



Homecoming Highlights



One of the highlights of every school year is Homecoming, and this year's Homecoming promises to be full of energy and excitement!

As always, the fall musical will be one of the main attractions. This year's production, "Working," will be performed October 22-24 at 8:00 p.m. in Culbertson Auditorium.

On Friday, October 23, the inauguration of Dr. Paul Maurer, 11th president of Sterling College, will take place, with the Installment ceremony beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the front lawn of Cooper Hall.

Four class reunions will also take place on the 23rd. The classes of 1959, 1969, 1979 and 2004 will gather to celebrate their Sterling years and renew old friendships.

Saturday, October 24, will be packed with events! The Lady Warrior basketball team's Annual Pancake Feed will once again be held at the United Presbyterian Church from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and again from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The annual Homecoming Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. on south Broadway. The Homecoming Hangout will be located on the campus tennis courts at the north end of the football field and will feature a petting zoo, inflatable games, face painting, cotton candy and more.

Both the women's and men's soccer teams will compete on Homecoming Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. respectively, and the football game will begin at 1:30 p.m. The Homecoming royalty will be crowned at 1:10 p.m., and the renovated track, football field and press box will be dedicated at halftime of the football game. An All Sports reunion in Gleason Gymnasium will immediately follow the football game.

The Alumni banquet will be held in the cafeteria. The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the banquet at 6:00. All class reunion groups will be recognized during the banquet; the Alumni Awards will be presented; the Alumni Memorial presentation will be shown; and a special award will be given to a very deserving and much loved member of the SC family. If you have never attended the Alumni Banquet, I highly encourage you to join us this year!

The Alumni Banquet will finish promptly at 7:30 p.m. At 7:45 p.m. on the stage in Culbertson, just prior to the start of the musical, the first annual inductions to the Fine Arts Hall will take place. Be sure not to miss this long overdue event!

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Homecoming Events:

Oct. 22

8:00 p.m. Homecoming Musical
"Working"

Oct. 23

10:30 a.m. Installation of 11th Sterling College President, Dr. Paul J. Maurer
 6:30 p.m. Class of 1959 50th Reunion
 6:30 p.m. Class of 1979 30th Reunion
 6:30 p.m. Class of 2004 5th Reunion
 7:00 p.m. Lady Warriors Volleyball
 8:00 p.m. Homecoming Musical
 "Working"

Oct. 24

7:30 a.m. - Lady Warriors Pancake Feed
 1:00 p.m.
 10:00 a.m. Homecoming Parade
 11:00 a.m. - Homecoming Hangout
 1:00 p.m.
 11:00 a.m. Women's Soccer vs. Tabor
 1:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Tabor
 1:10 p.m. Crowning of Homecoming Royalty
 1:30 p.m. Football vs. Kansas Wesleyan
 Football Halftime Dedication of New Track and Field
 4:30 p.m. All Sports Reunion
 5:00 p.m. - Alumni Banquet
 7:30 p.m.
 8:00 p.m. Homecoming Musical
 "Working"

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 7 Labor Day
All College offices closed

Sept. 12 Missouri Valley Alumni Chapter Meeting
Omaha, Neb.

Sept. 19 Sterling Men's Soccer vs. William Jewell-1:30 p.m.
at Community America Ballpark (*Home of the MLS Kansas City Wizards*)

Sept. 26 Warrior Fest

Oct. 1 Fall Breather for Students and Faculty

Oct. 11 Campus Visit Weekend
If you know of students looking for a college, share their information with our admissions team: admissions@sterling.edu or 800.346.1017.

For all Warrior Athletic events, please go to www.sterling.edu/athletics

For More Information

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Teen Mania Partnership Success

Despite having more than 20 four-year colleges in her home state, Lauren Cox of Colby, Kansas, was ready to go to a school nearly 1400 miles away. On the day she planned to sign enrollment papers, she heard of Sterling College, 200 miles from Colby, and what she learned made her reconsider her decision.

