

ALUMNI

ISUAA NEWSLETTER

HOMECOMING BREAKFAST

Saturday

The pre-parade homecoming breakfast was a perfect way to warm up before what turned out to be a soggy parade!

HOMECOMING PARADE

Saturday

Our Homecoming honorees and President's Medallion winners headlined at the HOCO Parade.



HOMECOMING FOOTBALL

Saturday

Even the sun came out for our pre-game tailgate!

Free photobooth at alumni tent!

While the football team didn't win the game--it was a very exciting game.

A full day for students, alums, and our community!



Stephanie found Jamie (and pictured above, Amy, too) at the tailgate. The line for the President's tailgate area was impressively long--lots of vendors and swag for everyone who stopped by!

Liz & Shawnee attended the 50-yard line luncheon on Thursday and had time for a quick selfie. We had a great turnout for our Fall meeting--welcoming seven new Board members to their first official meeting of their terms.



Practicing our crowd waves, our candy distributing, our Bengal smiles, and sending our community love--just a few of the life skills we honed at the HOCO Parade on Saturday! Even in the rain!

HOMEcoming WEEK ACTIVITIES



KICKOFF BBQ

Monday

Free to ISU students,
faculty, and staff.

BARBECUE ON THE QUAD Mike Keckler

Homecoming Week 2026 started with a roar! Hundreds of hungry students converged on the homecoming barbecue, the first event kicking off Homecoming week.

Organizers prepared food for 400 students and every last morsel was gone within a half-hour.

"It was a great turnout" ASISU Student Body President Sky Halter said. "Good food, lots of people, I think we saw lots of great spirit!"

Many attendees also took advantage of an opportunity made available to download new software called Bengal Stripes that will enable student clubs to access custom online tools with one easy app. The new app is expected to be fully launched next year.



First ever Homecoming Pickle Ball Tournament! Sixteen teams grabbed their paddles and joined the fun on Wednesday night for bragging rights--just a little friendly competition!

BONFIRE BURNS BRIGHT

Tuesday night's homecoming bonfire also attracted a big crowd. Several hundred students gathered in the ICCU parking lot, enjoying food and singing the Bengal fight song prior to the lighting of the fire.

Flames reached high into the night sky once the stacked pallets were fully ignited.

Prior to the bonfire, students lined up for ice cream treats handed out by Alumni Association members and Alumni Engagement and University Advancement staff. More than 500 students enjoyed a frozen treat near fiery blaze.



At the Alumni Awards Dinner on Friday, everyone had a fan-girl moment. Jeff took a moment to meet Jared Allen. We honored 15 alum and President's medallion honorees.



STUDENT ALUMNI MIXER Catherine Black

Connecting alumni with the next generation is always a win, but our CoSE table took it literally at the Student Alumni mixer.

I loved chatting with all the participants, especially the three engagement card prize winners who made our CoSE table their home base for the evening.



BENNY THE BENGAL

ALUMNI & FOUNDATION LUNCHEON

on the 50-yard line!

Stacie Shouse and her daughter Paige Mendoza (class of 2018!) stopped for a selfie with Benny during the luncheon on Thursday, October 8. Among other topics, including the state of the Alumni Association, it was announced that ICCU has made a naming gift for the coming-soon ICCU Sports Arena to be constructed near the ICCU Dome! Big news--and it was here we heard it first!