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Ridge to Speak at Homeland Security Conference

Tom Ridge, the first U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security and a former Pennsylvania governor, will deliver the keynote address at the 10th annual Conference on Homeland and International Security.

"A Community-Based Approach to Fighting Terror Crime" will be held from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Oct. 24 in the Convocation Center. The conference is organized by the Department of Criminal Justice.

Members of the public, including law enforcement officers and criminal justice professionals, are invited to join Cal U students, faculty and staff at this free event.

The University will award Ridge an honorary Doctor of Public Service before he presents his keynote talk, which will focus on safety and security in our communities.

Ridge is recognized around the world for his expertise in homeland security. After the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, he was named Assistant to the President for Homeland Security.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security was created in 2003, and Ridge was the first secretary appointed to lead the Cabinet-level department.

Prior to the events of 9/11, Ridge had served two terms (1995-2001) as governor of Pennsylvania. A combat veteran of the Vietnam War, he also had served six years in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he

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Tom Ridge



Police cadets Casey Hindman, of West Mifflin, Pa., handcuffs Jerry Carter, of Natrona Heights, Pa., during a training exercise for Cal U's full-time IUP Police Academy. The hands-on learning session was held Sept. 27 at Adamson Stadium.

Police Cadets Graduate Oct. 17

The inaugural class of cadets will graduate from Cal U's full-time IUP Police Academy at 5 p.m. Oct. 17.

Pittsburgh Police Chief Scott Schubert will address the cadets at a graduation ceremony in the Performance Center, inside the Natoli Student Center.

"If I want to do any type of law enforcement, I knew I'd need this certification," said cadet Andrew Grace '16, who joined the academy after earning a bachelor's degree from Cal U's criminal justice program.

The four-year degree gave him a solid background in all aspects of criminal justice, Grace said. Once he graduates from the academy, he hopes to be employed as a municipal police officer "and then work my way up through the ranks and see where (this career) takes me."

Cal U's IUP Police Academy is certified by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC), which sets

certification and training standards for Pennsylvania's municipal police officers. The satellite program is offered in partnership with the Criminal Justice Training Center at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Each of Cal U's 17 graduating cadets has completed 760 hours of rigorous training to earn Act 120 Municipal Police Officer certification, which is required for employment as a police officer in Pennsylvania.

In addition to classroom instruction, the program includes active, applied learning in areas such as self-defense, defensive driving, use of firearms and non-lethal weapons, CPR, and first aid.

"Today's police officer must be prepared to handle complicated and difficult situations," said program coordinator Dr. Michael Hummel, a professor of criminal justice and a part-time police officer.

"This program takes a community-oriented approach to policing. We stress procedural justice — treating people with dignity and respect — along with professionalism, communication,

responsibility and accountability. We want intelligent police officers out there on the streets, serving our communities."

In addition to Act 120 certification, police academy graduates are awarded 15 college credits that can be applied to Cal U's B.S. in Criminal Justice or the new associate degree in applied policing and technology. Both the bachelor's and associate degree programs are available on campus or 100 percent online.

Cal U also offers an M.A. in Social Science Applied Criminology and a Doctor of Criminal Justice.

Cal U is accepting applications now for its second police academy class. Pre-testing is required to enter the program, which has expanded to 920 hours to meet new MPOETC requirements. Classes begin in January and meet from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays.

For more information about the police academy, contact program coordinator Dr. Michael Hummel at hummel@calu.edu or assistant coordinator Dr. Christopher Wydra at wydra@calu.edu.

Homecoming Has Disney Atmosphere

A weeklong series of activities with a Disney theme is planned to mark Homecoming 2017.

On Oct. 14, Homecoming Day, pre-prepare activities begin at 10 a.m. on the main campus, where inflatables with a Disney look will add to the family-friendly fun.

Balloon art and a petting zoo are planned, and various clubs and organizations will offer food, T-shirts and other items for sale. The community is encouraged to attend, along with alumni from all class years.

At 11 a.m. the Alumni Relations



Office holds its annual "Picnic on the Patio" at the Kara Alumni House. Graduates and their guests are invited to enjoy picnic fare and socialize with friends and former classmates.

