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SEPTEMBER 26-28

Welcome Home, Blackburn Alumni!

Welcome back to *The Burn*! We are thrilled to have you join us for **Blackburn College's 2025 Homecoming & Family Weekend**—a time to reconnect, reflect, and celebrate all that makes Blackburn so special.

This year's theme, "**Harvest Homecoming**," embraces the warmth of fall, the strength of tradition, and the joy of community. Whether you're here to relive your favorite memories, cheer on the Beavers, visit old haunts, or create new memories with family and fellow alumni, we're so glad you're here.

We're especially excited to bring back a few beloved Blackburn traditions, including **Pigger** and **Blackburn's Got Talent**, alongside exciting events like **Cocktails and Karaoke**, the **Stoddard 100th Celebration**, the **Harvest Hustle 5K**, and of course, our classic **Homecoming games**. From the bonfires and food to the laughter and stories shared, this weekend is about honoring the past, celebrating the present, and looking forward to the future of our college.

Thank you for being a part of Blackburn's story. Your presence here continues to shape the legacy of this incredible place. We hope this weekend brings you joy, nostalgia, and a deep sense of pride in being a part of the Blackburn family.

With warmest regards,



Alisha Kapp, MS
Executive Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations



The Beaver Beat



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 9:00 am Welcome Desk Opens in Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni Center
- 9:00 am B Club Golf Tournament at Carlinville Country Club
- 11:00 am Harvest Kickoff Cookout on the Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni Center Patio
- 12:00 pm Golden Beavers Society Luncheon in ADRs of Demuzio Campus Center
- 1:00 pm Residence Halls Open House throughout campus
- 4:00 pm The Patricia Wier Mynka Memorial Art Exhibition in the Sharon K. Sandfort Gallery of Art
- 5:00 pm Meet Up at McKinley (*reservation required*)
- 6:00 pm Homecoming Coronation in Bothwell Auditorium
- 7:00 pm Blackburn's Got Talent in Bothwell Auditorium
- 7:00 pm Harvest Hop Bar Crawl departs from Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni Center
- 7:00 pm Cocktails and Karaoke at Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni Center and Patio
- 8:00 pm Outdoor Movie & Campfire on Hudson Quad

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 8:00 am Welcome Desk Opens in Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni Center
- 8:00 am Harvest Hustle 5K at Blackburn's Cross Country Course (*registration required*)
- 9:00 am Volleyball Alumni Game in Dawes Gymnasium
- 10:00 am Stoddard 100th Celebration/Reunion in Stoddard Hall
- 10:00 am Mimosas and Masterpieces in the Visual Arts Center
- 10:00 am Men's and Women's Alumni Soccer Game in the Blackburn Athletic Center
- 12:00 pm Alumni Association Awards Luncheon and Annual Meeting in Mahan Atrium (*reservations required*)
- 12:00 pm BeaverNation Fan Zone between Athletic Field and Baseball Field
- 12:00 pm Women's Volleyball vs. Westminster College
- 1:00 pm Blackburn Men's Soccer vs. Greenville University
- 1:00 pm Shuttle to Broom Orchard – Apple Festival at Jaenke Alumni Center
- 1:00 pm Residence Halls Open House throughout campus
- 1:00 pm Baseball Alumni Game
- 2:00 pm Science Roots: The Alumni Hour in Mahan
- 2:00 pm Physical Plant/New Con Reunion at Physical Plant Building
- 3:00 pm Softball Alumni Game
- 3:30 pm Blackburn Women's Soccer vs. Greenville University
- 4:00 pm Pigger at the Demuzio Campus Center Courtyard

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 10:00 am Beatles Mass in Clegg Chapel



Weekend Highlights

B CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Blackburn College Athletic Boosters will host their annual Homecoming Golf Tournament at Carlinville Country Club's 9-hole course. Tournament fees include cart and greens fees, boxed lunch, and unlimited drinks. Compete in women's and men's challenges with prizes. Four players to a team. **\$400.00/team or \$100.00/pp. *Limited spots available.***

MIMOSAS AND MASTERPIECES

Join us for a morning of creativity, conversation, and community at Mimosas and Masterpieces, a fundraising event sponsored by the Blackburn Fine Arts Boosters! Whether you're an experienced artist or just looking to try something new, this painting and sip event offers the perfect chance to relax, create a beautiful work of art, and support the arts at Blackburn. ***Space is limited, so reserve your easel today!* \$25.00/pp or \$20.00/BFAB Member or student.**

OUTDOOR MOVIE & CAMPFIRE

Grab your blankets, lawn chairs, and friends—it's movie night under the stars! Join us for a relaxing evening on the Hudson Hall Quad featuring an outdoor movie screening and a warm, crackling campfire. Snuggle up with your favorite people, roast some marshmallows, and enjoy a movie on the big screen in the fresh fall air. Whether you're there for the film, the fire, or just the laid-back vibes, this is the perfect way to unwind and enjoy the Blackburn community.

