

2025 *Viking* HOMECOMING

ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

Campus Safety Measures

Message from the Chancellor

Dr. S. Keith Hargrove, Sr.

At Elizabeth City State University, our highest priority is, and will always be, the safety, security, and well-being of our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests. As we welcome you back to campus, we recognize that the college experience is filled with cherished memories, lifelong friendships, and celebrations that unite us. Whether it's connecting with alumni, rallying together at athletic events, or raising funds for future generations, these moments are the heartbeat of our ECSU community.



However, as safety concerns have grown at institutions across the country, we must take thoughtful and necessary steps to protect our campus. Change is never easy, but it is essential. It is our hope that students, parents and guardians, alumni, and friends of the university will understand why these changes are being made and join us in ensuring that ECSU remains a safe and welcoming place for all.

The actions that we've taken reflect our unwavering commitment to protecting the Viking community and ensuring that our campus is a place where everyone feels safe, supported, and able to thrive. Together, we can foster an environment where our traditions continue, our community grows stronger, and our memories remain positive and lasting.

I look forward to seeing each of you in November for our 2025 Viking Homecoming!

With Viking Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Keith Hargrove". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dr. S. Keith Hargrove, Sr.
Chancellor

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Campus Operations

Visitors and students are subject to presenting their ID at any time during Homecoming.

- **Visitors**
 - Campus closes at 8:00 PM
- **Residential Students**
 - Students may attend sanctioned campus events between 7:00 – 9:00 PM
 - Residential students must refrain from large gatherings (no more than 50 people)
- **Commuter Students**
 - Who are not attending the student event must depart campus by 8:00 PM with Visitors.
 - Who are attending the student event must have a ticket to the event, and depart campus by 9:30 PM (immediately following the end of an event)

General Information for Campus Operations

- Student Events will end throughout the week at 9:00 PM
- Student Events on Friday and Saturday will end at 9:00 PM
- The Quad will operate from at 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM on Thursday with load-in (music ends at 6:30 PM)
 - Friday and Saturday | 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM (music ends at 6:30 PM)
 - Parking for Greeks (with grills) will be on the backside of campus (near the Principal's House).
- The Quad will be closed during the week and will only allow for Greeks to clean plots, Sunday-Wednesday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM. - no large gatherings (max. 50 ppl).
- Residence Hall Visitation Process – no overnight guests will be allowed.
- No large gatherings in the Outdoor Classroom, Gazebo Areas, Promenade, Courtyard, Residential Spaces, or any other areas on the campus. (max 50 ppl).
- [RSVP here](#) for Homecoming to receive up-to-date information (event locations, time changes, campus closure reminders, safety alerts)

Weekend Campus Operations

**Student Events for the Week will be reflected on the ECSU HomeComing Website.*

Friday, November 7, 2025

- **Tailgate Experience** - (The Quad from 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM) - Music ends 6:30 PM
- **Forging Our Legacy Scholarship Brunch** – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM (KE White)
- **Chancellor's Alumni Welcome Reception** – 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM (STEM Complex)
- **Step Show** - 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
 - **Location:** Fine Arts
 - All tickets will be sold online in advance (no ticket sales at the door)
 - Clear bag policy fully enforced
- **Student Event – Evening Event** - 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
 - Students w/valid College ID
 - Mandatory and entered when they purchase an ID
 - Information will be marketed on all materials; clear bag policy enforced

Saturday, November 8, 2025

- **Parade** – 9:00 AM
- **Football Game** – 1:00 PM
- **Tailgate Experience** - (The Quad from 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM) Music ends at 6:30 PM
- **Student Event – Concert** - 7:00 – 9:00 PM
 - Students w/valid College ID
 - Mandatory and entered when they purchase an ID
 - Information will be marketed on all materials; clear bag policy enforced

Emergency Management

- **Emergency Management and Information Stations**
 - Roebuck Stadium
 - The Quad
 - Welcome Center (for Friday and Saturday due to events in that location)
 - Step Show - Friday | 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM (Doors open at 4:30 PM)
 - 3 Student Evening Events (Thurs, Fri & Sat)
- **Main Gate Security Box Coverage** (Friday and Saturday)
- **Joint Operations Command** will be fully operational to include two (2) telecommunicators
- **RAVE Alert System**
 - Will be used to send emergency messages to registered students/families.

