

OCEANETWORK 2021 STATEWIDE HOMESCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION

June 12, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
Salem

Registration Information

Welcome class of 2021! OCEANetwork is excited to invite you to participate in the upcoming statewide homeschool graduate recognition exercises at The River 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-served basis.

To receive an early bird discount, registrations must be received along with pictures and bios by Monday, April 5th. All other registrations, pictures and bios must be received no later than Monday, May 3rd. Registrations will not be accepted after May 3rd.

Date and Time: Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Location: The River Church, 4675 Portland Rd NE Ste 190, Salem, OR 97305

Registration Fee: *\$160 with Early Bird Discount, \$210 for all others.* This fee includes: facility use; special speaker; graduation kit consisting of a cap, gown, personalized diploma and case; program; and dessert gift to take home. There will be no reception at the 2021 event. However, each family will receive a box of specialty cookies to take home and enjoy.

Participation Eligibility: The OCEANetwork Oregon Graduate Recognition event is open to graduating seniors living in Oregon who have been educated at home in an independent homeschool in accordance with ORS 339.035 and either OAR 580-021-0026 or OAR 581-021-0029. Those enrolled in a public school, Oregon private school, private hybrid program, or virtual charter school are not eligible to participate.

Important Information for 2021: Each family will be provided event tickets for the graduate, their parents, siblings of the graduate, as well as four tickets for additional guests. We will provide a livestream of the event so grandparents and others who are unable to attend can view the event. Please stay home if you or somebody in your household is sick.

In accordance with OHA guidelines, everyone over the age of 5 is required to wear a face covering indoors. If you do not wear a face covering we will assume you have a medical reason. We will **not** enforce the wearing of face coverings. Graduates and their parents may remove their face coverings while on stage. Speakers, musicians, and emcee will not wear face coverings while on stage. We will use every other row in the auditorium, and families and their guests will

be seated together. If local gathering guidelines change prior to June 12th, we will adjust the event guidelines accordingly.

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 2021 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 rehearsal on Saturday, June 12th.

Graduate's Height

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 complement your child.*

Diploma and Case: The diploma we are purchasing will be personalized based on the information you provided in your registration.

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 portrait orientation is preferable.*

All of the pictures submitted must be provided as a jpeg format. 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.*

Rehearsal: Graduates and their parents will be expected to arrive at the graduation venue at 12:45 pm for the graduation rehearsal. ***Graduation rehearsal is mandatory for participation.*** Be sure to arrange your schedule accordingly. If needed, please bring a light snack as graduates and parents **must** remain on site for the rehearsal and ceremony.

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 2021

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: There will be no reception at the 2021 event after the ceremony. However, each family will receive a box of specialty cookies to take home and enjoy.

Decorations: All decorations at the event 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 a *pre-assigned 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 rehearsal prior to the ceremony. **NOTE:** Please no confetti or loose glitter. *The table display must be less than 3' tall, trifolds and standup floor displays are not permitted.*

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