# BOMECONING & FAMILY WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1, 2023



### a Weekend at Barney's



Allow your mind to transport yourself to an imagined Blackburn Beach with mild temperatures, sugar-white beaches, and crystal-clear waters. Engage your imagination and envision the ultimate summers in the sand.

This weekend, at Barney's house, expect to have fun in the sun! With an abundance of outdoor activities, a Weekend at Barney's is a laid-back, easy place for everyone to enjoy.

Barney is providing a unique destination where alums and students alike find themselves enjoying a vast array of adventures and experiences. From the hustle and bustle of the historical square to the brick paved sidewalks of downtown to miles and miles of cornfields...athletic competitions, reunions, theatre productions, outdoor activities, drinks, and community are only a glimpse of what Blackburn Homecoming weekend has in store for you!

For those of you who are able to make the trip—and we hope that's many, many of you—we're looking so forward to seeing you and celebrating your Homecoming!





The Beaver Beat



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### Schedule of Events

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 am Bells and Whistles Coffee Truck at Ludlum Hall

9:00 am Homecoming Registration Opens in Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni Center

9:00 am B Club Golf Tournament at Carlinville Country Club

11:00 am Blackburn Family Picnic on the Patio at Jaenke Alumni Center Patio

12:00 pm Golden Beavers Society Luncheon in ADRs of Demuzio Campus Center (invitation only)

1:00 pm Residence Halls Open House throughout campus

4:00 pm The Patricia Wier Mynka Memorial Art Exhibition in the Sharon K. Sandfort Art

Gallery

5:00 pm Women's Volleyball vs. Mississippi University (Junior Varsity)

5:00 pm Meet Up at McKinley (reservation required)

5:30 pm Blackburn Soccer Reunion in Woodson Hall (reservation required)

6:00 pm Homecoming Coronation in the front of Hudson Hall

7:00 pm Women's Volleyball vs. Mississippi University (Varsity)

7:00 pm "Almost, Maine" Production in Bothwell Auditorium

7:00 pm Cocktails and Karaoke at Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni Center and Patio

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 am Beaverthon 5K at Ludlum Hall (reservation required)

9:00 am Homecoming Registration Opens in Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni Center

9:00 am Behind the Burn featuring New Athletic Practice Facility

10:00 am Speaker Series: Notable Beavers by Scott Dillard '84 in Alumni Lecture Hall

10:00 am Volleyball Alumni Game in Dawes Gymnasium

10:00 am Sand Volleyball Tournament at Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni Center

10:00 am Reunion Class Brunch ('13, '98, '73, and '63) in Woodson Hall (reservation required)

II:00 am Bags and Beavers Cornhole Tournament at Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni

Center (registration begins 10:30 am)

12:00 pm Alumni Association Awards Luncheon (reservations required)

12:00 pm BeaverNation Fan Zone Opens Jaenke Quad Area

12:00 pm Blackburn Women's Soccer Intrasquad Game

1:00 pm Residence Halls Open House throughout campus

1:00 pm Baseball Alumni Game

2:00 pm Blackburn Men's Soccer Instrasquad Game

4:00 pm Campus Connections at Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni Center Patio

5:00 pm Athletic Hall of Fame Induction in Mahan Atrium (reservations required)

6:00 pm Barney's Beach Bash at the DCC/Dawes Gymnasium Courtyard

7:00 pm "Almost, Maine" Production in Bothwell Auditorium

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

11:00 am Brunch in DING at Demuzio Campus Center (on your own)

2:00 pm "Almost, Maine" Production in Bothwell Auditorium

"Ite's the life of the party...
Well, almost."

## Neekend 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. \$370.00/team, \$95.00/pp with cart rental, \$85.00/pp with personal cart.

### **BLACKBURN FAMILY PICNIC ON THE PATIO**

All alumni, students, faculty, and staff are invited to the Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni Center for our Blackburn Family Picnic on the Patio. The welcome picnic is a great way to get into the rhythm of Homecoming weekend by catching up with your favorite Beavers and getting back into the groove of our beautiful campus. Come enjoy food, music, games, and community!

### **RESIDENCE HALLS OPEN HOUSE**

Your residence hall was your home away from home during your college years. Your room was the place you decked out with memories from home, plastered posters on the walls, and ignored the pile of laundry in the corner. It was your spot to crash after a long day of classes or work. It's where you made lasting friendships and lifelong memories. The Office of Residence Life is hosting a Residence Halls Open House to give you a chance to revisit your hall while on campus. Check out the common areas and connect with Residence Life Staff to learn what has changed since your time here.

