

Update from the
**Alumni
Association**
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October in Durango is my favorite time of year! The mountains have received their first substantial snowstorm and the community feels like summer is running on borrowed time. Students are engulfed in the academic rigor and believe it or not, midterms are right around the corner. October is also chock full of alumni gatherings in Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Denver, with the massive culmination being Homecoming here in Durango. I strongly encourage all of our graduates to return home to Durango on the weekend of Oct. 18th – 20th. Here is a list of the events happening that weekend:

- 10/18 Homecoming Parade 5:30 PM: Meet us downtown at 5:30 PM on 5th St. & Main Ave. to help decorate a fire truck and start the 6:00 PM FLC Homecoming Parade down Main Ave. Bring the family to watch over 40 floats!
- 10/18 Alumni Happy Hour 6:15 PM: Just after the parade we will gather at the Irish Embassy for drinks and appetizers with your fellow FLC alums. This is the largest annual FLC Alumni Gathering and is always a great time to get together. Appetizers are provided by FLC Alumni.
- 10/18 Bonfire 7:30 PM: Located on the rim near the softball fields we torch a bonfire that has flames over 70 feet high, visible from the tallest peaks in the La Platas! Once the bonfire starts to wane the Fireworks go off!
- 10/19 Mudd Football 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Come cheer on one of FLC's dirtiest traditions with the annual Mudd Football tournament. Why two D's in Mudd? Because it's that dirty.
- 10/19 Pre-Game Tailgate 11:00 AM: Join students, faculty, and fellow alumni for the pre-game tailgate. There will be live music, free food, and FLC pre-game traditions (smash a car with a sledge hammer anyone?)
- 10/19 Football Game 1:00 PM: Kickoff against rival Colorado Mesa University. FLC Football is a new team this year with an all new coach. This team is turning heads.
- 10/19 Skyhawk Spectacular 6:30 PM: Join Fort Lewis in an athletics fundraiser downtown at the Lost Dog Bar on 12th & Main for dinner, drinks, live music, and both live and silent auctions.

This year's homecoming will be bigger than any homecoming you remember as a student. The students planning all of the events have done a tremendous job in involving current students, professors, and alumni.

I look forward to seeing you on the Rim,



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