

# CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

## HOMECOMING COURT SPRING 2023

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### DESCRIPTION

The Homecoming Court and the positions on Court are a part of the annual Homecoming festivities at Clayton State University. The purpose of the court is to recognize members of the student body who make invaluable contributions to the CSU community and represent the core ideals of Clayton State University as student leaders. Throughout the week of Homecoming, they are expected to be present at various Homecoming activities and serve as ambassadors of school spirit and pride as a Clayton State Laker. The opportunity to serve on Homecoming Court is available to all currently enrolled undergraduate CSU students who meet the stated criteria. Membership on Homecoming Court, as well as the specific positions on court, is not bound to any specific sex, gender identity, or sexual preference of any student, and all students who meet the qualifications outlined in this packet are eligible for consideration.

### COURT STRUCTURE

The Homecoming Court consists of 10 CSU students comprised of Mr. and Miss Freshman, Mr. and Miss Sophomore, Mr. and Miss Junior, Mr. and Miss Senior and Mr. and Miss Clayton State University.

### SCHEDULE

- Application Open 01/18/23 8:00am Online, Deadline 01/23/23 5:00pm
- Application Review 01/24/23
- Homecoming Court Candidates Notified 01/25/23
- Campaign 01/27-02/03 (Social Media and On-Campus)
- Voting Begins 02/01 8:00am Online, Voting Ends 02/03 8:00pm
- Homecoming Kick-Off 02/06, 11:30am-1:30pm (all candidates are expected to attend)
- Homecoming Pep Rally 02/06, 7pm-9pm (all candidates are expected to attend)
- Student Choice Awards 02/07, 7pm \*Homecoming Court Announced

### SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process for Homecoming court is a two-step process, which includes an application and open voting among the student body. Each step in the process has detailed rules, guidelines, and/or procedures, so applicants are encouraged to read this packet in its entirety before submitting their application.

**\*Mr. and Miss Clayton State University** will be selected using a combination of points accumulated from **3 categories**: Scholarship, Campus and Community Involvement, and Student Body Vote. See details in the Homecoming Court Position Criteria section.

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The process, rules, and logistics for Homecoming Court are all coordinated through the Division of Student Affairs. All questions or concerns regarding Homecoming Court may be addressed to: **Dr. Royal Baxter**, at [RoyalBaxter@clayton.edu](mailto:RoyalBaxter@clayton.edu).

### **APPLICATION**

Clayton State University students interested in the Homecoming Court candidacy must fill out the Homecoming Court Application online prior to 5:00pm on January 23, 2023. Application can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/CSUHOCOCourt2023>

### **HOMECOMING COURT POSITION CRITERIA**

#### **All applicants must be:**

- Currently enrolled undergraduate student at Clayton State University
- In good academic and disciplinary standing with the University
- Must have completed at least 6 credit hours at CSU \*12 credit hours for Mr. and Miss CSU applicants

**Mr. and Miss Freshman** - Completed 6-29 credit hours

**Mr. and Miss Sophomore** - Completed 30-59 credit hours

**Mr. and Miss Junior** - Completed 60-89 credit hours

**Mr. and Miss Senior** - Completed 90+ credit hours

#### **Mr. and Miss Clayton State University**

Mr. and Miss Clayton State University 2023 will be ambassadors representing Clayton State University during their reign Spring 2023-Fall 2023. Mr. and Miss Clayton State University will be selected on points accumulated from 3 categories:

- **Scholarship (MAX 5 pts):** GPA 2.0-2.50 (1pt); 2.51-2.75 (2pts); 2.76-3.0 (3pts); 3.1-3.5 (4pts); 3.6+ (5pts)
- **Campus and Community Involvement (Max 5 pts):** Selection Committee evaluation of Application
- **Student Body Vote (3pts):** The candidate in each category (Mr. and Miss Clayton State University) with the most votes will earn the Student Body Vote 3pts.

In addition to the general criteria for all applicants, Mr. and Miss Clayton State University Candidates must:

- Have completed 12+ credit hours at Clayton State University
- Must be enrolled as a Clayton State University undergraduate student during the 2023 reign (Spring 2023-Fall 2023) \*must be on track to graduate in/after **December 2023**

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All candidates will be notified on 01/25/23 of their status. Homecoming Court Candidates are required to attend an informational meeting on **01/26/23 at 1:00pm or 5:00pm** on Teams to go over rules and expectations for campaigning and Homecoming events. Campaigning starts on 01/27/23 at 8:00am and goes to 02/03/23 at 5:00pm. Voting will be conducted via Presence (online) from 02/01/23 at 8:00am until 02/03/23 at 8:00pm. All currently enrolled CSU students will be able to vote for one candidate for each position. The Homecoming winners will be determined by the popular vote results (Mr. and Miss Clayton State University will be determined by points accumulated from 3 categories: Scholarship, Campus and Community Involvement, and popular vote); the top candidate from each category with the most votes win.

**Campaigning Rules:** - Campaigning will not be allowed prior to **Friday, 01/27/23 at 8:00am**. - Campaigning must end by **Friday, 02/03/23 at 8:00pm**. - All policies concerning reservation of space must be followed. If campaigning is going to be done in a specific location on campus, you must have an approved reservation for that space. If you have any questions concerning this policy, please contact Dr. Royal Baxter (RoyalBaxter@clayton.edu). - **All posted campaign material must follow all CSU and campus posting policies** (found on the Campus Life website, <https://clayton.edu/campus-life/docs/campus-posting-policy.pdf>). - **Displaying of campaign flyers and/or posters on campus** is permitted only on approved bulletin boards. No campaign material can exceed eleven inches by seventeen inches (11" X 17"). Each candidate may not be represented more than once on any bulletin board or posting area. Remember: candidates are not guaranteed space on campus bulletin boards. - Displacing, altering, or removing another candidate's flyer(s) is strictly prohibited and grounds for disqualification of represented candidate(s) if proven to be responsible. This extends to anyone acting on behalf of a candidate. - Campaigning inside University buildings is allowed as long as it does not disrupt routine University activity or classroom instruction and follows all reservation policies. Complaints from instructors or campus employees will be taken seriously and may result in disqualification. - The Director of Residence Life or their designee must approve any and all campaigning in Residence Halls without exception. - No campaign material may be taped to the ground, windows, doors or walls of any office, building or CSU Property. - Chalking is NOT permitted anywhere for the HC Court campaign. - Electronic campaigning is permitted through means of social media outlets (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.). Student Affairs will not monitor these forms of campaigning; however, proof of willful intent to hurt, harm, or damage the character of any candidate in the process may result in disqualification. - Personal computers and laptops may not be set up as polling stations by any individual or organization during the election window. Any candidate found guilty will be automatically disqualified. - All grievances for campaign violations must be submitted via email to Dr. Royal Baxter (RoyalBaxter@clayton.edu) within twenty-four (24) hours of the alleged violation. The grievance must include the following: your name, phone number, the name of the alleged violator (if available), time and date of the violation, and a detailed description of the violation.

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Strong, physical evidence is highly recommended when submitting a grievance. The Division of Student Affairs will make decisions concerning violations, and decisions will be final. Grievances will not be accepted after **8:00pm on Friday, February 3**. - Please include supporting documentation (e.g., screen shots, pictures, emails, etc.) with your grievance. - Any violation of the above stated rules or failure to comply with the regulations may result in disqualification or other penalties.