### **GOLDEN BEAVERS SOCIETY LUNCHEON**

formerly Nifty 50s Luncheon - Did you graduate around 1973 or earlier? If so, we salute you and are so happy to have you back on campus! Be sure to make plans to join us as you become a member of the Golden Beavers Society and reminisce with fellow Blackburnians who graduated 50+ years ago. A luncheon for this elite club will be hosted in the ADRs located in the Demuzio Campus Center. \$20.00/pp Registration required by September 16.

### **MEET UP AT MCKINLEY**

Join Dr. Greg and Karen Meyer on the grounds of McKinley House as they host a backyard barbeque as President and First Lady of Blackburn. Enjoy a casual dinner with fellow Blackburnians, take in the beautiful campus views from atop McKinley hill, and toast to the weekend's Homecoming festivities. \$15.00/pp Cash bar available. *Registration required by September 16*.

### "ALMOST, MAINE"

Almost, Maine is a play by John Cariani comprised of nine short plays that explore love and loss in a remote, mythical almost-town called Almost, Maine. It premiered at the Portland Stage Company in Portland, Maine in 2004, where it broke box office records and garnered critical acclaim.

### **NOTABLE BEAVERS' SPEAKER SERIES**

*featuring Between the Cracks* – Join Scott Dillard '84 as he presents on how his career track has led him to live a life 'in the space in between.' Learn how these in-between spaces can be productive spaces to create new, interesting, and productive ways of living in the world.

## Deckend Highlights

### **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.

### **BEHIND THE 'BURN**

featuring New Athletic Practice Facility - Join Blackburn's Capital Campaign Manager Glen Krupica and construction manager Norm Gillen at the future site of Blackburn's newest athletic practice facility to discuss the current state of the project and learn more about the many ways to support the Winning Together Campaign.

### ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The Athletics Hall of Fame allows us to recognize the individuals who have shaped our athletic identity and brought us success. This year, we are honored to celebrate Major Barnes '73, posthumously (basketball), Keith Luther '79 (basketball), Ken Place '91 (baseball), Michael Smith '92 (cross country, track and basketball), Grace Young '12 (softball), and the 2002 & 2004 baseball teams.

### **BAGS AND BEAVERS CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

Everyone loves cornhole at tailgates, backyard barbecues, or your favorite local bar. Grab a teammate to play in our annual Homecoming tournament. Limited spots are available to the first 24 teams (teams of two). Double elimination. Have a blast competing for only \$10.00/pp Registration begins at 10:30 am with play starting at 11:00 am.

### **REUNION CLASS BRUNCH** (Class of 2013, Class of 1998, Class of 1973, and Class of 1963)

A class reunion gives one a chance to reconnect with old friends, remember the fun times you had in college, and celebrate with people you may not have seen for years. The Saturday morning brunch provides an opportunity for each reunion class to gather individually in Woodson Hall. Reunion class pictures will be taken at this time. Invitation only. \$15.00/pp Registration is required by September 14.

### **BEAVERNATION FAN ZONE**

Grab your friends for food, games, and fun at the annual BeaverNation Fan Zone. Relax in our tree hammocks while listening to the steel pan stylings of Lenny Fritsch. Check out the inflatables, grab some BC swag, eat from the snack buffet, and so much more. There will be a cash bar for all who are 21 years of age or older. The Jaenke Quad will provide the perfect beach setting.

### **BARNEY'S BEACH BASH**

Come and hang with Barney at the beach one last time before we go our separate ways...food trucks, photo booth, drinks, and Spanky Entertainment Dueling Pianos! Delicious food and drink options will be available for purchase, and we encourage you to capture your Homecoming memories through our photo booth provided by Fish Eye Fun Photography. Let's end Blackburn's Homecoming weekend with the biggest beach bash seen on campus in decades! Cash bar and food truck vendors available for purchase.

### Alumni Association Award Recipients



John D. Imig, PhD '85 Distinguished Alumni Award



Jim Connor '83 Cynthia Williams Lamar '73 Service Award



Helen A. Ryley-Cobean '62 Alumni Achievement Award



Robert (Bob) Craddick '80 Harold and Elizabeth Ziegler Service Award



Alisha Kapp Gideon Blackburn Award



Samuel Scheid '19 Alumni Early Achievement Award



Phillip Kline '76 Service to Humanity 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 a 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 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.

