

Neighbor News

Elmhurst University Homecoming 2022: Let the Good Times Soar!



HOME COMING 2022

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Hello, neighbors! You're invited to join us on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 as we celebrate Homecoming. It'll be an action-packed weekend of Bluejay fun for the whole family, with an evening bonfire and pep rally, a parade down Prospect Avenue, our Bluejay Block Party, athletic competitions, theatre and much more!

SEPT. 30 FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

Bonfire, Music and Pep Rally

7:00-10:00 p.m., University Mall
Get rowdy on the Mall as we gather for a musical performance by country singer and Elmhurst alumna **Gina Venier**, a bonfire and pep rally for our athletes, and a DJ.



OCT. 1 SATURDAY, OCT. 1

Homecoming Parade

10:00 a.m., Main route: Prospect Avenue
Pull up a lawn chair and enjoy the fun.
Parade route: Step-off at Alexander Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, west on Alexander, south on Grace Avenue, east on Elm Park Avenue, north on Prospect Avenue, ending at Walter Street

Bluejay Block Party

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Alexander Boulevard
Join us for activities for the whole family—there'll be games, food trucks, music and more!



Elmhurst U. Band, Choir & Orchestra Homecoming Concert

11:00 a.m., Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel

Football vs. Carthage College

1:00 p.m., Langhorst Field

Men's Soccer vs. Carroll University

5:00 p.m., Langhorst Field

Women's Soccer vs. Carroll University

7:30 p.m., Langhorst Field

Department of Theatre and Dance presents *The Spitfire Grill*

8:00 p.m., The Mill Theatre

Elmhurst U. Hits Top 10 in Latest U.S. News Rankings

U.S. News & World Report's latest college rankings show Elmhurst University among the top 10 colleges and universities in the Midwest when it comes to social mobility and innovation.

Elmhurst also rose to No. 13 among the overall Best Regional Universities in the Midwest—and to No. 1 in the state of Illinois, according to the *U.S. News Best Colleges* rankings for 2022-2023. Elmhurst ranks No. 8 this year in the

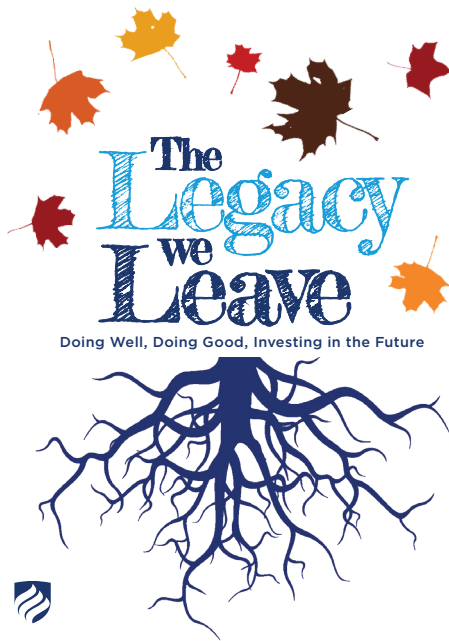


category of Top Performers for Social Mobility, a list of colleges and universities that have been the most successful at advancing students' social mobility. About half of Elmhurst's undergraduate students are the first in their families to attend college, and 100 percent receive some form of financial aid.

The University ranked No. 9 among the Most Innovative Schools in the Midwest, a category that asked top college officials to identify peer institutions that are making the most innovative improvements in terms of curriculum, faculty, students, campus life, technology or facilities. Elmhurst, which is nearing completion of the largest comprehensive fundraising campaign in institutional history, was among the schools that received the most nominations for making promising changes on campus.

U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges rankings evaluate schools based on measures of academic quality, including outcomes, expert opinions, student excellence and more.

The Fall 2022 Cultural Season Explores the Legacy We Leave



Elmhurst University's acclaimed public lecture series, known as the Cultural Season, feature a variety of compelling speakers. This year's theme—**The Legacy We Leave: Doing Well, Doing Good, Investing in the Future**—highlights philanthropic impact and building a culture of generosity and hope. Visit elmhurst.edu/cultural for more information on all of our upcoming lectures.



Chicago Dish: A Chefs Roundtable brings together three acclaimed Chicago chefs and restaurateurs—**Rick Bayless, Stephanie Izard and Beverly Kim**—for a lively discussion about creativity, challenge, and using their seat at the table to advocate for others. Moderated by veteran food and culture reporter **Monica Eng**. Book signing to follow.



Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:00 p.m., Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel. General admission is \$20; free for Elmhurst U. students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Please note: Phi Mu sorority will conduct a food drive during this event to benefit the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry. Attendees are encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item to donate. A list of most-needed items is at eyfp.org/food-drive.



From Stonewall to the White House: Media as a Weapon for Change, with **Mark Segal**, a journalist, author and founder of the *Philadelphia Gay News*. **Wednesday, Oct. 19, 4:00 p.m., Frick Center, Founders Lounge. Free**



The Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Lecture with **Sister Barbara Reid**, first woman president of Catholic Theological Union.

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7:00 p.m., Frick Center, Founders Lounge. Free



Everything is Interfaith Now, Even at Elmhurst, with **Rachel Mikva**, Herman E. Schaalman Professor in Jewish Studies at Chicago

Theological Seminary (CTS); and CTS President **Brad Braxton**. **Thursday, Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m., Frick Center, Founders Lounge. Free**



American Like Me, with award-winning Sicangu Lakota hip hop artist **Frank Waln**, who contributed to the book *American Like*

Me: Reflections on Life Between Cultures. Presented with the Elmhurst Public Library and Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library. **Monday, Nov. 28, 7:00 p.m., Frick Center, Founders Lounge. Admission is free but registration is required, at elmlib.org/OneBook**



New Faces in the Public Safety Department



Two veteran law enforcement professionals recently joined Elmhurst University to lead our Department of Public Safety.

JOHN ESCALANTE is the executive director of public safety. He has 36 years of law enforcement experience, with the last six years as chief of police for Northeastern Illinois University.

ANDREW HICKEY is the assistant director of public safety. A longtime Elmhurst resident, he served for more than 30 years in the FBI's Chicago field office before joining the University.

Fall Term Dates

- Graduate Programs Information Session: Oct. 22 (virtual) and Nov. 12
- Undergraduate Open Houses: Oct. 8 and Nov. 5
- Thanksgiving Recess: Nov. 24–27
- Last Day of Class: Dec. 9

Contact Us

We want to be a good neighbor! If you have a question or concern, please get in touch.

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