The annual Homecoming Parade begins at noon. The lineup of bands,

floats and marchers will step off from the Convocation Center courtyard and travel down Third Street. Marchers will turn right at Union Street and return to campus on Second Street.

Along with the Cal U Marching Band, visiting high school bands from Brownsville, California, Charleroi, Carmichaels, Monessen, Peters Township, Ringgold, West Greene and Alderidge high schools will perform.

A Vulcan Huddle tailgate party begins at 1 p.m. in the pavilions at Roadman Park, outside Adamson

Stadium. A Kids Zone with inflatables, face painting and giveaways opens at 1 p.m. outside the stadium.

Cal U's women's volleyball teams hosts Gannon University in the Convocation Center beginning at 1 p.m. Admission is free.

At 3 p.m. the Cal U football team hosts Clarion University at Adamson Stadium.

In addition, the Pittsburgh Steelline, a professional entertainment stadium, will perform at the parade and during the football pre-game activities on the

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Constitution Day Addresses Timely Topics

Fake news and public dissent were the timely topics as Cal U marked Constitution Day on Sept. 18.

Dr. Patrick G. Coy, director of Kent State University's School of Peace and Conflict Studies, presented the morning session, "The Right to Dissent and the Dynamics of Nonviolent Dissent."

William Meloy and Loring Prest, faculty members in Cal U's Department of Library Services, conducted an afternoon session, "[U]nTruth and Consequences," which looked at how to distinguish valid information from so-called "fake news."

"The right to dissent is enshrined in our Constitution," Coy said. "Don't make the mistake of saying nonviolent dissent is about being passive. It's a very active process where people are waging conflict and exerting power."

"This is a civilian-based mechanism."

Coy has worked as a community mediator and as a human rights observer and nonviolent accompanier in Sri Lanka during the ethnic conflict in that nation. He also has co-led or been a member of peacemaking missions and delegations to Libya, Iraq and the former Soviet Union.

He said that although more people are using the right to dissent nonviolently, those few who do not change the dynamic of a protest. Coy cited several recent incidents, including the protests in Charlottesville, Va.

"Demonstrating nonviolently is a powerful statement, but when a few people start attacking, that becomes the story," Coy said.

"If it bleeds, it leads" and will dominate the news — and that disempowers the dynamic of nonviolent dissent."

Coy is the long-time editor of the peer-reviewed academic research series *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*.

He said movements with impact know how to use the media to their advantage.

"Social media is a powerful tool that, on the whole, has been a positive. But it can be a double-edged sword," Coy said.

"Transparency is the key to democracy."

Coy's presentation in Duda Hall coincided with Dr. Emily Sweitzer's Principles of Sociology course.

Sweitzer and Drs. Melanie Blumberg and Laura Tuennerman, all from the Department of History, Politics, Society and Law, coordinated the event.

"I enjoyed it and learned a lot," said freshman Chaddona Thomas, a business management major. "Nonviolence is the way to go. I believe his talk made me be more aware of things going on in general and the role the media can play."

Fake News

Students can differentiate fact from fiction in the news with research, inquisitiveness and awareness of biased perspectives, Meloy and Prest said in the afternoon session.

"There's not a day that goes by that some article does not pass by my desk about fake news," Meloy said. "You will continue to see more and more information about this."

Meloy, chair of the Department of Library Services, an associate professor and the research and electronic collections librarian, shared an obviously negative online article about the Deferred Action for Childhood



Dr. Patrick G. Coy, director of Kent State University's School of Peace and Conflict Studies, makes a point about nonviolent dissent during Cal U's Constitution Day activities.

Arrivals (DACA) program to explore the notion of confirmation bias.

"It makes us feel good when we see information that confirms our beliefs, and when we see something that contradicts our existing beliefs, we subconsciously dismiss those ideas," Meloy said.

Prest pointed out fallacies in the article while highlighting the importance of fact checking, verifying the authenticity of photos and checking the sources of any article or post.

"You've got to be analytical, do some work, and not just accept something without asking where a fact or statement came from," he said. "If you don't know where it came from, you ought to be suspicious and look for citations, just as your professors do."

