



Your DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

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HOMECOMING WEEK

It's Homecoming Week here at Hamline, and students are busy showing off their Piper pride!

Campus events this week began on Sunday afternoon, with a campus decorating and ice cream party—students spent the afternoon decorating the campus by chalking sidewalks, hanging banners, and painting windows in support of their fellow Pipers. On Monday, Hamline held a free **Homecoming t-shirt giveaway** in Anderson Forum, and this evening is the annual **Hamline Pride Fine Arts competition and gallery**, during which a jury composed of faculty and staff will select award recipients. Student attendees will also have the opportunity to vote on a student-favorite.

Tomorrow night is the popular **Glow Scavenger Hunt**, during which students will compete three-legged race-style to win a prize for finding the most glow sticks hidden throughout campus. At Thursday afternoon's **DIY Hamline Pride** event, students will have the opportunity to adorn sweaters and t-shirts with their own Piper-Pride-themed decorations, with supplies provided by the Student Activities Office. Friday's **Lip Sync Competition** is also a popular annual event, with students encouraged to perform their favorite songs on stage, without having to worry about singing! Student contestants will be judged on their ability to lip sync, originality, appearance and crowd reaction. Saturday the 14th has four big events slated for the day. The **Piper Rally** (11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Alumni Way) kicks off the celebration with free caricature artists, henna artists, yard games, Disc Golf, and more! The **Homecoming football game against Concordia** starts at 1:00 p.m. on Klas Field, and afterward students are invited to continue the celebration at the **Big Bash**, an annual event sponsored by the Association of Hamline Alumni which features dinner, live music, and a cash bar (for guests who are 21+). The Big Bash will be followed by the **Homecoming Dance** from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Kay Fredericks Ballroom, Klas Center.

With events happening every day, there's something fun for every Piper during Homecoming Week! For more information or details regarding Homecoming events, contact HOMECOMING@hamline.edu, or check out the [Hamline University Homecoming Facebook page!](#)

FALL BREAK, MIDTERMS, AND STRESS PREVENTION

Fall Break is coming up on **Friday, October 27th**. For most students, fall break is a welcome opportunity to have a day away from class and to take some extra time to study and rest. The residence halls, apartments, and dining services will remain open during the midterm break. Fall break typically comes right after midterms, which are a time when students may need extra support in order to be successful. Knowing the following suggestions can help you coach your student as they prepare for midterms at Hamline.

To minimize stress during midterms, students should:

- Know when and where their exams will be given.
- Maximize studying during hours when they are usually most alert and efficient.
- Schedule breaks and avoid unrealistic goals for their study routine (e.g., "I will study for six hours and not take any breaks").
- As much as possible, stick to their regular routine. Avoid studying at late hours, or staying up all night.
- Don't try to do everything at once. Set their study priorities and work on the most pressing concerns first.

FAMILY WEEKEND

Parents, family members, guardians, and friends, be sure to save the date for **Family Weekend**, happening **November 3rd-5th, 2017**. Family Weekend provides the families and friends of Hamline students an opportunity to experience campus life! The weekend is a great way to spend time with your student, visit with University faculty and staff and explore and enjoy the Hamline community. Activities for the weekend will include a chance to meet with the Dean and Associate Deans of Students at the **Dean's Ice Cream Social** on Friday night, followed by a **family-friendly improv comedy performance** by Comedy Sportz, **workshop opportunities for parents and students** on Saturday, a **fall concert** in Sundin Music Hall, **Hamline Football vs. St. Johns University** on Klas Field, **recess-style fun and games** with the Hamline University Programming Board (HUPB) on Saturday night, and a **traditional service** at Hamline United Methodist Church on Sunday morning followed by **brunch in the Bishop's Bistro** on Hamline campus. We hope you'll join us for this great annual event!

HAMLIN DASH GRANT: A NEW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This fall, Hamline University began a two-year partnership with Great Lakes Education Philanthropy to provide grants to qualifying* undergraduate students for one-time financial emergencies. These grants are called **Hamline Dash Grants**. Hamline's goal in providing these grants is to assist students who might otherwise have to leave school due to a sudden financial emergency.

***To qualify for a Hamline Dash Grant, students must:**

- Be enrolled either part-time or full-time as an undergraduate, degree-seeking student;
- Show evidence of a qualifying financial emergency (some examples include an unexpected car repair bill or an unanticipated medical bill); *AND*
- Have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$7,000 or less per year, based on their FAFSA information

Please share the information about the Hamline Dash Grant with your student. Please note that Hamline Dash Grant funds may not be used to pay University-based bills such as tuition, housing, textbooks, etc. For more information about the grant, students are welcome to contact the Dean of Students Office at (651)523-2421 or an-studentaffairs@hamline.edu. Students may also fill out an application to meet with a staff member to discuss eligibility for the Hamline Dash Grant by visiting the [Dean of Students Student Services & Resources webpage](#) and clicking on **Request a Hamline Dash Grant**.

HALLOWEEN STUDENT OUTREACH MESSAGE

Happy Halloween to our Piper community! We in the Dean of Students Office hope that all students will have fun engaging in the activities offered on campus and throughout the Twin Cities on Halloween this year. Halloween continues to be a time when people forget to consider the impact their costumes and behavior may have on other people, cultures, and identities. Each year, Dean of Students Office sends out a message to all undergraduate students reminding them of the importance of considering others and of making good choices when they celebrate. We recognize that many cultures have celebrations and rituals, such as Halloween, that allow people to disguise who they are, even if only for a single night. However, what one person considers celebratory may be offensive to another, and no one wants a seemingly harmless costume to have unintended negative consequences. **Below are some items that Hamline asks all students to consider as they make their costume selections and Halloween plans:**

- Is your costume choice something that is likely to be perceived as offensive to members of another race, gender, religion, or culture? Will it reflect poorly on you or adversely affect our Hamline community?
- Will photos or social media posts capturing your celebration be misinterpreted and have a negative impact on your reputation now or in the future?
- If you plan to attend a party or celebration on Halloween night, do you have a friend to go along with you, particularly if you are walking in the evening hours to your destination? Are you being responsible in your choices regarding alcohol? If you are hosting, are you being a responsible host? Are you following Minnesota law?

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEBSITE and GRAY AND RED NEWSLETTER

Looking for an event at Hamline? Check out [What's Happening at Hamline](#) – Hamline's newest way for students (and parents) to find fun things to do on campus. And if you're curious about Hamline athletics or want to check the latest game stats? Sign up to receive the [Gray & Red Newsletter](#).