GOLDEN BEAVERS SOCIETY LUNCHEON

Did you graduate in 1975 or earlier? If so, we're thrilled to welcome you back to campus and celebrate your lasting connection to Blackburn! We invite you to join fellow alumni in becoming a proud member of the Golden Beavers Society, honoring those who graduated 50 or more years ago. Reconnect, reminisce, and enjoy a special luncheon in your honor, hosted in the ADRs of the Demuzio Campus Center. **\$25.00/pp *Registration required by September 13.***

MEET UP AT MCKINLEY

Kick off the weekend with great food, good company, and unbeatable views! Join President Lee on the scenic grounds of McKinley House for a relaxed backyard barbeque in celebration of Homecoming and Family Weekend. Enjoy a casual dinner with fellow Blackburnians, reconnect with friends old and new, and take in the beautiful campus from the top of McKinley Hill. It's the perfect way to start a weekend full of tradition, community, and celebration. **\$25.00/pp** Cash bar available. ***Registration required by September 13.***

COCKTAILS & KARAOKE

Have a main character moment at this popular Homecoming event. If you've never tried karaoke before you will not regret it! Come join us for a few cheeky cocktails and karaoke to your heart's content. DJ Bella Event and DJ Services will be spinning the tunes all night long! Cash bar and snack bar will be provided.

BLACKBURN'S GOT TALENT

Get ready for a night of unforgettable entertainment at Blackburn's Got Talent—a celebration of the incredible talent within our campus community! From soulful singers and energetic dancers to comedians, musicians, and unexpected surprises, this showcase is open to students, staff, faculty, and alumni ready to step into the spotlight.

PIGGER

For the first time in Blackburn history, the legendary tradition of Pigger will be held right here on campus—and you're invited to be part of it! Pigger has been a beloved part of Blackburn's past, and now we're bringing the fun home. Join us for a day of games, food, music, and all the quirky, unforgettable activities that make this event truly one-of-a-kind. Whether you're continuing the tradition or experiencing it for the first time, this is a celebration you won't want to miss. **\$40.00/pp *Registration required by September 13.***

Weekend Highlights

BEATLES MASS

Join us for a unique and inspiring worship experience as we explore messages of peace, love, and hope through the timeless music of The Beatles. Held in the beautiful Clegg Chapel, this special Sunday service will blend scripture, reflection, and the iconic melodies that have touched hearts for generations.

PHYSICAL PLANT/NEW CON REUNION

Calling all alumni who rolled up their sleeves and helped keep Blackburn running—whether you fixed, built, landscaped, or maintained it all through the Work Program, this reunion is for you! Join us at the current Physical Plant building for the Physical Plant/New Con Reunion, a special gathering for those who worked in maintenance, construction, or grounds during their time at Blackburn. Reconnect with fellow crew members, swap stories, tour the current facilities, and celebrate the hands-on legacy that shaped our campus—and each other.

SCIENCE ROOTS: THE ALUMNI HOUR

Calling all biology buffs, chemistry champs, physics fanatics, and science-minded Beavers of all kinds! Join us for a special Science Major Reunion in the heart of where it all began—Mahan Science Center. Reconnect with former classmates, favorite professors, and fellow alumni who shared your love of lab coats, research papers, and late-night study sessions. Enjoy light refreshments, tours of updated lab spaces, and a chance to see how the sciences at Blackburn have evolved.

SHUTTLE TO BROOM ORCHARD - APPLE FESTIVAL FUN!