Several fact-checking resources the

librarians suggested include *FactCheck.org*, *PolitiFact*, *Wikipedia* and *AllSides*. They also suggested a link on the Mandarin Library website, <http://library.calu.edu/fakenews>.

Chris Gentile, a nontraditional junior majoring in political science, said he uses the *Democracy Now* website but prefers newspapers for citations.

"Both presentations were interesting, and the afternoon one showed how careful you have to be about news reliability and using solid sources," Gentile said.

Constitution Day was presented by the campus chapter of the American Democracy Project, the Office of the Provost/Academic Affairs, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Department of History, Politics, Society and Law.

Health Fair Educates and Informs

Looking fit at 30, the Cal U Health Fair continues to be an effective educational experience for students.

Nearly 60 vendors from the health care industry presented information, conducted screenings and offered giveaways at the event, coordinated by nurse practitioner Fran Fayish and the University's Health and Wellness Education Center.

More than 850 people visited the Convocation Center Sept. 20 for the 30th annual fair, which incorporated a M*A*S*H* theme, last used in the 1990s, to mark the milestone.

Among the visitors were students from Current Health Issues, a course taught by Dr. Chris Harman, professor in the Department of Health Science.

"For us this event is not just to go hang out and get free stuff," Harman said. "It's all about their health, and the fair relates back to everything we cover in class, such as fitness, nutrition, body composition and psychological health."

"They must ask questions, participate in various activities, and be ready to talk about it."

Karen Amrhein, director of Academic Success Initiatives, is another strong supporter of the health fair.

"We encourage our students to attend the health fair — we even offer them extra credit in our First Year Seminar and Introduction to University Studies courses," she said.

"We highly value the event as a wonderful learning tool."



Davon Brown, left, and Ray Zellars, freshman business administration majors, play Mario Kart through goggles meant to simulate impairment at the Allegheny Health Network Trauma Center's booth at Cal U's 30th annual Health Fair.

Aiden Brooks, a senior majoring in international studies from Shaler, Pa., received a flu shot at the health fair.

"I didn't get a shot or the flu last year, but figured I better not jinx myself this year," he said. "I've gone to the health fair before, and it's a lot of fun. You get lots of helpful information there."

Cal U's Veterans Club and ROTC added to the M*A*S*H* feel by setting up pup tents draped in camouflage nets and stocked with military equipment.

They also offered two-minute military fitness tests consisting of pushups, situps and pullups.

Sara Suzao, a freshman from

Plainville, N.Y., was more than up to the challenge.

"Due to my short stature, I find that this kind of workout helps me become stronger to get the power to hit the ball further," said Suzao, who is on the women's golf team and was selected the PSAC Athlete of the Week on Sept. 13. "I also like to stay in shape and was on the Greek fitness team in high school, so this was pretty neat."

Fayish thanked the faculty and staff for encouraging students to attend.

"Our health fair continues to be more inclusive, and the participation of the campus community is very appreciated," she said.

Grad School Sets Open House

The School of Graduate Studies and Research will hold an open house from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Kara Alumni House.

The program will highlight both Cal U's on-campus master's degree programs and the degree and certificate programs offered through Cal U Global Online, which gives students the flexibility to complete their studies 100 percent online.

Visitors also will learn how graduate assistantships, scholarships and financial aid can reduce the cost of earning an advanced degree.

Commuters will be available to discuss career and financing options.

Visit www.calu.edu/grad to find links to online registration, directions, and a complete list of academic programs and accreditation, or register by contacting Nikki Popelar at 724-938-5490 or popelar@calu.edu.



Student enrollment for the fall semester stands at 7,788, an increase of 3.1 percent compared to last fall.

Good News Abounds for Trustees

“Vowing to make ‘every effort to keep this positive momentum going,’” University President Geraldine M. Jones shared good news about student enrollment at the Sept. 20 quarterly meeting of Cal U’s Council of Trustees.

The headcount stands at 7,788, the president reported — an increase of 3.1 percent compared to last fall. “I am very pleased to report that our headcounts for freshmen, transfers and graduate students are all higher than last year,” President Jones said enthusiastically. “We have reversed a five-year trend.”

The president went on to share more good news, reporting that Cal U ended the 2016-2017 fiscal year with a balanced budget. In fact, the University was able to add about \$500,000 to both its Education and General (E&G) and Physical Plant fund reserves.

