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Northern Kentucky University is calling all of its 38,000 alumni to come back to campus for its annual homecoming celebration, which begins today.

"I think it is really important for alumni to come back during homecoming - especially now," said David Stetter, this year's spirit coordinator. "With all of the construction and changes that have already been made, I think it's important for alumni and the community to see the NKU is not the same small college it used to be."

The student body is larger, and a new student union is under construction. So is the Bank of Kentucky Center, the new arena.

**ADVERTISEMENT** "This is the largest homecoming in the university's history," said Gabe Cronon, the 2007 homecoming chairman.

Cronon, in his second year heading the celebration, and his volunteer committee of more than 40 students have developed events to run each night through Jan. 27.

Stetter is looking forward to the new event he is in charge of - NKU's version of "The Amazing Race." Any student organization can field a team.

"Teams of five will navigate themselves across campus by solving clues that lead the teams further along the course," Stetter said. "At predetermined points teams must also complete tasks, either a 'Road Block,' where one team member completes a task, or a 'Detour,' where the entire team must complete one or two optional tasks.

"The slowest teams will be eliminated, until only one team stands," Stetter said.

The winning team will be honored with a trophy at the Black and White Gala next Friday.

Other student events are becoming homecoming traditions.

Robin Hibbard and Landon Lueck from MTV's "The Real World" will host the talent show.

There's also the hip-hop Freestyle Battle, a competition where two opponents rhyme insults and quips at the expense of one another, with the audience declaring a winner. At the Yell Like Hell competition, student groups have 30 seconds to loudly express their Norse pride for prizes.

### Homecoming highlights

**Today:** "Relay for Life" benefiting the American Cancer Society, 8 p.m.-8 a.m., Albright Health Center

**Monday:** The Real World Real Talent Show, 7 p.m. Greaves Hall

**Tuesday:** The Amazing Race starts at 5 pm at UC Plaza and finishes 6:30 at Regent's Hall

**Tuesday:** Freestyle Battle, 7 p.m. Regent's Hall

**Wednesday:** It's Homecoming NKU!, noon-2 p.m. University Center; Michael Kent Live, 3 p.m. Budig Theater; Yell Like Hell, 7 p.m. Albright Health Center

**Jan 26:** Royal Reception, 5:30 p.m., The Madison, Covington; Black and White Gala, 7 p.m. The Madison; Alumni Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Marriott RiverCenter

**Jan. 27:** Alumni Chili Cook-off, 4-5:30 p.m., Regent's Sidewalk; women's basketball game, 5:30 p.m., Regent's Hall;

Men's basketball game, 7:45 p.m., Regent's Hall

Alumni events take the spotlight at the end of the week. After a dinner next Friday, alumni can warm up for the men's and women's basketball games with the annual Alumni Chili Cook-off.

The week ends with the men's and women's basketball teams squaring off against the St. Joseph Pumas.

A complete schedule and contact information can be found at [www.nku.edu](http://www.nku.edu) with a search for "homecoming."

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