Sterling College interested Cox because it had recently formed a partnership with Teen Mania, a Christian youth organization that is well known for its Battle Cry and Acquire the Fire youth conferences. Teen Mania also runs the Honor Academy, a year-long internship program for high school graduates that focuses on Christian growth and leadership. Cox was an intern at the Honor Academy when she learned of the new partnership. Now, in the fall of 2009, she is a second-year student at Sterling, and she and the other Sterling students contacted through Teen Mania are proof that this partnership is beneficial for Teen Mania, Sterling, and the students involved.

Prior to the partnership, Teen Mania was unable to offer its Honor Academy interns any college credit for the internship experiences. Though Honor Academy interns knew this and willingly entered the program, it put them one year behind if they pursued a college degree. Under the new agreement, some of the Honor Academy courses and experiences count as Sterling College credits, and interns who enroll at Sterling enter with those credits without any extra fees. Those who want to attend other four-year schools may pay a credit transfer fee to Sterling and take those credits with them.

“It was great to enter Sterling with credits,” said Ashley Barnes, also a former Honor Academy intern. “After going to Honor Academy thinking I would have none, it felt like I was getting a head start on my college education.”

Teen Mania benefits in another way. Before the partnership, the organization could not officially recommend a college to its Honor Academy interns and Battle Cry/Acquire the Fire conference attendees. Teen Mania’s mission is to “provoke a young generation to passionately pursue Jesus Christ and take his life giving message to the ends of the earth.” The agreement with Sterling College, a like-minded institution, allows Teen Mania to suggest Sterling to their conference attendees and interns as a college that will support and further the growth they experienced through Teen Mania.

Of course, Sterling College benefits as well. This year, less than two years after the partnership was formed, eight former Honor Academy interns are enrolled at the College. In addition, five students who learned of Sterling through Acquire the Fire conferences are now Sterling students.

“This relationship with Teen Mania is a great one for Sterling,” said Dennis Dutton, the College’s Vice President of Enrollment. “We have students from all across the country learning of Sterling. This year our Teen Mania students come from six different states, one of them from California. An even greater benefit is the mindset of these students. They believe in Sterling’s mission, and they want to grow into leadership roles.”

This is especially true of the Honor Academy interns. In only their second year at Sterling, Ashley Barnes is serving as a resident assistant responsible for nearly twenty young women on her hall, and Lauren Cox is serving as a dorm chaplain. “The Honor Academy internship prepares students phenomenally well for leadership,” said Tina Wohler, Vice President of Student Life at Sterling. “Both Ashley (Barnes) and Lauren (Cox) have so much maturity. We are blessed to have them here at Sterling.”

The students are also glad to be at the College. “It’s a great partnership,” said Barnes. “Sterling College wants its graduates to impact the world for Christ, and interns from Honer Academy are already primed for that focus. They’re also ready, almost immediately, for campus leadership positions.”

“Sterling College is a great place for me to practice missions,” Cox added. “I learned a lot of truths at Honor Academy, and Sterling is a great environment for me to apply them.”



(Above) Ashley Barnes and Lauren Cox are now in their second year at Sterling College. (Right) Students socialize outside the gates of the Honor Academy in Garden Valley, Texas.



Men's Soccer Team Opens for KC Wizards

The Sterling men's soccer team will play William Jewell College at Community America Ballpark, home of the MLS Kansas City Wizards, on September 19 at 1:30 p.m. In what is being billed as a "triple-header," the Warriors will play William Jewell in the first match of the day, followed by Kansas Wesleyan University and Graceland University at 3:30. Finally the pros will close out the action when the Wizards host FC Dallas that evening at 7:30 p.m. The ticket price for all Sterling fans will be \$20 for the three matches. Tickets may be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com.

"This is huge for our program," said Men's Soccer Coach David Underwood. "What an awesome opportunity for us. We get to play one of the top NAIA programs in the nation (William Jewell) at a professional soccer venue, and we get to stay and watch the Wizards and FC Dallas. This will be a lasting memory for all of our guys and a highlight of their playing careers. We look forward to representing Sterling College on what will be the biggest stage in our soccer program's history. We hope to have many fans, families, and alumni out for what will be a wonderful experience."

The game will also be televised on the Metro Sports Network.



Sterling soccer alumni are encouraged to support the current team at the "triple-header" in Kansas City. Pictured here is Darrick Brunson (FS '10).

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- Change in careers
- Accomplishments
- Prayer Requests

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