



BLACKBURN COLLEGE HOMECOMING 2014

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October 3-5, 2014

Coming Attractions:

Carnival Rides

Visit Blackburn's campus to ride the Carnival rides.
Open Friday & Saturday.

Vendor Booths

Visit the local vendor booths during the Carnival.

Beaverthon Paint Run

Come get colorful with us at the Annual Beaverthon 5K
race, held right on campus!

Men's & Women's Soccer

Blackburn's Soccer teams face off against Fontbonne
University on Saturday October 4th.

Blackburn Links

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Upcoming
Events:

April 10-13: Guinness World

Record Attempt to be Held at
Blackburn College

April 12: Blackburn Day at the
Ballpark - Cubs vs. Cards

May 5: Meet the President @
Bella Milano's Edwardsville, IL

[May 10: Sox Vs. Diamond Backs](#)

[Tickets need to be purchased by 5/10/14](#)

May 14: Meet the President
Springfield, IL

May 16: Baccalaureat 8:00pm

May 17: 145th Annual
Commencement 10:30am

[May 21: Lunch in the Loop
Chicago, IL](#)

May 22: Meet the President
Champaign, IL

[June 8: Second City Comedy Club
& Dinner Chicago, IL](#)

June 13: Meet the President
St. Louis, MO

June 18: Meet the President
Peoria, IL

Presidential Tour

President John L. Comerford is looking forward to meeting Blackburn College alumni, parents and friends in and around their home communities, so he will be conducting a nationwide tour. You are invited to attend an event in your area to welcome President Comerford, tell your story and share what Blackburn means to you. Each event will include light fare, beverages, remarks from President Comerford and time for questions.

May 5: Metro East IL - Bella Milano's 4:30p \$30 per person

May 14: Springfield, IL

May 21: Chicago, IL - Lunch in the Loop

May 22: Champaign, IL

June 13: St. Louis, MO

June 18: Peoria, IL

July 16: San Fransisco, CA

July 17: Los Angeles, CA

August 22: Phoenix, AZ

August 31: Chicago -Kane County Cougars vs Peoria Chiefs

January 16: Dallas, TX

Bloomington, IL: TBD

New York City: TBD

Denver, CO: TBD

Washington DC: TBD

Scholarship Donor Dinner

April 3, 2014

Beaver Athletics

Keep Connected with the Beavers
this spring!
Click Here: [Blackburn Beavers](#)

Mary Beasley, Foundations Coordinator recently hosted the Second Annual Scholarship Dinner recognizing our need based Scholarship donors. Currently Blackburn College has 91 donor funded scholarships that serves 144 students. This years dinner included 13 donors, 31 students and 10 staff members. The program included two personal speeches from deserving students; Jeannette Kelly and Kallie Kahl who shared their gratitude for receiving scholarships. Linda Nelvin with the Monticello Scholarship and Rev. Kathy King-Nobles form the King Scholarship shared their reasons for donating. The 2015 Dinner will be held in April with hopes to have more donors and students.

Did you know.

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Habitat for Humanity

every year there is an *Alumni Association Leadership Award* given. This scholarship is awarded to students who have completed at least 1 year at Blackburn College, who have financial need. The student should have demonstrated leadership in the classroom and in the Work Program, and preferably in other extracurricular activities with promise of leadership after graduation.

Annual Spring Break Trip to Florida

Blackburn's Habitat for Humanity has a grand total of 58 members this year who volunteered for fundraisers, builds, and activities across campus. We regularly visited our affiliated chapter, Sanagman County, building pallet furniture to sell in the Springfield Habitat Re-Store. Many members learned to build benches, chairs, shelves, and decorative flowers all made from old pallets that companies no longer used!



We also went to Marianna, Florida for our annual Spring Break Trip. Blackburn brought 18 students to volunteer in Jackson County, Florida. Blackburn has been going there for the last 18 years; so you can say we definitely have built many relationships and friends in Florida. This year we worked with two other schools; Simpson College, Iowa and Winggate University, North Carolina. We were able to build two houses that week from the ground up. We built the exterior/interior walls, roof, and deck all by hand nailing! Once the week was up, we had put in the door to the front house. It was a blessing for all of us and we are excited for next year!

