50 IDEAS TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS
HONORING OUR PAST, CELEBRATING OUR FUTURE
NORMANDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
1968 - 2018
YOUR COLLEGE. YOUR COMMUNITY.
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1. Create and display the official Normandale timeline and relive Normandale’s history.
2. Experience Normandale history with 50th Anniversary exhibits by various departments.
3. Honor the past by learning more about the contributions of Normandale presidents and retirees.
4. Admire art exhibits by Normandale students, faculty, and staff.
5. Consider ways to incorporate the 50th Anniversary into your class curriculum.
6. Show your Normandale Pride by wearing RED on Retro Red Days (merchandise in the Campus Store).
7. Celebrate by contributing to students in need through the Normandale Foundation.
9. Celebrate the anniversary of the date classes were first held at the college – September 23, 1968.
10. Events with alumni, including a Community Picnic, Bouncy House, Car Show w/ food trucks, etc.
11. Alumni events such as a flag football game, basketball game w/ 3pt. contest or soccer game.
12. Recognize our Normandale Military Veterans.
13. Have a Fashion Show of the Decades, incorporating music and hairstyles of the period.
15. Help organize and/or participate in a Normandale Roar ‘N Red 50th SK Run/Walk.
16. Share your talent at a Campus Variety Show (including students, faculty and staff).
17. Walk or run the Smiley Trail.
18. Donate blood during a blood drive on campus.
19. Participate in an intramural activity or a group exercise class through Normandale Recreation & Fitness.
20. Enjoy a performance by the Normandale Department of Theatre.
21. Take a photo of yourself or your department in the Japanese Garden and share it on Normandale social media.
22. Go to a student club or organization event.
24. Attend a breakfast or lunch on campus with President Ester.
25. Participate in campus Mental Health Awareness Day through the Office of Student Affairs.
26. Participate in an event sponsored by the Diversity Center in the Kopp Student Center.
27. Attend Spring Fling!
28. Purchase a commemorative, engraved brick through the Foundation for the new 50th Anniversary brick garden.
29. Pack a picnic lunch to enjoy by the large sculpture in the Center Courtyard.
30. Donate canned goods to the Campus Cupboard.
31. Create your own Normandale tradition.
32. Participate in throwback Thursday by wearing retro Normandale clothing (merchandise in the Campus Store).
33. Participate in a Student-Staff Tug-O-War or other sporting event during Spring Fling or Welcome Week.
34. Post one photo of current or past alum, student, faculty or staff on Normandale social media.
35. Contribute to a 2018 Time Capsule for the next 50 years.
36. Host or attend a Normandale History Colloquium.
37. Host a social media contest that encourages alum to visit campus to claim a prize.
38. Participate in a faculty-staff dunk booth (to raise $ for student scholarships).
39. Host an Art Fair featuring 50th Anniversary art projects.
40. Host a Creative Writing Contest to solicit the best poem or written piece about 50 years of Normandale.
41. Host a student soccer tournament with other schools.
42. Host a student 3-on-3 basketball tournament.
43. Take a photo on the Campus Green, which includes faculty and staff shaped as the number 50.
44. Enjoy a 50th Anniversary all-day concert featuring Normandale students from past and present.
45. Join the walking club to stretch your legs and enjoy the beautiful scenery along our walking trails.
46. Send a 50th Anniversary e-card to a student, staff or alumni.
47. Take a break and stroll the garden path in the Normandale Japanese Garden.
48. Enjoy a music concert performance of the Normandale Concert Band or Choir.
49. Share your favorite Normandale stories and photos from the past.
50. Email your celebration ideas to celebrate50@normandale.edu.