Royalty

**Description:** Each year, the student body of Penn State University selects outstanding students, faculty members, and alumni to represent their University for that year on four courts of royalty. These courts, which will represent Penn State University throughout Homecoming week at events, such as the parade and the football game, are the Student Court, University Court, Alumni Court, and First Year Court. To nominate an outstanding student to become a member of the Homecoming Court, visit homecoming.psu.edu.

**Student Court:** The Student Court will be composed of 5 outstanding male and 5 outstanding female senior students, 2 of which, through a student voting process, will receive the honor of being crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

- **Nomination Guidelines:**
  - Penn State students are able to nominate an unlimited amount of Penn State seniors (fifth years included) during the nomination weeks. There will be one nomination week in the spring, as well as the first week of school in the Fall.
  - To nominate a senior one must provide the nominated person’s name and email, along with a short description of why they are being nominated. Visit the nomination tables located on first floor HUB or visit homecoming.psu.edu

- **Application, Interview, and Selection Process:**
  - Depending on the number of nominees and the quality of the reasoning behind the nominations, the Royalty Director will use discretion to decide who is qualified to receive an application.
    - Please Note: Almost all students nominated will receive an application, as long as the reasoning behind the nomination is credible
  - Those seniors who receive applications will have several days to complete and turn the application into the Homecoming office after which, the Royalty Director, Executive Director, and the Homecoming University Advisor and Graduate Advisor will review all applications and offer interviews to the top 5 males and top 5 females
  - Those offered interviews will interview with a panel composed of members of the Penn State faculty and staff from which the top 5 males and 5 females will be named to the Homecoming Student Court

- **Voting Process:**
  - Throughout Homecoming Week Penn State students will be able to vote for 1 male and 1 female to represent their university for the following year. At the Homecoming Football Game the male and female with the most votes will be crowned the 2015 Homecoming King and Queen.
  - Visit the voting tables located at various Homecoming events throughout the week or visit homecoming.psu.edu

**University Court:** The University Court will be composed of 5 male and 5 female Penn State faculty members.

- **Nomination Guidelines:**
Penn State students are able to nominate an unlimited amount of Penn State faculty, and staff members during the nomination weeks. There will be one nomination week in the spring, as well as the first week of school in the fall. Visit the nomination tables located on first floor HUB or visit homecoming.psu.edu

To nominate a faculty and or staff member one must provide the nominated person’s name and email, along with a short description of why they are being nominated

**Selection Process:**

The University Court Liaison Captain from the Royalty Committee will then form a panel of 6-8 respected students at Penn State to create a student panel which will select 5 nominated males and 5 nominated females to represent the University Court

**First Year Court:** The First Year Court will be composed of 3 male and 3 female Penn State freshman class members.

**Nomination Guidelines:**

Penn State students are able to nominate an unlimited amount of Penn State first year student members during the nomination week held in the fall. Visit the nomination tables located on first floor HUB or visit homecoming.psu.edu

To nominate a freshman student one must provide the nominated person’s name and email, along with a short description of why they are being nominated

**Application, Interview, and Selection Process:**

Depending on the number of nominates and the quality of the reasoning behind the nominations, the First Year Court Liaison Captains from the Royalty Committee will use discretion to decide who is qualified to receive an application.

- Please Note: Almost all students nominated will receive an application, as long as the reasoning behind the nomination is credible
- Those freshman who receive applications will have several days to complete and turn the application into the Homecoming office after which, the First Year Court Liaison Captains will interview the candidates and select 3 males and 3 females to represent the First Year Court

**Alumni Court:** The Alumni Court will be composed of 3 male and 3 female Penn State alumni who were on Student Court during their time at Penn State.

**Nomination Guidelines:**

The Royalty director will send out an application to every past Penn State Student Court member, there is no nomination needed.

**Application, Interview, and Selection Process:**
The Homecoming Executive Committee will review the applicants and choose 3 males and 3 females to represent the Alumni Court. No interview is necessary.

**Nomination Dates:** Nomination weeks for both Student and University Courts will be April 21st – April 23rd and August 31st – September 11th from 10am to 4pm in the HUB, and the First Year Court nominations will be accepted August 31st – September 11th from 10am to 4pm in Findlay Commons.

Any questions about the Royalty process can be directed to Kelly Gastgeb, Royalty Director at RoyaltyHomecoming@psu.edu.