

[Preseason Scrimmage for Bears & Lady Bears Set for Oct. 18](#)

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Missouri State University's list of impressive homecoming activities grew with the addition of a men's and women's basketball scrimmage event planned for Oct. 18 at McDonald Arena on the Springfield campus.

The Bears and Lady Bears will each conduct a 30-minute intrasquad scrimmage and fan-friendly event, starting at 10 a.m., in the historic facility that served as the basketball home for the university's teams from 1940-76. The \$5 adult admission to the scrimmage will benefit the Missouri State University College of Arts and Letters' Master Class Series. Missouri State students with a valid BearPass card and all children 12 and under will be admitted free.

"We think it will be a great event, and we're excited to make this an annual part of the homecoming activities on our campus," said Kyle Moats, Missouri State director of athletics. "It's a great way to honor our history by having an event in McDonald Arena, and it's a perfect connection with our campus community in supporting the College of Arts and Letters. It's also a fantastic entrée into the football pregame festivities that will start at 11 in BearFest Village."

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Athletics and very much appreciate this tangible demonstration of athletics supporting academics," said Dr. Gloria J. Galanes, dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

Advance ticket for the scrimmage are available [online](#) and in the COAL Dean's Office in Craig Hall (Room 106) from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., weekdays. Temporary parking is available on Grand St., just south of Craig Hall, for those purchasing advance tickets. For more information, please call (417) 836-5247.

General admission tickets will also be sold at McDonald Arena, starting at 8:30 a.m., on Oct. 18.

Both Missouri State teams will meet fans, sign autographs and distribute schedule cards and posters after the scrimmages.

Free parking for those attending the scrimmage and other homecoming events on campus is available in the [Bear Park South garage](#), located at the corner of Grand St. and Holland Ave.

About the Master Class Series: COAL's Master Class Series brings successful MSU alums back to campus to interact with arts and letters students through presentations, workshops, and master class sessions. It's free and open to the community and students across the university.

About the Missouri State Bears: The Bears and fourth-year head coach [Paul Lusk](#) manufactured one of the best turnarounds in the Division I ranks last season as MSU improved to a 20-13 mark in 2013-14. Missouri State will return four starters and seven lettermen from that team after the Bears tied for fourth in a competitive Missouri Valley Conference race and earned a berth in the 2014 CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament last March.

About the Missouri State Lady Bears: The Lady Bears showed glimpses of a bright future during Kellie Harper's first season in 2013-14, with an 11-4 record in a stretch from Dec. 15 to Feb. 7 that included a victory over Missouri. Among MSU's eight returning letterwinners this season are all-conference guards Kenzie Williams and Tyonna Snow, while four all-state high school performers will join the Lady Bears freshman class for 2014-15.