Hop on the bus and head to fall fun! Join us for a trip to the beloved Broom Orchard for their annual Apple Festival, filled with seasonal treats, local vendors, and all the crisp autumn charm you can handle. A shuttle will run every 30 minutes from campus to the orchard and back, making it easy and convenient to enjoy everything the festival has to offer—apple picking, cider donuts, crafts, and more! *Shuttle pick up: Jaenke Alumni Center*

BEAVERNATION FAN ZONE

The Beaver Nation Fan Zone is a dynamic and engaging space dedicated to enhancing the game-day experience for all Blackburn Athletics supporters. Located between the soccer pitch and centerfield, this lively hub is packed with interactive activities and plenty of school spirit. Fans can enjoy delicious eats from local favorites Sweet P's Shakeups and Ray's Tater Wagon food trucks while soaking in the energy of game day. With something for everyone, the Fan Zone offers a fun, festive atmosphere perfect for all ages.

STODDARD 100TH CELEBRATION/REUNION

Join us as we celebrate 100 years of Stoddard Hall, one of Blackburn's most beloved residence halls! For a century, Stoddard has been more than just a place to live—it's been a place where lifelong friendships were formed, memories were made, and generations of Beavers called home. This special centennial celebration will not only honor Stoddard's rich history, but also showcase its exciting recent renovation, which preserves its historic charm while embracing the future of campus living.

HARVEST HOP - HOMECOMING BAR CRAWL

Raise a glass and your Beaver pride—it's time for the Harvest Hop, Blackburn's official Homecoming Bar Crawl! Sponsored by the Alumni Association Board, this festive evening is your chance to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate with fellow alumni and friends in true Blackburn style. We're taking over the Carlinville square, making stops at all your favorite local watering holes. Whether you're here for the craft brews, cocktails, or just great company, the Harvest Hop promises plenty of fun, laughter, and Homecoming spirit. **\$20.00/pp (includes tee)** *Registration required by September 1.*

For the entire line-up of Homecoming events, visit
www.blackburn.edu/homecoming

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS



Dr. Alfred Hofmann '53
Distinguished Alumni Award



Jane (Stricklin) Anderson '74
Gideon Blackburn Award



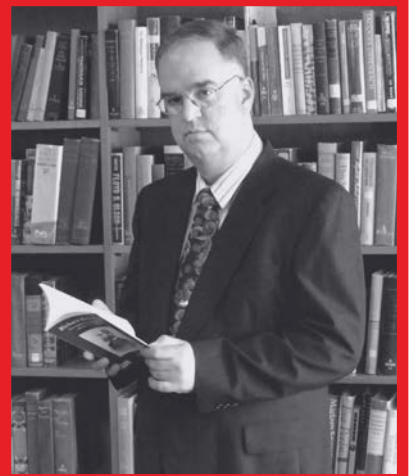
Rich Samonte '62
Cynthia Williams Lamar '73 Service Award



Mindy (Brown) Savant '95
Service to Humanity Award



Timothy Dickison '03
Harold and Elizabeth Ziegler Service Award



Thomas Emery '93
Alumni Achievement Award



Mariel Hildenbrand '10
Alumni Early Achievement Award

ALUMNI AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The Distinguished Alumni Award is given only once to any one individual who has demonstrated significant contributions to society or a profession (such as receipt of national and/or international honors and/or demonstrated leadership).

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Alumni Achievement Award is given for demonstrating significant achievement in an individual's personal or public career.

THE HAROLD AND ELIZABETH ZIEGLER SERVICE AWARD

The Harold and Elizabeth Ziegler Service Award is given to an individual who has rendered loyal volunteer service to Blackburn College during the past year.

GIDEON BLACKBURN AWARD

The Gideon Blackburn Award is given to an alumnus/alumna or non-alumnus/alumna who has rendered valuable service to the College in terms of time, money, influence, service, etc. The recipient keeps alive the memory of Dr. Blackburn and the period from 1837 to the time of Dr. Hudson's coming to the College in 1912.

SERVICE TO HUMANITY AWARD

The Service to Humanity Award is intended to recognize those individuals who are giving, or have given of themselves in significant ways for the betterment of humanity, without thought of recognition or compensation. Their efforts have helped to provide support or resources to people who would otherwise go without.

CYNTHIA WILLIAMS LAMAR '73 SERVICE AWARD

The Cynthia Williams Lamar '73 Service Award honors the outstanding work on behalf of the Blackburn College Alumni Association by Cynthia Williams LaMar '73, former Alumni Board member and a past Alumni Board President (1995-1997). The recipient has demonstrated unrelenting efforts, leadership, dedication, and outstanding contributions to the success of the Blackburn College Alumni Association.

