just what it means to be our iconic mascot.

A couple of other new traditions, we're going to do a photo tour so people can come back to campus. And they can revisit some of their



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1975 Homecoming Queen candidates pose for a photo ahead of homecoming festivities.

favorite places on campus and take pictures there.

We have a then-and-now tour, virtual opportunities that we can kind of talk about the history and traditions. So there's a variety of things that we're going to be doing this year that are brand new things that we're excited for our alumni to experience.

DA: What do you think makes Homecoming so

#### special

Berry: It's an opportunity to celebrate the history and traditions of WVU. It's a chance for our alumni to come back and re-experience what it's like being a student, to reconnect with friends and with classmates.

I tell people all the time, if you're somebody who loves WVU, homecoming is the place to be next weekend.

# Spooky things to do in Morgantown this weekend

BY LARA BONATESTA

**CULTURE EDITOR** 

For the first time since 2003, WVU's Homecoming game and parade will fall on the weekend closest to Halloween. This means that in addition to being able to attend homecoming festivities, anyone looking to get in the holiday spirit will be able to find options within walking distance or a short drive away from campus.

See the following spooky suggestions for things to do in Morgantown this weekend.

#### The Media's Not Dead Halloween Bash - Thursday, Oct. 27

Come to the Area 13 parking lot located at The Daily Athenaeum Building at 284 Prospect Street from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday night to celebrate Halloween with the DA, U92 The Moose and Prospect & Price Creative.

The free event will feature music from U92's DJs, a costume contest, various games and a visit from the Mountaineer. The first 50 people to arrive will receive a free meal.

More information is available at www.thedaon-line.com/area13/.

Howl-O-Ween
Doggie Trick or
Treat Friday, Oct. 28

Visit the West
Virginia Botanic
Garden at Tibbs Run Preserve on Friday night from
4 to 6:30 p.m. for the HowlO-Ween Doggie Trick or
Treat. Vendors will be handing out dog treats along the
Reservoir Loop Trail, and
there will be a contest for

the best-dressed dog.

Owners should only bring well-behaved dogs and all dogs must be kept on a leash and cleaned up after.

The West Virginia Botanic Garden is located at 1061 Tyrone Road in Morgantown. More information including how to reserve tickets is available online on the West Virginia Botanic Garden's website.

#### MBC x Keep On Creepin On Halloween Party - Saturday, Oct.

Head to Morgantown Brewing Company on Saturday night from 4 to 9:30 p.m. for a Halloween party with West Virginia based artist, Keep on Creepin on.

Admission is free and the event will include Halloween cocktail specials, games, exclusive merch, a costume contest and more.

More information is available on Morgantown Brewing Company's Facebook and Instagram pages.

#### Morgantown's Halloween Punk Rock Bash Number 6 -Saturday, Oct.29

Go to 123 Pleasant Street Saturday night to hear live music at the venue's punk rock Halloween celebration. The show will feature music from The Renfields, The Jasons, Ghost Road and Kelsey Badgrammer.

There will be a \$10 cover, doors will open at 8 p.m. and the show will start at 9 p.m. The link to purchase tickets can be found at www.123pleasantstreet.com.



## WVU coaches 2022 Homecoming Court

BY EMMA SCOTT

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In honor of the 2022 Home-coming Court, The Daily Athenaeum sports staff has decided to make its own court selection of WVU coaches. Each candidate is an active coach this season or will be soon

These coaches have made an impact on WVU fall sports and have become popular campus figures for a combination of good and bad reasons. Both old and new coaches can be found on the court.

From new faces to coaches with years of winning tradition to tenured and proven winners on the WVU sports staff, this list of coaches is who

the DA staff believes deserve a spot on the 2022 Homecoming Court.

Now introducing your court, head women's soccer coach Nikki Izzo-Brown, head football coach Neal Brown, head men's basketball coach Bob Huggins, head women's basketball coach Dawn Plitzuweit and head men's soccer Dan Stratford.

#### Head men's soccer coach Dan Stratford

The men's soccer coach may be new to the program; however, he has truly made an impact for team already. He played for the Mountaineers back in 2004-2007 and was an assistant coach before two national championship teams at the University of Charleston.

