

3 Homecoming hall of fame inductees

To honor multiple deserving members of the Mizzou family, the alumni association selected three grand marshals this year. They will become the first inducted into a new tradition, the Homecoming hall of fame.

15 dignitaries

Dignitaries are distinguished people from the Mizzou community. They include award-winning professors, Homecoming king and queen nominees, Columbia's mayor and many more. Each dignitary sits in a convertible driven by a Mizzou graduate. Alumni from all over the country lend their convertibles and donate their time for the event.

For the past two years, Hattie Francis, BS '77, MS '85, JD '95, has chauffeured dignitaries in the parade. She is a member of the Old Wheels Collector Car Club, an organization for car lovers in Columbia. "I love the parade because it touches so many people," she says. Last year, "the gentleman I drove was on a cloud; it meant so much for him to be riding in the parade. It was a very special day."

15 marching bands

What's a parade without marching bands? This year, groups include Marching Mizzou and bands from Columbia's Rock Bridge, Hickman and Battle high schools.

39 unique floats

Students get their creative juices flowing as they design and build floats, some of which boast moving parts, tell stories, dazzle viewers with glitter — the sky is the limit. This year, the steering committee is encouraging diversity by opening competition beyond Greek organizations, which traditionally have built the floats. Homecoming tri-director Elle Miller wants as many people as possible to get involved. "We really want to make sure that the parade entries reflect the diversity of our campus and the community," she says. "We're hoping it gives organizations who might not have considered participating before a chance to get involved in any way they see fit."

70 hands on deck

In addition to Homecoming Steering Committee, the entire Mizzou Alumni Association's professional staff pitches in on the morning of the parade. People walking in the parade arrive at their spots an hour and a half before the parade kicks off, but by then the staff have been at work for almost four hours.

100 hours planning the parade

Serving on the Steering Committee is a huge commitment, which begins during the spring semester. "During the fall semester we're making sure the parade lineup makes sense, meeting with different Greek pairings to see how their floats are coming along and answering any questions they may have," Miller says. "We're fortunate to have a group of people who are well versed in all the skills it takes to put on a parade."

150 parade entries

Entries include Mizzou campus organizations, Greek life, government officials and local businesses. This year, all parade participants are tying their float themes to Mizzou to show spectators their Tiger spirit.

4,000 pounds of pomp

Each year sororities and fraternities are paired together to make floats and door decorations for Homecoming. Creating these pieces requires months of preparation and tons (literally) of pomp.

30,000 spectators

On average, about 30,000 people line the streets of downtown CoMo to watch the parade. The largest crowd occurred in 2012 when ESPN's *College GameDay* broadcast from the Quad. That year, the crowd was estimated at 50,000. **M**



1913 The parade has been a Homecoming tradition for more than a century. After this 1913 parade, Mizzou played Kansas.

Homecoming Events

Oct. 10-13

Homecoming Blood Drive
 11 a.m.-7 p.m.,
 Hearnes Center

This event has become one of the largest college-based blood drives in the nation. Donate at Mizzou in October, or visit mizzou.com to donate at a partnering location.

Oct. 17-19

Talent Show
 6:30 p.m.,
 Jesse Auditorium

Mizzou's got talent! Watch students sing, dance and joke on stage. And if you can't make it to the show, watch live at mizzou.com.

Oct. 20

Legion of Black Collegians Homecoming Ball
 Kimball Ballroom,
 Stephens College

Witness a tradition that dates back to the 1980s. Enjoy food and fellowship as the 2016 Legion of Black Collegians Homecoming Court is revealed.

Oct. 21

Spirit Rally
 8 p.m., Traditions Plaza

Rev up for the big game with Truman the Tiger, the Mizzou Spirit Squads and Marching Mizzou.

Campus Decorations

6-9 p.m., Greektown
 Stroll through Greektown to see fraternities' and sororities' take on the Homecoming theme, Truman's Tall Tails.

Stroll Off

8 p.m., Jesse Auditorium
 Each year National Panhellenic Council organizations face off in a battle to see who can stroll and step the best.