ALUMNI EARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Alumni Early Achievement Award honors alumni who have demonstrated significant achievements before the age of 40. The individual(s) must have retained a strong association in some capacity with the College including philanthropic support, volunteer service, and/or an advocacy role. This individual has demonstrated leadership ability or attained prominence in their business, profession, or endeavors. The individual should be involved in community service or civic engagement in some level in his/her local or global community.

To submit a nomination for the 2026 Alumni Association Awards, please visit <https://blackburn.edu/alumni-award-nominations/>.





Phillip Fecteau - Class of 1978
Golf



Zebulon Hammond - Class of 2009
Basketball



Randall Kimbrough - Class of 1991
Basketball



Nicole (Gladish) Logan - Class of 2004
Basketball and Softball



Charles Pohlman - Head Coach
Cross Country and Track and Field
(posthumously)



2004 - 2005 Team & 2005 - 2006 Team
Men's Basketball

Please note that the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony has been rescheduled and will now take place in March 2026. We look forward to celebrating our outstanding athletes during this special spring event!

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2025

Class of 1975 – 50th Reunion

Saturday, September 27, 2025 | 8:00 PM

Route 66 Craft Beer & Wine, Carlinville Square



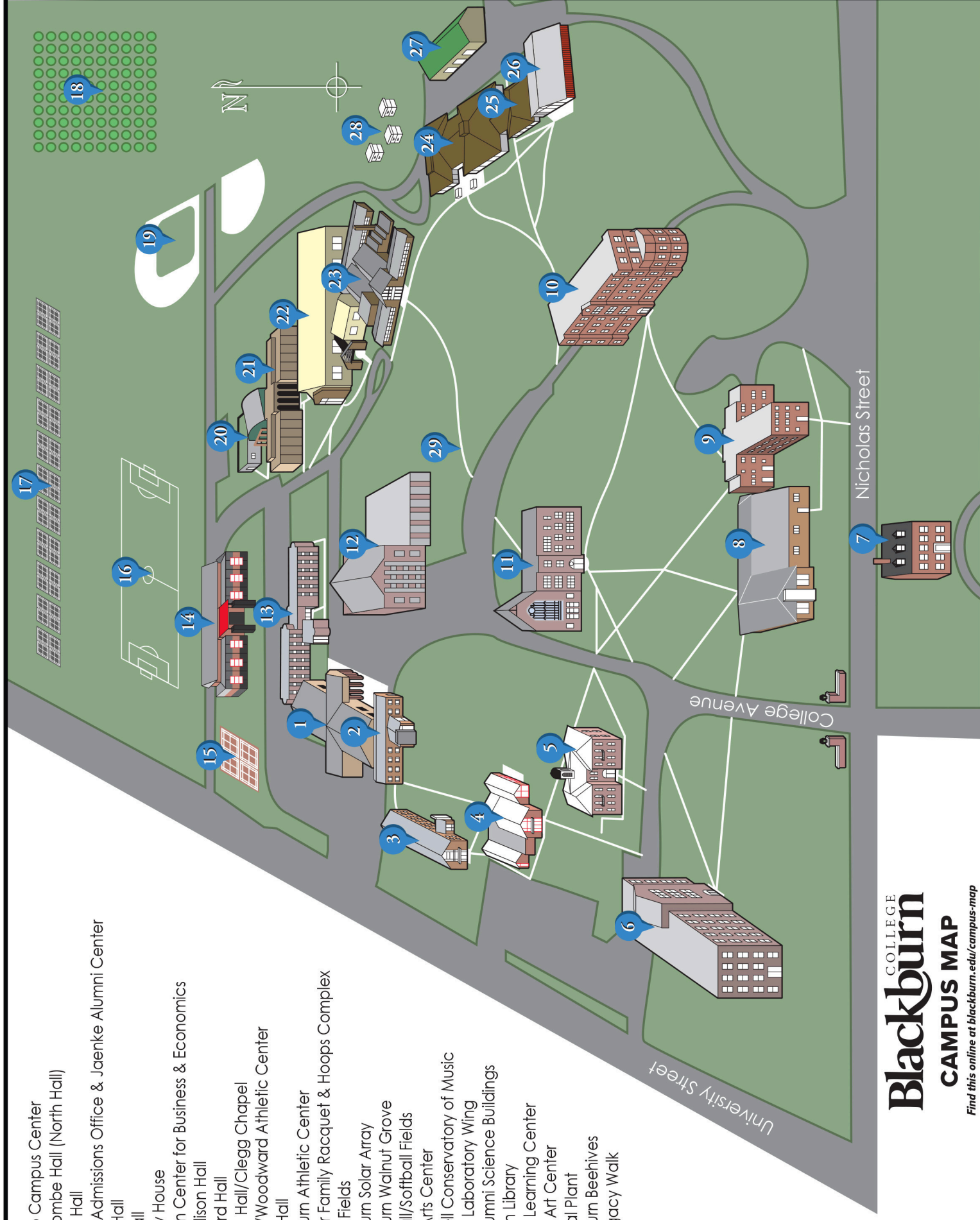
As part of their 50th Reunion celebration, the Class of 1975 will gather for an evening of bar trivia, hosted by classmates Cathy (Cordera) Prange and Kathy Conwill.