Savings played a role in that success, she told the trustees. Over the past two years, Cal U has achieved nearly \$7 million in operational savings, and officials anticipate a further \$2 million in savings during the current academic year.

“Careful spending in every department, along with higher-than-anticipated revenue from investments and tuition, were among the factors that allowed us to close the year on a positive note,” President Jones said.

“Looking ahead, we expect to balance the budget for the current fiscal year without using our reserves. ... And we anticipate no further workforce adjustments in the year ahead.”

Honorary doctorate

The Council of Trustees unanimously endorsed the President’s request to award an honorary doctorate to Tom Ridge, the first U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security and a former governor of Pennsylvania.

The Doctor of Public Service, *honoris causa*, will be conferred Oct. 24, when Ridge delivers the keynote address at Cal U’s 10th annual Conference on Homeland and International Security.

The conference, which is open to the public, will focus on community-based approaches to combating terror crimes. “While we can never repay Secretary Ridge for all he has done and continues to do for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and our country, it is our hope that this honorary doctoral degree will serve as a reminder that California University of Pennsylvania truly appreciates his devotion to public service,” President Jones said.

VP reports

In other business: • Reporting for the Office of Academic Affairs, Dr. Dan Engstrom, associate provost/associate vice president for Academic Success, provided additional enrollment details and praised the turnaround as a campus-wide effort.

• Robert Thorn, vice president for Administration and Finance, reported the budget in greater detail and reviewed on capital projects.

A \$10.9 million renovation has begun in Coover Hall, which houses classrooms and science labs, he reported. The project is scheduled for completion in spring

2019. The roof of Old Main Hall is being replaced using Key 93 funds, and the job should be finished later this month. A complete re-grading of Lilley Field, home of Cal U softball, will begin this spring to assure the safety of student-athletes. In the meantime, the Vulcans will play their 2018 season at alternative locations.

• Dr. Nancy Pinaroli, vice president for Student Affairs, introduced James Pflug, associate dean for Student Conduct. Pflug described updates to the Student Code of Conduct, the document that guides the student disciplinary process on campus, and received the trustees’ approval to implement the changes.

• Engstrom, representing University Marketing, showed the new A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training video filmed on campus. The video demonstrates best practices for responding to an armed assailant on campus.

• Tony Mauro, associate vice president for University Development and Alumni Relations, reported that his office raised nearly \$6.3 million in donations and pledges for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. The year-end total includes more than \$2.7 million in cash donations.

University Trustees are scheduled to hold their next quarterly meeting Dec. 6. The panel now includes student trustee and council secretary Mari Boyle, a junior who is majoring in political science, with a dual minor in philosophy and journalism.

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represented Pennsylvania’s 21st District. Today, Ridge continues to focus on security as chair of Ridge Global, which provides clients with solutions to cybersecurity, international security and risk management issues. He also chairs the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s National Security Task Force.

This is not Ridge’s first visit to the Cal U campus: During his first term as governor, in 1996, he spoke to graduating students at California University’s 14th Commencement.

“While we can never repay Governor Ridge for all he has done and continues to do for Pennsylvania and the United States, it is our hope that this honorary doctorate will serve as a reminder to all that California University truly appreciates his public service,” said University President Geraldine M. Jones.

She will confer the honorary degree, which was approved last month by the Council of Trustees.

Other conference speakers are Cal U faculty members from the Criminal Justice Department:

• Dr. Michael Hummel, a retired military police officer with 23 years of service and an active municipal police officer in Charenton and Monessen, Pa. He will discuss community-based tools to combat contemporary security threats.

• Dr. Aref Al-Khattar, a Fulbright Specialist and retired law enforcement officer with 17 years of intelligence experience in the Kingdom of Jordan. Recognized as an expert in international terrorism, he will discuss the culture of security threats today.

• Dr. John Crenich, a former senior U.N. war crimes investigator and director of the Pennsylvania Center for Investigative and Forensic Sciences, who will give closing remarks.

Admission to the Conference on Homeland and International Security is free. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the Convocation Center lobby.

