

# Parent Graduation Information Packet

Dear 2024 Graduates and Parents:

It is our pleasure to assist you in providing a graduation ceremony for your children. It is our greatest desire to make this a momentous occasion. Below are the due dates at a glance, so that you can be timely in turning in needed funds and information, so that the different aspects of the ceremony can be accomplished in a timely manner. If you have or had a graduate in the past, a lot has changed this year, so please make sure to read this information packet carefully!!

## DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

**Now:** Graduate Information Form can be found on the website

**January 8:** (1<sup>st</sup> payment *deadline \$150*)

Included for payment: cap, gown, tassel, pictures, diploma, program and ceremony

***\*Money is due on this date so we can order your cap and gown early for picture taking.***

**March 1:** (2<sup>nd</sup> payment *deadline \$150*)

Biography and photo for program due

Commencement speeches due for those who are interested.

Graduation talent due for interested students.

National Anthem vocal demo due for interested students.

**March 15:**

Memory video pictures **(this is a firm deadline as we need ampoule time to prepare) WE WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHO AND WHERE TO SEND VIA EMAIL.**

Payments can be made by check (made out to CACHE) or through PAYPAL- use the email [cachegraduation@gmail.com](mailto:cachegraduation@gmail.com) **PLEASE USE THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY OPTION TO SEND PAYMENTS SO WE DON'T GET AN EXTRA CHARGE.**

Thank you for all your help in making this a special day for your graduate(s). May God bless your family as you prepare for graduation! If you have any questions, please email Angel Spradling at [allthespradlings@gmail.com](mailto:allthespradlings@gmail.com)

CACHE Graduation Committee:

Angel Spradling

Stefanie Kocurek

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## CACHE GRADUATION 2024

**Graduation – 7:00 pm Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> at Living Branch Church 13229 HWY 105 W. Conroe, TX 77304.** Arrive early (6:00pm) to set up the students' display table (*table and tablecloth provided*) and to have group picture taken. Each family's help is needed to clean up. We must be out of the building by 9:00 pm. **Cost - \$300.00** can be made in 2 payments (refer to "Deadlines at Glance")

**If you would like someone other than a parent to walk on stage with your graduate, please let us know so they can be announced!**

**Refunds - No refunds on first payment graduation fees after caps & gowns and diplomas are ordered. No refunds on second payment graduation fees.**

**Rehearsal: 7:00 pm Tue. May 7<sup>th</sup> at Living Branch Church. At least one parent is required to attend.**

**Graduation will be a ticketed event, and everyone except the graduate must have a ticket to attend (this includes parents and siblings). The number of tickets the graduate will receive will depend on the total number of graduates we have. This number will be determined once the graduate count is final in February. In the past, each graduate has received around 20 tickets.**

**CACHE guidelines strictly followed. Please be kind in dress and attitude.**

**Rehearsal – Casual dress:**

Gentlemen – modest, dress casual, no baggy pants

Ladies – modest, dress casual, no mini-skirts, cleavage or waist showing at any time.

**Graduation – Sunday dress required:**

Gentlemen – dress shirt with tie and slacks, no baggy pants

Ladies – modest dress, no mini-skirts, cleavage or waist showing at any time.

**Class Photo - This will be taken the day of graduation. Please be prompt in arriving that day with your cap and gown ready.** More details to follow.

**Display Table -** Each graduate is given about 3-4 feet on a table to display photos, awards, etc. Tablecloths will be provided. Be creative! Some students make a display board, some put out autograph books. We will provide a gift bag with the graduate's name on it for cards.

### **Cap, Gown, Tassel, and Diploma Package**

These will be ordered by the committee after payment is received. Please include your senior's height on the Student Information Sheet. The order will be placed on Feb.3<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone is required to order a cap and gown since the color might be different from past years.

### **Commencement Address:**

Please submit your speech via email by **March 1st**. Suggested speech length is 5 to 8 minutes. Please do not put your name on the speech itself so that the committee cannot be biased. Email your speech to Heather Hudson at [heatherstarhudson@gmail.com](mailto:heatherstarhudson@gmail.com) to be presented to the committee. The students chosen will present their speeches at rehearsal and graduation.