Parking, Traffic Regulations, & Shuttle Services

Parking

- To decrease the presence of vehicular traffic, parking on this inside perimeter of campus is not allowed.
- Parking at Viking Village and other main campus Residence Halls is strictly for Campus Residents ONLY and who have a parking decal.
- Visitors to Campus can park in visitor spaces located in the following parking lots: G.R. Little Library, Griffin Hall, Gilchrist Building, ECSU Welcome Center, and Mickey L. Burnim Fine Arts Center.
- Please note, some parking for the Homecoming Game will require payment (ECSU is a cashless campus. Payments will be collected electronically on-site or in advance online).
- A limited number of ADA-accessible spaces will be available on a first-come, first-served basis (managed by Athletics).

Traffic Regulations

- When crossing the highway by Viking Village, please use the crosswalk and ensure that the oncoming traffic has stopped and is clear and safe for you to cross.
- Herrington Road will be closed one hour before the game and one hour after the game.
- Always park in a designated parking space for which you have a parking decal.
- No unauthorized golf carts or motorcycles are allowed on campus or in any parking areas.
- Route traffic for Friday and Saturday to the Main Gate with Security check through Fine Arts (circle) to gain access to Campus.
- For events on Friday and Saturday at the Fine Arts, traffic will be routed out of the main entrance, so that traffic cannot drive through campus.

Shuttle Services

Shuttle Services will be available during the following days and times with a designated route from the Griffin Hall, Thorpe Administration Building, Welcome Center, Gilchrist, and Fine Arts parking lots to Roebuck Stadium, The Quad, and STEM Complex.

Friday

- 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Saturday

- 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

The Quad and Roebuck Stadium Tailgating Activities

The Quad Tailgating

Tailgating on Homecoming Friday and Saturday in The Quad area will begin at 6:00 AM, music ends at 6:30 PM, with a strict end time of 7:00 PM. All visitors must exit campus by 8:00 PM.

Large Tents

Each Greek Plot will not be able to have more than two 10x10 tents and must be without enclosures. Tents must be pre-approved by the Office of Student Engagement & Leadership. Undergraduate Chapters that are in violation will be fined \$500 and may result in one year probation (no gatherings at the plot, no participation in campus activities).

Roebuck Stadium Tailgating

- Tailgating at Roebuck Stadium will be open to paid vendors 7:00 AM. Gates open for all guests at 11:00 AM. All Tailgating at Roebuck Stadium will end 2 hours after the game or no later than 6:30 PM.
- Vehicles entering Roebuck Stadium are subject to search by university and local police. This communication will be included in our overall messaging along with the Clear Bag policy.

Homecoming Class Reunion Events

- Class Reunions that are hosting events on campus must end by 7:30 PM. Only registered reunion participants and guests will be allowed to attend these events.
- The Office of Alumni Relations and Engagement will **not** support events off-campus beyond the 8:00 PM campus closure of operations.

Campus Safety & Security Measures

1. **Increased security in residence halls** with stricter visitation rules to reduce the risk of unwanted visitors during high-impact events.
2. **Gate access** at all five campus entry points with the ability for immediate lockdown in the event of an emergency.
3. **Overnight campus lockdown** from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM, with one main gate remaining open.
4. **Enhanced security for major and special events** (e.g., Greek Step Show, concerts, Homecoming activities, Viking Fest) through coordination with the UNC System and a third-party security company that will manage access control, monitor event perimeters, and provide rapid-response support.
5. **Active shooter preparedness training** beginning Fall 2025 for faculty, staff, and students to ensure readiness and coordinated response in any emergency.
6. **Expanded student counseling services hours of operation** both in-person and virtually to address mental health needs proactively.
7. **Mandatory SafeColleges training** for all employees to reinforce safety awareness and emergency protocols.
8. **Hiring additional security personnel** within University Police.
9. **Secure additional officers** through external contracted vendors for event-specific coverage.
10. **Routine assessment of call boxes** every 30 days to ensure they remain fully operational, with immediate repairs as needed.
11. **Placement of emergency first aid kits** in all residence halls and academic buildings to be completed this year.
12. **Improved visibility** by trimming trees and shrubbery in high-traffic areas.
13. **Increased lighting** through upgraded light poles and additional mobile lighting units during high-impact events.
14. **Student ID and verification measures** for all ticket purchases, including visiting students from other campuses.
15. **New technology** for gunshot and weapon detection systems.
16. **Request assistance from UNC System** for additional University Police (Mutual Aid Agreement).

Contact Information

ECSU Homecoming Website | <https://www.ecsu.edu/homecoming>

Athletics (Roebuck Stadium Tailgating, Parking, Game Tickets) | <https://ecsuvikings.com/>

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