After a few years coaching in Charleston, West Virginia, he came back to Morgantown and took on the role as the head coach of the Mountaineers.

Since then, the team has been on the rise, with Stratford leading the team to the NCAA Quarterfinal for the first time since 1981 last season. Stratford has only been here for three years, and the program has seen quite a bit of success under his tenure.



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Jan. 25, 2020. Men's soccer head coach Dan Stratford speaks at his introductory press conference.

#### Head women's basketball coach Dawn Plitzuweit

The new women's basketball coach Dawn Plitzuweit may be in her first season this fall, but she has got some big plans for the team. Not only is she one of two female head coaches alongside Izzo-Brown, but she is the sixth ever women's basketball coach at WVU.

Although her coaching career at West Virginia is just starting, Plitzuweit coached the Coyotes to a record of 158-36 in six seasons in South Dakota. She has been a women's basketball coach for 15 seasons, giving her a career record of 346-129.

Alongside her winning record, she also had 14 individual winning seasons, with three regular-season championships and four NCAA tournament appearances at South Dakota.



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New Women's Basketball head coach Dawn Plitzuweit is formally introduced during a press conference at the Coliseum Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Fans, media and WVU staff were on hand to welcome the new coach.

#### **Head basketball coach Bob Huggins**

The men's basketball coach, Bob Huggins has 916 wins underneath his belt here at WVU. While at the University, he has led 34 out of his 40 seasons to the postseason.

Huggins has also recently been inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, having the fourth most wins among other Division I head coaches.

Huggins has led this basketball team to a lot of success. Currently, he's under under contract with WVU until 2027. Under his coaching, the team has averaged 23.3 wins a season and has made 25 NCAA tournament appearances.



PHOTO BY GUS SCHLOMER

Head Coach Bob Huggins against Oklahoma at the WVU Coliseum on Jan. 26, 2022 in Morgantown, W. Va.

#### Head football coach Neal Brown

He has been through a lot this season, but is he really best fit for royalty? This season alone, Brown is 3-4 and in 1-3 in the Big 12 after a crushing 48-10 defeat to Texas Tech.

Still, Brown has a chance to get back into the running. If he could lead the Mountaineers to victory just three more times during the season, the team could be bowl eligible. But chances of a bowl game become slimmer as each game passes.



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Head coach Neal Brown speaks with players during a timeout against Texas Tech on Oct. 22, 2022 at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock, Texas.

#### Head women's soccer coach Nikki-Izzo Brown

The founder of the women's soccer team has never had a losing season. Izzo-Brown has led the women's soccer team this year, going 6-4-7 and in Big 12 play 3-1-4.

Izzo-Brown has coached over 30 women who have gone on to play professionally. She also gave West Virginia its first Big 12 championship, and women's soccer is one of the only WVU programs to win multiple Big 12 conference tournament championships.

Women's soccer is also one of the few programs that feature a full staff of women at WVU. Izzo-Brown's overall record is 372-127-61 and 156-49-26 in conference play.



PHOTO COURTESY WVU SPORTS INFO West Virginia head women's soccer coach Nikki Izzo-Brown.

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# Season on the line for WVU in home matchup against No. 7 TCU

BY ZACH ANDERSON

SPORTS EDITOR

Every game for the Mountaineers is more critical than the last. On Saturday, WVU will put its chances of bowl eligibility and the remainder of the season on the line when it hosts the undefeated No. 7 TCU Horned Frogs.

West Virginia had a poor showing in its last game, falling in a blowout defeat to the Texas Tech Red Raiders on the road, 48-10. WVU's offense couldn't hold on to the ball, and the Red Raiders dominated on both offense and defense.

The Mountaineers' offense struggled all day, outside of one scoring series against the Red Raiders. WVU turned the ball over four times and only recorded 282 yards of total offense compared to Texas Tech's 594 yards of total offense.

Texas Tech head coach Joey McGuire's up-tempo offensive approach also wore down West Virginia's defense, with Texas Tech having 103 total plays in the game to WVU's 66. The Red Raiders were able to convert six of their seven fourth-down conversion attempts, extending nearly every one of their drives on Saturday.

WVU head coach Neal Brown voiced his frustration following the disappointing loss, noting how the Mountaineers' performances over the last two weeks have been contradictory.