**Talent Presentation:**

Seniors interested in performing a talent during the graduation ceremony, please send an email with your talent to LaNell Johns at [lanell@johnsisd.com](mailto:lanell@johnsisd.com) by **March 1**. Not all talents submitted will be chosen. The committee will consider each one and will notify each applicant. If students would like to submit one talent together as a pair or group that is allowed.

**National Anthem Vocal or Musical Selection:**

Seniors interested in singing or playing the National Anthem at graduation should submit an email with a demo to Stefanie Kocurek at [stefwk2@gmail.com](mailto:stefwk2@gmail.com) by **March 1**. The committee will consider each one and will notify each applicant. Multiple seniors may submit a demo together if they wish (including duet/trios singing or someone playing an instrument while another sings, etc.). Demos may also be done acapella.

**Graduation Program:**

**Due date: March 1<sup>st</sup>. An email will be sent with directions on where and who to send to.**

Please see sample biographies at the end of the info packet. **Biographies and Pictures not received by the due date are not guaranteed to be in the program.**

- Short biography for the program – This could include *Name, parents' names, siblings, years home schooled, student's accomplishments and interests, future plans, favorite Bible verse, etc.* This should be 6-10 sentences long and no more than 125 words.
- Photo to go into the program (please choose one with a lighter background color).
- One or two sentence messages from parents (optional)

**PROGRAMS WILL BE IN BLACK/WHITE PRINT. ONE SOUVENIER COLOR COPY WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU. IF YOU'D LIKE EXTRA COPIES, THEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE OF \$5 EACH. IF YOU'D LIKE TO PURCHASE EXTRA COPIES, PLEASE LET Angel KNOW.**

**Memory Video (picture and music slideshow):**

You will need to choose 5 or 6 pictures of your graduate for the memory video to be shown during the graduation ceremony. Number or place the pictures in the order that you want them to appear in the video. Please include the senior's first and last name in the email with the pictures. **NO PICTURE COLLAGES WILL BE ACCEPTED. ONE IMAGE PER FRAME.** Start with a baby/toddler picture and end with the senior picture as the last in the sequence. Due date is **March 15. Please send to Heather Hudson** [heatherstarrhudson@gmail.com](mailto:heatherstarrhudson@gmail.com) **Pictures not sent by the deadline are not guaranteed to make it in the Memory Video**

**Please remember the modest CACHE dress guidelines when choosing photos!! If you have submitted photos that don't follow the guidelines, we will contact you to submit another photo (if time allows). Otherwise the photo will not be included in the memory video.**

### **CACHE DRESS GUIDELINES**

Short shorts, halter tops, cleavage, or crop tops are not allowed.

Boys - no earrings.

Girls - earrings in ears only.

Visible piercings in ears only.

Tattoos with offensive language, pictures, innuendoes, violence, sex, profanity, occult, etc. should not show at any time at a CACHE event.

**THE GRADUATION CEREMONY WILL NOT BE RECORDED. YOU WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE MEMORY VIDEO, BUT NOT THE ENTIRE CEREMONY.**

### **SAMPLE BIOGRAPHIES**

Sample 1:

Lance has been blessed to meet many friends through the CACHE home school group while participating in activities such as Body Builders, field trips, and many other activities. He learned the importance of "Service over Self", as he and his friends visited nursing homes in the Conroe and Montgomery area entertaining and visiting with the residents. Lance loves sports – especially baseball, which he has played for 8 years. He enjoys playing his drums and learning to play guitar. This past summer Lance was privileged to assist in filming a commercial for a local business. He was able to edit videos and get an idea of what it takes to pursue his career goals. His plans are to attend a local college to study graphic design.

Sample 2:

I have been home schooled since kindergarten. One of my greatest interests is sports...all of them! For four years I played YMCA flag football, two years SATCH basketball, one-year SATCH baseball, and one year Northside Falcons baseball. I am currently playing golf and tennis. I have already completed 13 dual credit hours at Lone Star College this senior year. My plan is to continue there and eventually transfer to Sam Houston to finish my general business degree (with a minor in communications). Other than this, my goal is to apply the Biblical teachings and Christian values that I was raised with so that I can be a blessing and example to others around me.

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding..."