The opening ceremony is scheduled to start at 9 a.m., with Ridge’s keynote address following the conferral of a Doctor of Public Service, *honoris causa*, at 11 a.m.

Arabic Programs Welcome Fulbright Assistant

Emad Hakim has joined Cal U for the 2017-2018 academic year as the University’s second Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant.

Hakim, from Egypt, will tutor Cal U Global Online students in bachelor’s and master’s degree programs in Arabic and help them with language proficiency and class assignments. He also will help to organize cultural events on campus.

The Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant program brings early-career educators from around the world to study at U.S. colleges while they teach their native languages, assist in language instruction and serve as cultural ambassadors.

While at Cal U, Hakim will take two courses each in the fall and spring semesters to improve his teaching methodology. He has a bachelor’s degree in English from Bani-Suef University, near Cairo, and has been an English teacher for five years. He plans

to pursue a master’s degree in teaching methodology.

Dr. Razak Abedalla-Surrey, Cal U’s Arabic program coordinator, said the success of the University’s first Fulbright teaching assistant, Inejih Abaid, of Mauritania, last year was a benefit to everyone in the program, and he anticipates that will continue with Hakim.

“Cal U and the Arabic program is diverse and proud of that diverse culture,” said Abedalla-said. “I am sure it will be a great experience for him as a cultural ambassador to help us understand his culture and also to learn from us about our culture.”

Cal U offers a Bachelor of Arts degree and an undergraduate certificate in Arabic Language and Culture, and a Master of Arts in Social Science, Arabic Language and Linguistics. An accelerated option allows students to begin taking graduate-level Arabic courses while completing their bachelor’s degree.



Emad Hakim, left, of Egypt, is Cal U’s second Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant. He is working with Arabic program coordinator Dr. Razak Abedalla-Surrey.

Cal U Rises Against Hunger While Cup Visits

For a few days in September, Cal U became part of Hockeyville USA.

The University had a role in a series of events celebrating its hockey team's home venue, the Rostraver Ice Garden, which won the Kraft Hockeyville USA designation for 2017.

The celebration culminated with the Sept. 24 nationally televised preseason game between the Pittsburgh Penguins and the Saint Louis Blues at the UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex in Cranberry Township, Pa.

Three days earlier, Cal U's Convocation Center hosted a Rise Against Hunger event where helping others took center ice attention — as did the Stanley Cup trophy, which the Penguins have won the past two seasons.

The Cup was on display for volunteers at the Convocation Center after coming to campus on a fire truck, to the delight of onlookers who lined Third Street.

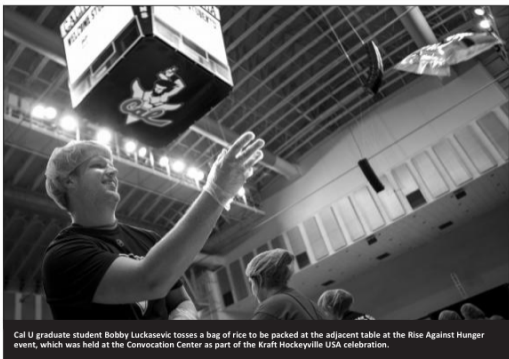
"It was awesome seeing the Cup right here," said alumna Regina Muscarello, avid hockey fan and fiscal technician in Cal U's Bursar's Office. "It's great that hockey season is back, and in a way the new season has started on our campus."

Cal U students joined students from 12 local school districts to pack donated food for area food banks. Vulcanus hockey players and other Cal U students also helped with the event's setup and cleanup.

The signature philanthropic partner of Kraft Heinz, Rise Against Hunger aims to end global hunger as it delivers food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable populations.

"It is an honor to host this outstanding service event to provide meals to those in need," said Cal U President Geraldine M. Jones during the opening remarks. "We are proud that the Rostraver Ice Garden is the home ice for our University's men's and women's hockey clubs. This is truly a community that makes hockey strong."

Brady Smith, Rise Against Hunger's Pittsburgh assistant community engagement manager, said meals packed for the Pittsburgh office commonly go to Nicaragua and Malawi. Cal U event hosts and volunteers



Cal U graduate student Bobby Luckasiewicz tosses a bag of rice to be packed at the adjacent table at the Rise Against Hunger event, which was held at the Convocation Center as part of the Kraft Hockeyville USA celebration.

will receive an email from Rise Against Hunger later this fall saying where the meals went.