Oct. 22

Parade
 Campus and Downtown Columbia

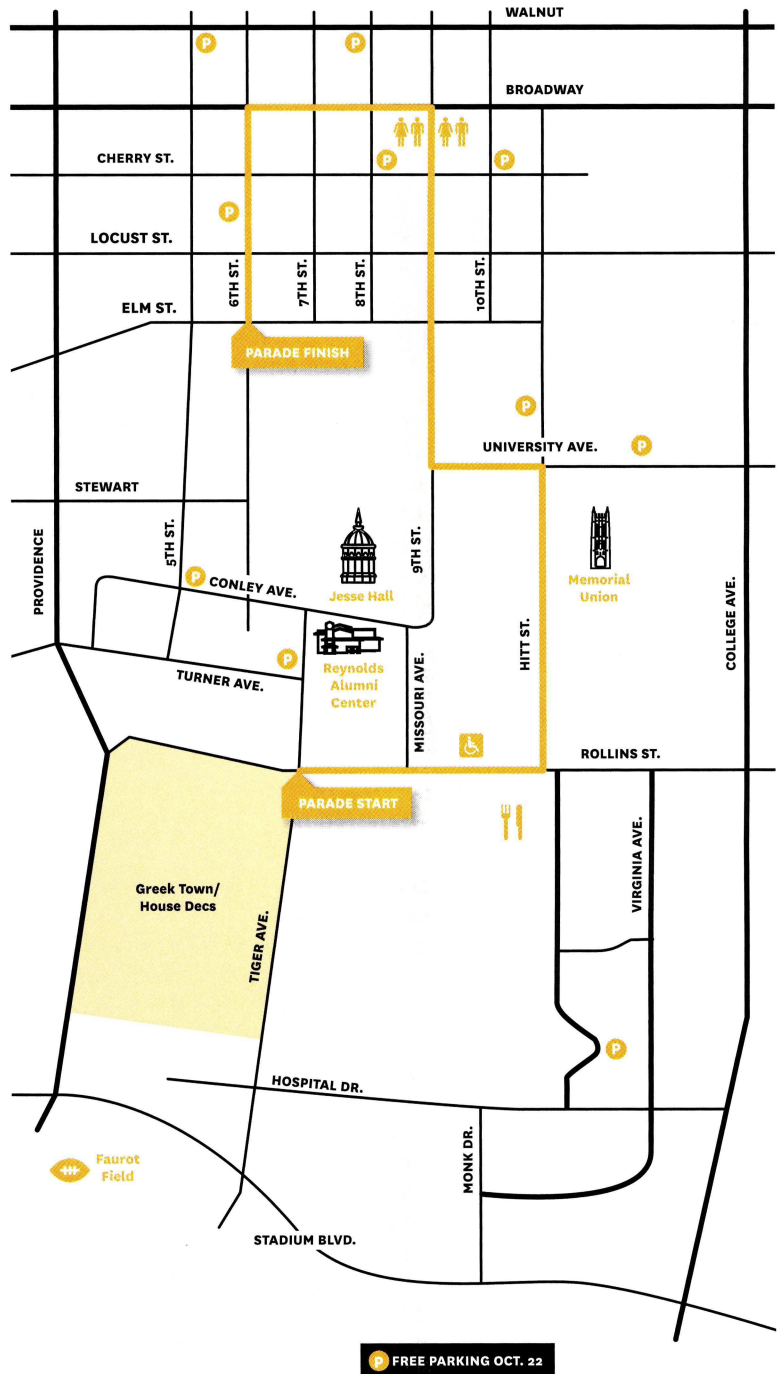
Get pumped up and show your Tiger pride as the parade procession tramps through campus and downtown Columbia. The parade features floats, bands from all across the state and lots of candy for the little ones.

Football Game
 Memorial Stadium

Cheer on your Tigers as they take on the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders and stick around during half-time to see who will become the 2016 Homecoming King and Queen.

Check mizzou.com/homecoming for details and updates.

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