Join fellow alumni for a relaxed and entertaining night filled with fun, friendly competition and great conversation. Whether you're playing to win or just enjoying the moment, this is a perfect way to cap off the weekend and reconnect with old friends.

All members of the Class of 1975 are warmly invited to attend.

Questions regarding the 50th Class Reunion may be sent to familyprange32@gmail.com or KathleenConwill@att.net.

1. Demuzio Campus Center
2. Challacombe Hall (North Hall)
3. Graham Hall
4. Godwin Admissions Office & Jaenke Alumni Center
5. Ludlum Hall
6. Butler Hall
7. McKinley House
8. Woodson Center for Business & Economics
9. Jones-Allison Hall
10. Stoddard Hall
11. Hudson Hall/Clegg Chapel
12. Dawes/Woodward Athletic Center
13. Jewell Hall
14. Blackburn Athletic Center
15. Guggen Family Racquet & Hoops Complex
16. Soccer Fields
17. Blackburn Solar Array
18. Blackburn Walnut Grove
19. Baseball/Softball Fields
20. Visual Arts Center
21. Bothwell Conservatory of Music
22. Mahan Laboratory Wing
23. Olin/Alumni Science Buildings
24. Lumpkin Library
25. Rahme Learning Center
26. Renner Art Center
27. Physical Plant
28. Blackburn Beehives
29. The Legacy Walk



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CAMPUS MAP

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2025 HOMECOMING SHIRT

Don't miss out on showing your school spirit with a 2025 Blackburn College Homecoming tee! This t-shirt is the perfect way to keep school spirit going strong.
\$20.00/per shirt

TOTAL OF SHIRT(S) ORDERED _____

SIZE OF SHIRT(S)



REGISTER FOR HOMECOMING 2025

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

return this form or register online at www.blackburn.edu/homecoming

Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Class Year _____

Guest(s) _____

Email _____ Preferred Phone _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please indicate how many will be attending the events below. Registration by mail must be received by September 1, 2025.

Friday, September 26

B Club Golf Outing # _____ \$ _____
\$400.00/team or \$100.00/pp with cart

Golden Beavers Society Luncheon # _____ \$ _____
\$25.00/pp

Meet Up at McKinley # _____ \$ _____
\$25.00/pp

Harvest Hop Bar Crawl # _____ \$ _____
\$15.00/pp

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Saturday, September 27

Harvest Hustle 5K # _____ \$ _____
\$30.00/pp

Mimosas and Masterpieces # _____ \$ _____
\$25.00/pp or \$20.00/BFAB Member

Alumni Association Awards Luncheon # _____ \$ _____
\$25.00/pp

Pigger # _____ \$ _____
\$40.00/pp

2025 Homecoming Box

\$65.00/box include SIZE OF SHIRT
in box

PAYMENT INFORMATION

() Pay by Check - Make checks payable to Blackburn College

() Pay by Credit Card - I authorize my credit card to be charged

Card Number _____ Expiration _____ CCV _____ Billing Zip _____

Signature _____

TOTAL \$ _____ () Visa () Mastercard () Discover

Please return this form or register at www.blackburn.edu/homecoming



Homecoming in a Box

The sixth edition of Blackburn's Homecoming in a Box returns for the 2025 Homecoming festivities. Whether you are unable to make it to campus or are traveling in for the weekend celebration, you will want all the customized essentials that go along with this year's theme. Boxes will be mailed prior to Homecoming weekend or you can elect to pick up your order at the Welcome Desk. Only 70 boxes will be sold, and when they're gone, they're gone! Don't miss out on grabbing yours. \$65.00/box. Orders must be placed by September 1.

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