

Resolution 003
A Resolution to Restore the Old Tailgate Location
Sponsored by: Senator Ortiz
Co-Sponsored by: Senator Harrington, Senator Moskowsky, Senator Sinodinos, Senator Janssen, Senator Vanraes

Whereas,

At 9:59 am on 8/21/2025 The Catholic University of America's Athletic Department disallowed pre game tailgates from taking place on the field beneath the baseball stadium.¹

Whereas,

Per this new policy change, pre game tailgates must take place in the Dufour parking lot.

Whereas,

The Catholic University of America in their announcement gives no reason as to why this change was made.²

Whereas,

This is an unjust act that impedes on the ability for students and Catholic football fans to fully participate in CUA culture here on campus. One cannot fully embrace a tailgate culture while actively watching the football game at this new location.

Whereas,

In years past the tailgate location has been on the dirt field next to the football stadium and beneath the baseball stadium.³

Whereas,

The old location and process to get there showed no risk for public safety. Fans would pay at the Hawaii street gate, take the dirt road over to the field and then follow the directed instructions of CUA officials as to where to park.

Whereas,

The old tailgate location allows for students, families and CUA fans to fully embrace tailgate culture while actively watching and cheering on our CUA student athletes.

Whereas,

The old tailgate location enables maximum fan support for our student athletes. Providing a sense of pride and feeling of support for them.

Whereas,

¹ <https://catholicathletics.com/news/2025/8/21/2025-catholic-football-tailgate-policy-announced.aspx>

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

MLB hall of famer David Ortiz has this to say about fan support, “I just love the feeling from the fans and when I’m walking on deck I can hear people screaming and wishing you the best. That puts you into the game more than anything.”⁴

Be it enacted that,

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby requests that

1. This new policy is to be reversed.
2. The tailgate location for football games is to return to the field beneath the baseball stadium.
3. DPS will continue to have a presence at this location during tailgates. This is to ensure public safety and to verify all fans are abiding by school policy and Washington DC law.
4. DPS reserves the right to remove anyone from the premises that breaks DC law or acts in violation of CUA policy.
5. The tailgate location for CUA football games will always and forever be on the dirt field beneath the baseball stadium, directly next to the football stadium.

Agreed to by a vote of _____ yeas to _____ nays on this date: _____ with
_____ abstaining and _____ not present.

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⁴ https://www.baseball-almanac.com/quotes/david_ortiz_quotes.shtml