

Big campus changes to be revealed at Homecoming 2011

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A big reveal is in store for University of Wisconsin Oshkosh alumni and friends returning to campus the weekend of Oct. 21–22 for Homecoming 2011.

With freshly paved streets, a sparkling new academic building on High Avenue and a suite-style residence hall under construction, campus visitors may feel like they're experiencing the campus edition of "Extreme Makeover."

"Alumni who have not been back to campus for a number of years are going to see a real transformation in the look of their alma mater," Alumni Director Christine Gantner said. "With the amazing changes on campus plus the full schedule of family-friendly activities, I believe Titan pride will be at an all-time high for Homecoming 2011."

Homecoming participants will be treated to tours of Sage Hall — the first new academic building on campus since 1971 — from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22. The building features state-of-the-art classrooms, labs, project rooms and student spaces.

Another highlight will be taking a sneak peek at construction of Horizon Village, the five-story, 340-bed residence hall, on the former site of Breese, Nelson and Clemans halls between Elmwood Avenue and Algoma Boulevard. The first new residence hall in 40 years is taking shape, as the roof was completed earlier this summer.

Other recent campus updates:

- In October 2010, the UW Oshkosh campus community celebrated the grand opening of the Student Success Center on Elmwood Avenue. The center provides students with a single destination for student advising, career services, counseling, tutoring and learning assistance.
- In September 2007, UW Oshkosh opened a state-of-the-art Student Recreation and Wellness Center on Pearl Avenue, featuring multiple basketball and volleyball courts, more than 80 cardio exercise machines, climbing wall and more.
- Also in 2007, UW Oshkosh's parking shortage was relieved with construction of a three-level, 448-stall High Avenue parking ramp.

"Besides checking out the physical changes on campus, those taking part in Homecoming 2011 will find a wide variety of activities designed for people of all ages and interests," Gantner said. "We'll be having some fun with this year's 'U Game?' theme throughout campus and at our open house at Pollock Alumni House."

Homecoming 2012 schedule includes:

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- UW Oshkosh Alumni Association Awards Reception and Dinner, 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, Reeve Memorial Union, \$25 per person.
- Continental Breakfast and Open House, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 22, Pollock Alumni House, free.
- Tour de Titan 3 Bike Ride, departing at 11 a.m. from Pollock Alumni House, ending at Tent City on Josslyn Street, \$10 for ride and T-shirt or \$5 for the ride only.
- Pregame Celebration at Tent City, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., south of the Oshkosh Sports Complex, free food, refreshments and music by Old Mil.
- Football game versus UW–Whitewater, 1:30 p.m., J. J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium, tickets available on site.
- Fifth Quarter, postgame celebration, Hilton Garden Inn on 20th Avenue, complimentary refreshments.

For more details, visit www.uwosh.edu/homecoming.

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