OCEANetwork 2018 Statewide Homeschool Graduation Recognition

June 7, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Salem

Registration Information

Welcome class of 2019! OCEANetwork is excited to invite you to participate in the upcoming statewide homeschool graduation recognition exercises at Salem First Baptist Church, Salem. Space is limited so make sure to send in your registration as soon as possible. We will accept applications on a first-come first-serve basis.

To receive an early bird discount, registrations must be received along with pictures and bios by Friday, April 26th. All other registrations, pictures and bios must be received no later than Wednesday, May 15th.

Date and Time: Friday, June 7, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Salem First Baptist Church, 395 Marion Street NE, Salem, OR 97301

Registration Fee: *$175 with Early Bird Discount, $225 for all others.* This fee includes: facility use, special speaker, graduation kit consisting of a cap, gown, diploma and case, program, and *a light dessert* reception after the ceremony.

A free conference pass will be given to the parents of the graduate for the 2019 Oregon Christian Home Education Conference held June 28th and 29th. Please contact: Conference Registrar at padillas@oceanetwork.org to register.

Cap and Gown Sizing: Class colors are navy and gold. Each grad will receive a navy cap and gown that will be his or hers to keep. The navy gown is lightweight and durable. Cap includes navy-and-gold tassel with graduation year 2019 and is adjustable. Please see sizing below and be careful to order the correct size gown. ***Alternate sizes will not be available on graduation day***. If your student will be wearing heels make sure to take that into consideration with your measurements. Caps and gowns will be received during orientation on Friday, June 7th.

<u>**Graduate's Height**</u>
4'9"- 4'11"
5'0" - 5'2"
5'3" - 5'5"
5'6" - 5'8"
5'9" - 5'11"
6'0" - 6'2"
6'3" - 6'5"
6'6" - 6'8"
6'9" - 6'11"

Dress Code: Gentlemen are expected to wear dress slacks and a full button collared shirt. Ladies are to wear dresses or skirts that fall at or below the knee with modest necklines. *Dressy shoe attire, no sandals or flip flops. Parents please dress to compliment your child.*

Diploma and Case: The diploma we are purchasing is blank. Parents may fill this in or replace it with another. You may see the diploma and case online at http://store.hslda.org/high-school-diploma--case----blank-certificate-p3.aspx

Please note that OCEANetwork is not a school and does not authorize or "award" the diploma to graduates. You, as the parent, authorize and award the diploma to your graduate.

Biography for Program and Platform: Please submit a 150 word biography written in the third person. The master of ceremonies will read the biography as the graduate receives their diploma. This may include information that you would like to share about your Christian homeschooling experience, and or plans for the future. *Biographies submitted in excess of 150 words will be edited to meet the 150 word limit. OCEANetwork reserves the right to edit or omit submissions at their sole discretion.* **Biography must be received at the time of submission of the registration form.**

Slide Show Tribute: There will be a scrolling slideshow during the graduation. Please submit 5 *individual* high quality digital photos of your graduate growing up, in order from youngest to oldest age. *At least two photos must be "senior type" photos of which one must be a head and shoulder shot appropriate for the printed program. The landscape orientation is preferable.* All of the pictures submitted must be provided as a jpeg format and **each picture must contain the graduate's last name and contact information.** Pictures should be numbered in the order they are to be presented. Small pixel size files will not show well on the large screen slideshow. Please provide full size files of the best quality available, *no collages please.* Pictures will remain the property of OCEANetwork and will not be returned. ***Pictures must be received at the time of submission of the registration form***. *Note these pictures will be used in decorations at the graduate recognition event and possibly in future OCEANetwork publications.*

Orientation: Graduates and their parents will be expected to arrive at the graduation venue at 3:30 pm for the graduation orientation and rehearsal. *Graduation orientation and rehearsal is mandatory for participation*. Be sure to arrange your schedule accordingly. Please bring a light meal for your dinner, as graduates and parents **must** remain on site for orientation and rehearsal.

General Order of Ceremony:
- Special Music and Slideshow Prelude
- Introductions by Master of Ceremonies
- Charge to graduates by Special Graduate Recognition Speaker
- Diplomas Granted - Parents and Graduates come up on stage as biography is read and student slide show is shown. Graduate gives mom a rose (OCEANetwork provides the rose) in acknowledgement of her work as their home educator. Fathers give the diploma to graduate. The group poses briefly for photos by the audience.
- Moving of the tassel
- Closing Prayer and Blessing of Class of 2019

Programs: Full programs will be printed which will include a bio and picture of each of the graduates. Each family may have a maximum of 4 full programs. Guest programs will only include the names of the graduates.

Reception: A light dessert reception will be held immediately following the graduation.

Decorations: All decorations in the reception hall are the property of OCEANetwork and must remain on the premises. Please do not remove without permission.

Graduate Display Tables: Each graduate will be given an area **approximately 2' X 3'** for a display. Please have a volunteer in place to set up the graduate's display as the parents and graduate will need to be in the orientation prior to the ceremony. **NOTE:** Please no confetti or loose glitter. *The table display must be less than 3' tall, and standup floor displays are not permitted.*

Volunteer Helpers: Each family is expected to provide one volunteer (non-parent) to help. These volunteers must be 13 or older. Volunteers will be expected to assist OCEANetwork coordinators during orientation and the ceremony as well as help clean up after the reception.

Guests: Graduate families need to notify graduation coordinator of number of guests expected to attend no later than May 15th.

Special Accommodations: If you or someone attending with you has a disability which requires special accommodations for full participation in the ceremony, please inform us when you register so we can better meet your needs.

For more information email: gradrec@oceanetwork.org