

## It's Almost Time to Party: Homecoming Season 2025 Is Going Down This Fall

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It's almost time to party — Homecoming season 2025 is going down this fall and is almost upon us.

From the sound of marching bands filling the air to the electric energy on the yard, Homecoming at Historically Black Colleges and Universities is more than tradition. It's a cultural home base — a joyful return, a celebration of legacy, and a reminder that HBCUs continue to thrive, inspire and shape the future.

Whether you're a freshman, a Golden Class alum, or just rolling deep with your crew, HBCU Homecoming is where the vibes never miss.

### A Legacy That Lives Loud

Homecoming at HBCUs is not just a football game — it's a full-blown cultural reunion. Tailgates, step shows, fashion, alumni mixers, scholarship breakfasts, concerts, and coronations fill campuses across the country with Black excellence and pride.

In a time when tradition is sacred and community is everything, these weekends are about more than a win on the field — they're about coming home.

North Carolina Central University, for instance, is making changes this year to prioritize safety, including limited campus parking, designated tailgate areas, and early shutdowns for outdoor events.

### Publicized 2025 HBCU Homecoming Dates

Below is a list of HBCUs that have announced their 2025 Homecoming dates. Expect more to drop throughout August and September:

Date	School	Opponent
Sept. 27	Johnson C. Smith	Bluefield State
Oct. 4	Alabama State	Bethune-Cookman
Oct. 4	South Carolina State	Savannah State
Oct. 11	North Carolina A&T	South Carolina State

Oct. 11	Fayetteville State	Livingstone
Oct. 11	Alabama A&M	Mississippi Valley State
Oct. 11	Jackson State	Alabama State
Oct. 11	Morgan State	Virginia University of Lynchburg
Oct. 18	Florida A&M	Alcorn State
Oct. 18	Southern University	Prairie View A&M
Oct. 18	Tennessee State	Howard University
Oct. 25	Howard University	Morgan State
Oct. 25	North Carolina Central	Delaware State
Oct. 25	Norfolk State	South Carolina State
Oct. 25	Bethune-Cookman	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Nov. 1	Livingstone College	Shaw University
Nov. 1	Tuskegee University	Lane College
Nov. 8	Bowie State University	Elizabeth City State

*Dates and matchups are subject to change.*

## Classic Games Set the Stage

In addition to Homecoming weekends, fans can catch several classics that kick off the HBCU football season and highlight school pride across the country:

- **MEAC/SWAC Challenge** – Southern vs. North Carolina Central, Aug. 23, Atlanta
- **John Merritt Classic** – North Carolina A&T vs. Tennessee State, Aug. 30, Nashville
- **Orange Blossom Classic** – Florida A&M vs. Howard, Aug. 30, Miami Gardens, Fla.
- **Labor Day Classic** – Prairie View A&M vs. Texas Southern, Aug. 30, Houston
- **Southern Heritage Classic** – Alcorn State vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Sept. 27, Memphis
- **Magic City Classic** – Alabama A&M vs. Alabama State, Oct. 25, Birmingham

## What to Expect on Campus

Homecoming weekends are full of high-energy events both on and off the field. Here's what you'll typically find:

- Pep rallies, parades and step shows

- Alumni reunions and Greek life festivities
- Homecoming concerts and comedy shows
- Student fashion shows and vendor marketplaces
- Tailgates that feel like family cookouts
- And of course, football games with crowds full of school spirit

## **Stay Tuned for Updates**

More HBCUs will be releasing their Homecoming schedules over the coming weeks. Keep your eyes on **HBCUWeekNow.com** for regular updates, full event lineups, concert announcements and travel tips.

Whether you're booking your flight, buying your outfit, or practicing your stroll, just know this — Homecoming 2025 is on deck, and you won't want to miss it.