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Shadow Day, Coronation, and a 'Whole Hog BBQ' among Homecoming Week Highlights

*Parade, Coronation Ball,
and Basketball Tailgate Round Out Festivities*

(New Orleans) Dillard University's Homecoming Week kicks off on Thursday, Nov. 13, with a slew of exciting activities including for the first time a 'Whole Hog BBQ' featuring South Carolina Whole Hog BBQ Pitmaster of CarolinaQNOA and NASA Rocket Scientist, Dr. Howard Conyers.

On Thursday, Nov. 13, the whole hog BBQ will serve free samples of BBQ pork and Southern Sweet Tea at Kabacoff plaza at 1 p.m. The lecture The Commercialization of Black Southern Food: The History of the Pulled Pork Sandwich with Dr. Howard Conyers will be held in the Professional Schools Building room 112 at 3 p.m.

On Friday, Nov. 14, high school seniors will get the opportunity to attend classes along with current Dillard students during **Shadow Day**, giving them a pre-college experience as part of the university's recruitment program. Shadow Day is a free program offered to high school seniors who have been admitted to Dillard and are interested in attending the university for Fall 2015. Students are paired with current Dillard students to experience life on campus and are invited to attend coronation and other homecoming activities.

Later Friday evening, Mr. and Miss Dillard 2014-2015 (Lyndon Catalan and Rav'en Duncan) and their royal court will be crowned at the annual Coronation Ball in the atrium of the Professional Schools Building at 7p.m.

The homecoming parade will roll through the Gentilly community on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m.- 11 a.m. Immediately after the parade is the 'DU Family Fest' at Kabacoff Plaza. The Dillard Bleu Devils men's and women's basketball teams host a doubleheader in Dent Hall Gymnasium. The women's game begins at 3 p.m. with the men's slated for 5 p.m.

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Homecoming Week will draw to a close with a 3 p.m. matinee production of *The Lion and the*

Jewel. Sunday's performance is the last of six performances that begin on Nov. 7. Following the play will be "Sunday Night Live" in Lawless Memorial Chapel at 6 p.m. We hope you'll join us for Homecoming Week festivities!

Homecoming Week 2014 Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 13

Homecoming Kick Off Rally, Kearny Dining Hall, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

South Carolina Whole Hog BBQ, Kabacoff Plaza, 1 p.m.

Whole Hog Lecture, PSB 112, 3 p.m.

Comedy Show, Georges Auditorium, 7 p.m.- 9 p.m.

Kearny Party, Kearny Lounge, 9 p.m.-12 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 14

Pop-Up Salon, Student Union 170-171, 12 p.m.-5 p.m.

Empowerment Panel, Student Union Ballroom, 12 p.m.- 2 p.m.

Coronation and Coronation Gala, Professional Schools Building (PSB) Atrium, 7 p.m. -10 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 15

Homecoming Parade, Gentilly Community, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Pop-Up Salon, Student Union 170-171, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

DU Family Fest, Kabacoff Plaza, Immediately after the parade-3 p.m.

Homecoming Basketball Games, Dent Hall, Women's at 3 p.m. and Men's at 5 p.m.

Homecoming Concert, Henson Hall, 9 p.m.

Sunday Nov. 16

The Royal Tea, Kabacoff Plaza, 11a.m.

The Lion and the Jewel, Cook Theatre, 3 p.m.

Sunday Night Live, Lawless Memorial Chapel, 6 p.m.

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About Dillard University

Dillard is a private four-year liberal arts historically black university with a history dating back to 1869. It is located on a picturesque 55-acre campus in New Orleans, Louisiana which boasts an "Avenue of Oaks," spacious greens and white buildings of both Jeffersonian and modern architectural styles. Academically, Dillard ranks among the top in a number of areas including *Forbes'* 2013 list of Top Colleges and Universities in the U.S.; top 60 liberal arts institutions by the *Washington Monthly* (2013); consistently ranked as one of *U.S News and World Report* top Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); American Institute of Physics' top producer of African Americans with bachelor's degrees in physics (2012); and according to the National Science Foundation (2013), among the top 50 colleges whose graduates earn doctorates in the sciences.