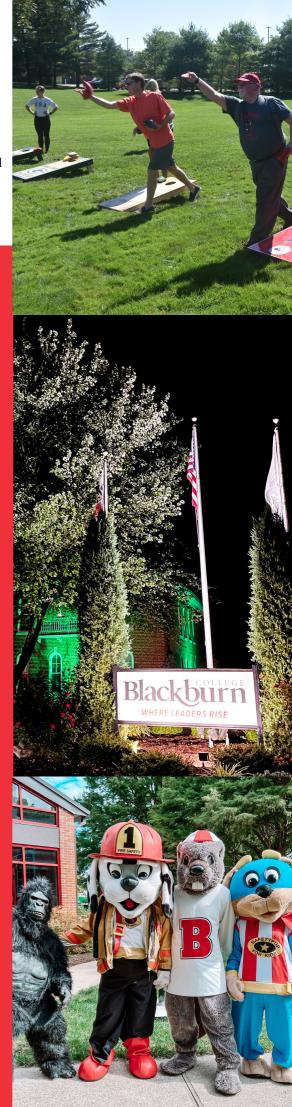
### CYNTHIA WILLIAMS LAMAR '73 SERVICE AWARD

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 2024 Alumni Association Awards, please visit https://blackburn.edu/alumni-award-nominations/.





Major Barnes '73 Men's Basketball (honored posthumously)



Keith Luther '79 Men's Basketball



Ken Place '91 Baseball



Michael Smith '92 Men's Cross Country, Track, and Basketball



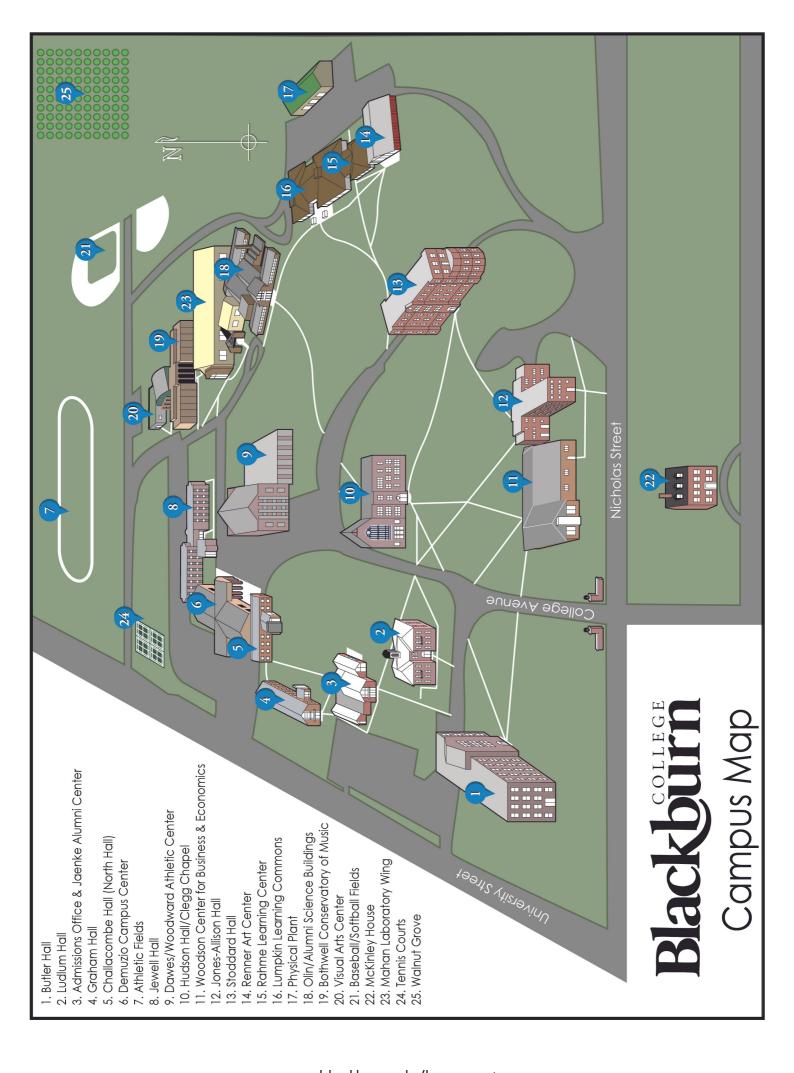
Grace Young '19 Softball





2002 Baseball Team and 2004 Baseball Team





Don't miss out on showing your school spirit with the purchase of a 2023 Blackburn College Homecoming tee! This t-shirt is the perfect way to keep school spirit going

strong. \$20.00/per shirt

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SIZE OF SHIRT(S)

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Homecoming in a Box

The fourth edition of Blackburn's Homecoming in a Box returns for the 2023 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 beach essentials that go along with this year's theme, Weekend at Barney's. Boxes will be mailed prior to Homecoming weekend or you can elect to pick up your order at the Registration Table. Only 100 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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