

From: Official ESU Email

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Subject: Campus Message Regarding Homecoming and Family Weekend

Warriors,

I hope this finds you, your family and your friends safe and in good health.

I'm writing to you today with an update about Family Weekend and Homecoming, two of the largest, most cherished events at ESU each Fall. Family Weekend offers our students the opportunity to celebrate their personal WARRIOR attributes and to share the groundswell of campus activities with their family members and friends who support them. Homecoming delivers another outstanding experience that enables the WARRIOR students of the past to gather with those of the present in order to rekindle old friendships, reminisce about life on campus and most of all create new memories with our WARRIOR family. As members of the ESU community, we have always looked forward to these celebrations.

Unfortunately, our world has changed significantly since March 2020. So much of our lives have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and ESU has made some extremely difficult decisions along the way to ensure the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, alumni and guests. As we begin a new academic year in just a few short days, we must announce that ESU will be postponing its face to face Family Weekend and Homecoming celebrations for the 2020-2021 academic year, hoping to reschedule them at a time when COVID-19 is no longer a threat and we can experience these meaningful events in person, in a safe and healthy way.

You should also be aware that ESU's Office of Alumni Engagement and the Alumni Association Board of Directors have opted to move forward with plans for a virtual Homecoming event to enable ESU graduates to stay connected to campus. Among the events they'll host will be: a virtual 50th celebration for the class of 1970, a virtual 5k, and a virtual campus tour with former football coach Denny Douds. Please visit www.esualumni.org or connect with Leon John, director of alumni engagement, at ljohn2@esu.edu for more information. I also invite you to check the ESU website regularly for updates on Family Weekend and Homecoming 2020-2021.

Thank you.

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