Smith called the volunteers heroes for helping Rise Against Hunger's hope of ending world hunger by 2030.

Former Pittsburgh Penguins player and current broadcaster Phil Bourque spoke to the student-helpers, as did John Zeller, another former NHL player who graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School, one of the participating schools.

"When you leave here today, you know you will have changed lives — so pack like a champion!" Bourque said.

Abby Moffit, a junior majoring in elementary and early childhood education, found helping this cause

rewarding. She is doing her teaching field experience this semester at Head Start in Donora and is also a coach at Falcon Gymnastics & Fitness in Belle Vernon.

"I've always been intrigued with helping kids, and a lot of kids I teach now don't have a good breakfast," she said. "It just makes my heart happy to help so many kids in need be able to eat."

Caitlin Michaels, a senior parks and recreation management major, said she is a huge hockey fan and planned on helping as soon as she learned about the event.

"I love community service and helping people out," she said. "Doing something like this gives you a bigger purpose to your life."

Homecoming Parking, Transportation

On Campus

- Free visitor parking is available Oct. 13-14 in Lot 4 (the River Lot).

- Full-rate meter parking is available from 3 p.m. Oct. 13 to 11:30 p.m. Oct. 14 in the pay-by-license metered lots behind the Natali Student Center (Lot 17) and Gallagher Hall (Lot 11).

- On Oct. 14, Homecoming Day, Lot 21 will be closed so family activities can be held. Lot 11 will be used for marching bands and parade vehicles.

- Lot 2 will be open to permit holders and those attending the President's Circle brunch.

Road closures

- Beginning at 8 a.m. Oct. 14, Third Street will be closed on campus, and Hickory Street will be closed from Sixth to Third streets to accommodate the parade.
- Campus road closures continue throughout the day. Motorists can access Lot 4 via Green Street and Second Street.

- In California Borough, no parking is permitted from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 14 on Second Street (200 to 500 blocks), Third Street (200 and 400 blocks) and Union Street (200 block).
- Borough police will ticket vehicles parked along the parade route beginning at 9 a.m. After 10 a.m., vehicles parked along the route will be towed.

Vulcan Flyer shuttles

- Vulcan Flyer shuttles will operate as usual until 11 a.m. Oct. 14. Service will resume immediately after the Homecoming Parade, when the shuttle stops at Booker Towers to take football fans to Adamson Stadium.

- Extra buses will be in service to transport students, visitors and alumni, free of charge, to the Vulcans vs. Clarion football game, which starts at 3 p.m.
- Shuttle service between Roadman Park and the main campus continues until 11 p.m. Oct. 14.

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field. Alumnus Rob Berletich '08 is a founding member of the group, which performs at Pittsburgh Steelers games at Heinz Field.

The Cal U Marching Band will perform at halftime, when winners of the Homecoming Parade float competition will be announced and the Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned.

Football ticket price is \$10; visiting students pay \$5; Cal U students, faculty and staff with valid CalCards are admitted free, along with children ages 12 and younger.

The busy weekend concludes on Oct. 15 with the soccer teams taking on Slippery Rock at the Phillipsburg Soccer Complex. The men play at 1 p.m., and the women's game begins at 3:30.

Other events

The announcement of the 2017 Homecoming Court will be made at

11:30 a.m. Oct. 10 in the Natali Student Center's Food Court. Special guest performer is singer Ryan Quinn, a contestant on "The Voice," a reality show singing competition on NBC-TV.

A variety of other student- and community-focused events are scheduled during Homecoming week, including an office decorating contest, a special Underground Café featuring Cal U alumnus and pop singer Nick Barilla at 9 p.m. Oct. 12 in the Performance Center, and a pep rally sponsored by the Black Student Union from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 13 at the outdoor courts near Hamer Hall.

Throughout the week, students, faculty and staff can take selfies at various locations through the Natali Student Center. Tweet them to @CalUStraAffairs to be eligible for prizes.

For more Homecoming information, visit the Cal U homepage, www.calu.edu.

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