

**FHE Class of 2020
Graduation Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2019**

6:30 PM Holly Owen welcome and prayer

Candy Roberts Passion Fund Scholarship. This is the only regional homeschool scholarship in this small of a region. Write about your passion. What is your passion? What are you going to do about it? How are you going to live your passion? Ron Wheeler began the Passion Fund feeling homeschoolers were lacking passion and wanted them to begin thinking about their passion. The scholarship is \$1000, renewable every year for 4 years.

Q. Would that include discipleship training school?

A. Yes

Q. It says a 3 year membership in MPE or FHE does that have to be 3 consecutive years?

A. Add a note that they are not consecutive.

Q. We just moved to the area 2 years ago, can we still apply?

A. Ask if the 3 year membership can be waived. Explain your situation. The scholarship is for legitimate homeschoolers, long term homeschool families.

www.passionfund.org

Holly Owen. Make sure you are registered with FHE. You must be a registered member of FHE to graduate. www.fhe-mo.org

You must also register at www.fheseniorclass.com to graduate.

December 31, 2019 \$200 graduation fee is due. This includes; cap, gown, stole (blue with white print of FHE crest and 2020), tassel, diploma, diploma cover and venue.

There is a \$50 late fee and a \$35 return check fee.

Make checks payable to HEART Senior Class and mail to 1609 NE Oak Tree Drive, Lee's Summit, MO 64086

Nothing received after January 16, 2020.

Log on to www.thegraduationcenter.com to order your cap and gown set. Kansas City, Families for Home Education. Package 4. Need height plus one inch and weight. This is included in your class fees. You can also order announcements, senior apparel and other fun items from Jostens on this site. Last day to order announcements is December 31, 2019. Announcements will be delivered in March.

Graduation is Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 2:00PM at Connection Point Church 10500 E 350 Highway, Raytown, MO 64138. Required rehearsal, Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:00PM. This is mandatory for the student and at least one parent or guardian.

Remember to check the website, and Facebook page for information and updates. The Facebook page is the best place to see faster updates. FHE Senior Class of 2020 on Facebook. FHEseniors2020 on Instagram.

Meeting minutes are posted on the website. www.fheseniorclass.com

Honor Chords. They are double chords knotted in the back \$8 or \$12 depending on the chord. All chords are on your honor if your student has met the requirements. Leadership and committee chairs can deny the Senior Committee chord if you haven't been an active member on your committee. Send order form with payment to HEART addressed to FHE Senior Class 2020 1609 NE Oak Tree Drive, Lee's Summit, MO 64086. Or bring the order form and check to the Christmas party or January meeting.

Q. Does every committee have an adult in charge?

A. We are looking for an adult to chair the music committee. Holly has stepped up to chair the speech committee.

Q. What committees begin after the order forms are due?

A. Yearbook, Flower/Decoration, Speech, Music, Cleanup Committee doesn't meet, we are looking into that.

Q. What is needed for the music committee chair?

A. Organize meetings, decide on music (solos, duets, performances)

Q. Is there a list of committees online?

A. We will get that added if it's not on the first months meeting notes.

Q. Will the adult chair be contacting the committee members?

A. Yes, by email.

Bios and Pictures. Make your bio your own. Include activities, future plans, volunteer work, homeschool name. Email your bio and 3 photos (typically one young picture and 2 current) by March 1, 2020 to fheseniors2020@gmail.com.

Bios may contain a maximum of 75 words. Bios generally contain common elements, but it is not required that each bio include all of them. Choose what works best in your situation. Please include phonetic spelling of your first, middle and last name. This is for our Master of Ceremony to pronounce your name correctly as you cross the stage.

This year we will be including a senior quote under the 3 photos on the screen. Include your senior quote in the email with the bio and pictures.

Q. Will the quote be in the yearbook too?

A. We will talk with the yearbook chair. Good idea!

Parents' names and number of years homeschooled

Extracurricular activities or volunteer work

Church affiliation and activities

Awards and achievements, scholarships earned

Future plans

Acknowledgement of people who've been important to you

Sample Bios

John Alan Brown is the oldest of Tom and Suzy Brown's six children. He has been homeschooled since fourth grade. John loves military history and has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He is a member of Bible Baptist Church, where he served as camp counselor for three summers. John's future plans include college and the military. He wishes to thank his grandmother for her unwavering support.

