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UW Homecoming 2008

## **Gov. Christine Gregoire issues “Purple and Gold Day” proclamation for Friday, Oct. 17**

Dawg Dash, Pride in 5 contest and Homecoming Rally highlight week’s festivities

SEATTLE—Friday, Oct. 17, 2008 is “Purple and Gold Day” in the state of Washington.

In honor of the University of Washington’s annual Homecoming celebration, UW alum and Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire has proclaimed the day before the Huskies’ Homecoming game as “Purple and Gold Day” in the Evergreen State.

“I urge all citizens to don purple and gold in honor of this world-class institution and its positive impact on our local, state, national and world communities,” says Gregoire, a 1971 UW graduate.

The governor’s proclamation will be officially announced at the UW Alumni Association’s 5th annual Homecoming Rally on Friday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. in Red Square on the UW Seattle campus. The rally is open to the public and attendees will enjoy free food, fun giveaways, live performances by the Husky Marching Band and Cheer Squad, and special appearances by UW coaches and student athletes.

Additionally, the Homecoming celebration features a few other great events:

**Dawg Dash**, the UWAA’s 23rd annual charity run, takes place Sunday, Oct. 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Husky Stadium. It’s a 10K run and 5K walk/run that raises money for student scholarships, and it’s open to everybody—even dogs are welcome!

For more information on Dawg Dash and to register online, go to [www.DawgDash.com](http://www.DawgDash.com).

The UWAA is also hosting “**Pride in 5**” for the second straight year. “Pride in 5” is the UW community’s chance to showcase its Husky spirit—small snippets of it, anyway. Participants submit 5-second videos demonstrating their Husky pride, and the top three videos receive cash prizes from the UW Alumni Association.

Celebrity judges who are UW alumni— including Fox Sports anchor Angie Mentink and KJR sports radio host Elise Woodward—will decide the Pride in 5 competition. The winners will be announced at the Homecoming Rally and have their videos shown on the Huskytron during the football game against Oregon State, which kicks off Saturday, Oct. 18 at 4 p.m.

For more “Pride in 5” information, including official contest rules and videos from last year’s finalists, visit [www.UWalum.com/homecoming](http://www.UWalum.com/homecoming).

Videos may be submitted online through Oct. 13.

The UW Alumni Association is Homecoming headquarters and can be reached at [UWalum.com](http://UWalum.com) or by calling **206-543-0540** or **1-800-AUW-ALUM**.

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