

USI HOMECOMING 2018

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Homecoming at the University of Southern Indiana enables students, staff, alumni, and the community to show their school spirit. Throughout the week there are many different events happening on campus to countdown until the big basketball game that weekend. Homecoming in 2018 took place from January 29th – February 3rd. Each day was something different and all activities were completely free for students of USI.

On the first day, campus hosted a comedian to open the week with a good laugh for everybody. The following day was a day to relax with the cold weather by having hot chocolate. We were also able to make our own mugs to take back as a keepsake of the fun week. Wednesday was a day to let your competitive spirit shine with games against fellow students, and of course, there was free food at the event! On Thursday night there was a basketball game where students were able to compete to be the craziest fan. People painted themselves in red and blue and screamed until their voices were gone. It was definitely an unforgettable experience. In addition to the weekly campus movie, Friday was also the day that our recreation center was turned into a bouncy house getaway with many inflatables for students to enjoy together.



Then it was Saturday, the big day. First there was the women's basketball game, followed by the men's. During halftime of the men's basketball game the homecoming court was introduced. These are selected students that resemble USIs spirit and friendliness to everybody. However, while they are all a member of the court, there can only be one king and queen. They dress up in their finest dresses and suits and parade down the court as everyone waits in anticipation to learn who will be crowned this year. Students were able to vote throughout the week for who they wanted to be their king and queen. Homecoming is a community wide event that many people look forward to each year with much excitement. Once the crowning ceremony was over the game resumed and people hoped for a win.

Many high schools also have a homecoming event and it is a common thing for Americans to experience growing up and a definite American cultural highlight. Having homecoming also take place at the University level enables people from all over to experience the wonderful week and take part in the activities. It strengthens school spirit and students get everything from school swag to all the free food that they can eat while attending the free events. It is definitely one of those weeks that students who actively participate will remember. It is just one reminder of how amazing it is to be student at the University of Southern Indiana and what it means to really be a screaming eagle!