Jane Elizabeth Adams has been homeschooled her whole life. Her favorite subjects are creative writing and art. She has played piano since age four. Jane was captain of the Dolphins Swim Team her senior year and won first place in womens freestyle at the Midwest Championship meet. Jane will attend Kansas State University on a swimming scholarship. She is grateful to her coach for pushing her to succeed.

Ann Renee Smith is the oldest daughter of Tom and Marie Smith. She has lived in Harrisonville her whole life. Ann attended Harrionville schools until she began homeschooling as a sophomore. Ann loves training and showing horses, participating in 4-H, and spending time with her family and friends. Her future goal is to become an equine therapist. Ann is grateful to her parents for always believing in her.

Frank Logan, Jr. has been homeschooled since kindergarten. He enjoys sports, computers, music, and paintball. He works in the family lawn care business and currently attends Longview. Future plans include Truman State, where he will study pre-med. He hopes to become a pediatrician. His dream is to work as a medical missionary in underprivileged communities. He is thankful to God for great friends and a loving, supporting family.

Military Tribute. To recognize a military member of your family during the military tribute song at graduation. Please email a photo with name, branch, and rank to fheseniors2020@gmail.com

Q. What if you (senior) are already enlisted?

A. If you are already enlisted you can be included.

Q. What members of family?

A. Siblings, grandparents, parents. Unless active duty aunts and uncles.

Social Committee. Teresa Keene, having the students in charge of the events give updates.

Friendsgiving – Madi and Victoria, 24 seniors and lots of parents in the parent lounge. Lots of food, played trivia games and made hand-turkey placemats.

Fall Dance was the whole social committee. 250ish in attendance (that's a record number!). 80's theme, great dance, good feedback. These are fundraisers.

Winter Dance – Mackenzie, Winter Dance is going to be on Saturday, January 25, 2020, 7-10PM. At the Gathering Baptist Church at Plaza Heights, 1500 SW Clark Road, Blue Springs, MO 64015. The theme is Winter Wonderland Masquerade Ball. The dress is Sunday best – semi formal. Register early as a VIP and be able to enter at 6:30PM. Tickets are \$15 at the door \$13 for REGISTERED FHE Seniors (Seniors with dance referral discount will receive an email with the amount due at the dance.) Register at www.fheseniorclass.com make checks payable to HEART Senior Class. This time we will reroute the entrance from the fall dance to the school entrance, so you will be waiting inside instead of outside in the cold. Please pre-register before January 16. Also, we are looking for loans of Christmas trees for the decorations for the Winter Wonderland Dance. There will be a sign up to loan trees closer to the date of the dance.

Christmas Party – Katelyn and Joslynn “Gracie”, The Christmas Party will be here (Country Meadows Baptist Church, 4901 Lee's Summit Road, KCMO 64136 on Thursday, December 12 at 7:00PM. Snacks and a cocoa bar. Watching Home Alone. There will be a white elephant gift exchange, \$5 gift, NO gag gifts!, it is not required to participate in the gift exchange. If you reply that you are coming and show up, you will be entered in a drawing for 1 FREE ticket to Prom! So, cocoa and popcorn provided. Dress in cozy night in attire (sweats, warm winter, Christmas pj's).

Prom – Victoria, The theme for Prom is Great Gatsby 1920's Elegant. Prom is Friday, April 17, 2020 7:00PM – 11:00PM, at the Cotillion, 1717 NW Burdett Crossing, Blue Springs, MO 64015. Eat before or after, there will be light snacks at the Prom. The dress is formal but you don't have to dress to the theme.

Class T-Shirts. Holly Owen, The website goes live on Monday, November 25 for 2 weeks. We will have another chance to order in February. When you order, pay online and choose the “pickup” option if you don't want to pay for shipping. Holly will pick up all the apparel and should have it available to hand out at the Christmas Party, or you may pick up from Holly's house in Independence. If you choose to pay for shipping, it will be shipped directly to you. The website to order is www.tonyrodsscreenprint.com/products We are getting these at cost. No up-charge for fundraising. The colors of the shirts are royal blue, gray, or white. The caps are royal blue or gray. The design is the design we voted on at the October meeting. Short sleeve t-shirts are \$6, long-sleeve \$10, soft v-neck short sleeve \$7, and hoodies \$17.

Next meeting is Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 6:30 at Country Meadows Baptist Church, 4901 Lee's Summit Road, KCMO 64136. That is Graduation Deadline, Honor Chord Deadline. Verification / Sign off for correct name and school for diploma.