Guinness World Record Attempt to be Held at Blackburn College

April 10 - 13, 2014



Blackburn College will host a Guinness World Record attempt for the longest soccer marathon on April 10-13. Benefitting St. Louis Children's Hospital, the game will be played from 1:00 p.m., April 10 through 5:00 p.m., April 13, at the Blackburn College Soccer Stadium, Carlinville.

A very special group of athletes has successfully raised funds through world record competitions and the soccer marathon of 2014 will be

their next event.

In 2007, a group of adult amateur baseball players came together to break the world record for the longest baseball marathon ever played. The game lasted just over 32 hours. Since 2007 the same record has bounced around the country amongst several charitable groups only to find itself right back in St. Louis, the record now stands at just over 62 hours.

This group of sports fanatics ranging in ages from 18-67 has since branched out to other sports, including basketball where they are the record holders in this event as well, 112 hours!

Throughout these events the players work hard on the field but there are months of preparation that go into each event. Not only do organizers secure first class facilities, uniforms, food, volunteers, record requirements, and medical attention they also help their community by using the events to raise money for a charities in need. Since 2007 over \$500,000 has been raised for area charities.

Organizations benefitting from these events include:

Gene Slays Boys Club of St. Louis, Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center, Joplin Chamber of Commerce, and The BackStoppers, Inc.

October 13-14, 2007; 2007 World Record Baseball Game; 32 Hours, 29 Minutes 27 Seconds; \$100,000 Raised for Gene Slay's Boys' Club St. Louis

October 9-11, 2009; 2009 World Record Baseball Game; 48 Hours, 9 Minutes 25 Seconds; \$140,000 Raised for Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center

March 21-25, 2012; 2012 World Record Basketball Game; 112 Hours, 13 Seconds; \$125,000 Raised for Joplin, MO Chamber of Commerce

July 3-5, 2012; 2012 World Record Baseball Game; 60 Hours, 11 Minutes, 32 Seconds; \$100,000 Raised for Backstoppers

May 17-19, 2013; 2013 World Record Baseball Game; 62 Hours, 32 Minutes; \$100,000 Raised for Joplin, MO Chamber of Commerce

St. Louis Children's Hospital is dedicated to a simple, fundamental mission: to do what's right for kids. Doing what's right for kids requires an investment in research to make the world better for children in the future. As a teaching hospital partnered with the top-ranked Washington University School of Medicine, Children's Hospital is a world leader in pediatric research. One critical area of research the hospital is committed to advance is related to pediatric brain tumors.

More than 3,000 children each year are diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor. Brain tumors are the most common solid tumor among children. While the cure rates for many other types of cancer have improved significantly in recent years, sadly, most brain tumors still have an almost uniformly fatal outcome. Those children who do survive the aggressive surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy

treatments often are left with severe handicaps, learning disabilities or hearing and vision losses.

Federal funding for pediatric research of any kind is incredibly scarce, and it's dwindling with each passing year. But thanks to generous donations from caring individuals and organizations, scientists at St. Louis Children's hospital are able to carry out promising research to learn why children develop brain tumors and discover ways they might be prevented. Their studies also focus on developing new treatments that will extend lives or cure children with brain tumors while minimizing the negative effects of cancer therapies and improving their quality of life.

With tremendous support from Blackburn College, the Athletic Department, Student Body, and Board of Directors this event will raise money to support cancer research at Children's Hospital in St. Louis, MO. With special consideration to the organizers of this event, Josh Hellums, Robert Steinkuehler, Angie Morenz, Timothy Gould, Jackson Steinkuehler, Chuck Williams, and 36 very special soccer players, the event will be a very exciting weekend for Blackburn College and supporters of Children's Hospital!<http://www.worldrecordsocccergame.com/>

Please visit our website at www.blackburn.edu.
Donate to Blackburn [Here](#)