

## Old Meets New: Homecoming A time for fellowship and networking



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Homecoming season is a time-honored tradition on college campuses across the nation. It's a time when past and present collide, and the spirit of unity and nostalgia fills the air. The old alumni returning to their Alma mater creates a unique blend of excitement and sentiment that makes homecoming events not just memorable but also fun. In this article, we'll explore how homecoming serves as a bridge between old alumni and current students, forming a sense of belonging and joy for all. "I always look forward to homecoming to because it's like meeting you from the past talking to alumni" said football captain Eric Best.

Homecoming, often held during the fall semester, is a cherished occasion for any college or university. It's a celebration of school pride, a reminder of the traditions that define an institution, and a chance to rekindle the flame among alumni. But perhaps one of the most magical aspects of homecoming is the interaction between old alumni and current students. First and foremost, homecoming serves as a reunion for graduates who return to their former stomping grounds. The campus, although familiar in many ways, has evolved over the years, and they are greeted by new buildings, faces, and changes. This blend of the old and the new creates an atmosphere ripe with nostalgia. "I remember the plots being where the quad is" said alumni Chris McNeil, class of '94. Alumni stroll through the campus, reminiscing about their own days as students, and share their experiences with the current generation. These stories, sometimes embellished with time, become a living history that helps students connect to their institution's past.

To capture this in real time, I interviewed alumni Mike Johnson '22 spring. "Homecoming use to be about football for me but now it's about seeing faces I haven't seen in a while" said Mike. I then asked Mr. Johnson what he's looking forward to besides seeing people. He then answered "The atmosphere of college, especially homecoming is second to none. You'll never find that feeling anywhere else. After graduation life gets real and you have to work every day."

The interaction between alumni and students is not limited to casual conversations. Homecoming events often include alumni involvement in various activities such as panel discussions, workshops, and lectures. These sessions provide students with invaluable insights into the real world, career advice, and networking opportunities. Alumni, who have already ventured into the professional world, serve as mentors and guides, inspiring students to pursue their dreams and passions. Networking and bridging gaps such as the old and new students is what makes everything special. Homecoming is a season you won't forget and a time you'll cherish forever. Seeing old and new faces, eating good food, finding new opportunities, buying merchandise from the school and outside vendors, football games, fun games, and thousands of hearts willing to have a good time all together in one location. Homecoming, ladies and gentleman.