"This team has been a roller coaster. We played really well against a really good football team last week in Baylor and won a game, and then we played about as bad as we possibly can play the game of football today, and it's unbelievably frustrating, to say the

least," Brown said

TCU (7-0, 5-0 Big 12) on the other hand, made a glorious comeback in its last matchup, scoring 28 unanswered points and coming back from being down as much as 18 points against No. 22 Kansas State to defeat the Wildcats 38-28.

The Horned Frogs are ranked No. 7 in the country, and still remain undefeated after their victory over Kansas State, vaulting them atop the Big 12 conference standings ahead of Saturday's matchup.

With a deadly offensive trio at quarterback, receiver and running back, alongside a stellar defense that forces takeaways, it'll be a tough matchup for WVU in all three phases of the game.

Kickoff from Milan Puskar Stadium in Morgantown, West Virginia is set for noon on Saturday, with the television broadcast available on ESPN.

Now, here's a look at key players to watch during Saturday's matchup.

Kaden Prather, WVU Wide Receiver: Despite WVU's struggles offensively, Kaden Prather is still the primary target for quarterback JT Daniels. The offense should run through Prather as the sure-handed and strong sophomore wide receiver continues to make plays and show that he can consistently catch the ball, using his size to his advantage.

His performance will be dependent on the offense's performance as a whole, but with four catches for 30 yards against Texas Tech after a huge game against Baylor on Oct. 13, he can still make plays on the Mountaineers' offense.

CJ Donaldson, WVU Running Back: Freshman running back CJ Donaldson finally got back in the game against Texas Tech, after recovering from an injury. He was WVU's leading rusher with 12 carries for 33 yards after sophomore running backs Tony Mathis Jr. and Justin Johnson Jr. went down with injuries.

For the foreseeable future, it's Donaldson's backfield to control. Still, WVU's offense needs to show consistency and run the ball through Donaldson going forward since he's proven he'll continue to make plays.

Quentin Johnston, TCU Wide Receiver: At an NFL-sized frame of 6-foot-4 and 215 pounds, Quentin Johnston is a very strong and extremely talented wide receiver. So far, he's been quarterback Max Duggan's favorite target in TCU's top-five ranked offense, leading the team in all major receiving categories with 38 receptions, 574 yards and three touchdowns on the year.

Johnston will be a tall task for WVU's secondary to slow down, and he's coming off a huge game against Kansas State with four receptions for 74 yards and a touchdown. West Virginia will need to keep the ball out of his hands to upset TCU's offensive game plan.

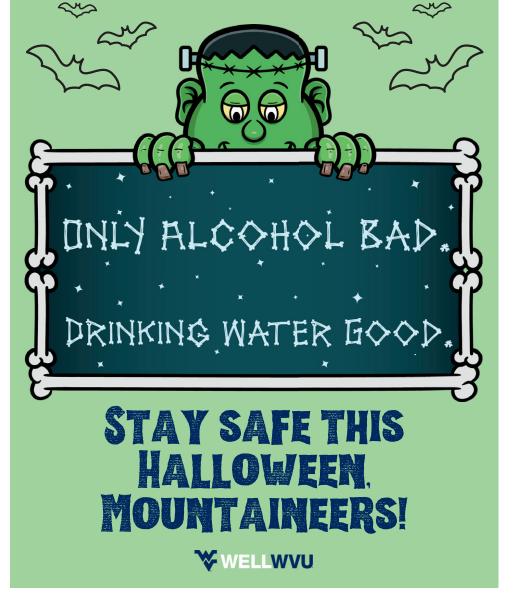
Kendre Miller, TCU Running Back: On the other side of the double-edged sword that is TCU's offense, is junior running back Kendre Miller. He enters Saturday's matchup with 731 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns on the season and is coming off a very strong performance last week against the Wildcats.

Miller carried the ball 29 times for 153 yards and two touchdowns against Kansas State, but the TCU rushing attack is still truly the forgotten aspect in an offense that produces 522.1 yards per game. West Virginia has struggled against the run, but it'll need to slow down Miller to have a chance.



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WVU's Jordan Jefferson (95) pressures the quarterback against Texas Tech on Oct. 22, 2022, at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock,





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