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ORANGE, Calif. – Chapman University’s annual Homecoming Day is always a big event, and this year, on Saturday, Oct. 4, it will be bigger than ever as Chapman celebrates the official grand opening of the new \$25.3 million Erin J. Lastinger Athletics Complex.

The Lastinger Athletics Complex, which includes the university’s new 2,000-seat Ernie Chapman Stadium, Holly and David Wilson Field and the state-of-the-art Zee Allred Aquatics Center and Olympic Pool with 500-seat O’Bryan Aquatics Stadium, will be dedicated at 4 p.m. Saturday in a special ceremony in O’Bryan Stadium.

The public is invited to attend this and the other events that will be occurring throughout Homecoming Day on the campus, including the Homecoming football game and halftime fireworks display in the evening. The Chapman Panthers are Orange County’s only NCAA football team.

Here’s a schedule of the day’s highlights – you’ll find a complete schedule at www.chapman.edu/weekend, or call 714-997-6681.

All day – Art Exhibit: “Documental: Video Art from Europe.” An exchange between artists in L.A. and Dusseldorf, Germany, examining elements of performance, endurance and documentation and the role of video in this interplay. In the Guggenheim Gallery on campus. Free admission.

7:30 a.m. – The Chapman University/Toyota of Orange 5K will step off from Schmid Gate at the corner of Glassell and University, led by Chapman President Jim Doti and including more than 500 runners and walkers from all over Southern California. There will be temporary street closures and detours along the 5K’s route through Old Towne and back to the campus – check www.chapman.edu/5K for details or to register for the run (\$35).

11 a.m. – Women’s Soccer: Chapman vs. Whittier. Enjoy a soccer game in the new Ernie Chapman Stadium! Tickets \$3-\$5.

Noon – Tour of Marion Knott Studios. Ever wonder what it looks like inside Chapman’s spectacular film school building on the corner of Palm and Cypress? Now’s your chance to find out. Meet in the lobby – free admission.

3 p.m. – Campus Tour: Sights and Stories of Chapman. Enjoy this tour of the main campus, led by one of our Student Ambassadors. Meet in the Argyros Forum lobby. Admission is free.

4 p.m. – Dedication and Grand Opening of the Lastinger Athletics Complex. The public is invited to join us as we throw open the doors of our grand new athletics complex. And there'll be fireworks, too! Location: O'Bryan Aquatics Stadium. Free admission.

5:45 p.m. – Pregame Pep Rally. Join the Chapman community, the Chapman Cheer Squad, the Pride of Chapman pep band and Pete the Panther in a spirit-raising Homecoming Pep Rally! Location: Attallah Piazza. Free admission.

7 p.m. – Homecoming Football Game. All the fun and pageantry of NCAA football right here in Orange County, in brand-new Ernie Chapman Stadium! The Chapman Panthers take on the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens. Halftime features the Spirit Of Chapman Student Awards, recognition of Alumni Award recipients, Chapman's Cheer Squad, the Pride of Chapman pep band and Pete the Panther – plus a fireworks display! Tickets at the gate are \$10 adults, \$5 students, \$3 kids under 12. Chapman students free with ID. Chapman faculty and staff free, but must pick up tickets in advance, 2nd floor Baldwin Pavilion, with ID.