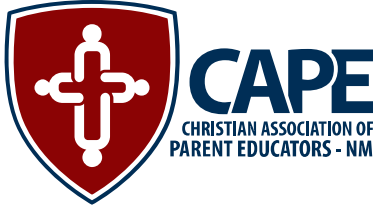


2021 New Mexico Christian Homeschool Graduation

Legacy Church – May 15, 2021



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And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse. "Malachi 4:6

Dear Parent and Graduate,

As you come to this point in the application process, we rejoice and celebrate with you in your success in homeschooling through high school! Congratulations! It is truly an honor to host this year's CAPE-NM Graduation Recognition Ceremony. Join us at Legacy Church, 7201 Central Ave. NW, Albuquerque, NM, on **Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 3:00 pm. Parents and graduates are to arrive at Legacy Church by 1:00 pm on May 15th, for practice.** No other family members will be allowed in the auditorium during practice. Seating will be made available for elderly/handicapped. **Doors will open at 2:30 pm** for other family members and the public. Please do not plan on saving seats.

To give you a better understanding of why we conduct the ceremony as we do, we have included the following **CAPE-NM Graduation Recognition Ceremony Statement of Purpose.**

Our purpose is to make a public statement that home educators can and should stay the course and finish the race. This ceremony is intended to inspire and encourage homeschool families, their extended family, and friends. CAPE-NM does not endorse any one educational program nor provide validation of individual success. Rather, CAPE-NM provides the opportunity to present hope and promise to the community of Christian home educators. It is our intention to let our light so shine before men that they might see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:18).

Because the concept of ceremony suggests a protocol or standard to be followed, requirements and guidelines for participation have been established. Please review them carefully. These have been established only after much prayer and deliberation. They are in no way intended as a means of "judging by appearance," but rather are an effort to make sure appearance does not distract from what has been accomplished academically. We have attempted to make the standards as inclusive as possible. However, should you find yourself unable or unwilling to comply with the standards, we respect your decision not to participate and we want to take this opportunity to congratulate your graduate and encourage you to find an alternate way to celebrate your family's achievement.

May this year's celebration be a memorable one for you and your graduate.

In His Service,
The Board of Directors – CAPE-NM

The following are instructions for completing the application process.

The Application Fees

At this point, you have *partially-applied* to be in the graduation. To complete the process, you will need to complete the items below... AND pay the fees in full. The breakdown of the fees is listed below as well as on the website. **The fee needs to be paid by March 15, 2021.**

Graduation pricing as follows:

Registration – \$110 (non-member) & \$70 (CAPE member)

Navy Cap/Gown - \$37

Navy/Gold Tassel – \$9

Diploma with Navy hardback case - \$32

Graduation DVD – \$15

Visual Presentation

Please upload or email four (4) photos, preferably from youngest to oldest, designating one as a “Senior Picture.” (***File size requirements: Digital photos –these will be blown up to put on the overhead screen; low quality pictures like those that are scanned may be too grainy. Most modern digital pictures will work. However, we can only work with files that are .jpg, or .png***) As a statement of being “in the world, but not of the world,” please submit only *modest photos*. We plan to project these onto a screen while the biography is being read. If you plan a studio sitting, please do so well in advance, allowing plenty of time to get the photos to us **by March 31, 2021. **Upload your .jpg files to the Cape website.**

Student Biography

The biography will include the graduate’s Senior Picture and will be read during the graduation ceremony. Please type a paragraph about your graduate and include items such as awards, honors, activities, future plans, prayer, Scripture, or praise. Due to the number of graduates and time considerations, biographies should be a **maximum of 60 words**. Please edit and proof. ***We reserve the right to edit all biographies and cut out any excess of 60 words for length.*** ****Upload your .doc file to the Cape website.**

Student Testimony

You will submit a 250-word essay giving your testimony – or you can submit a 250-word essay telling what Jesus means to you. You will be asked if excerpts can be used for promotional purposes for the ceremony. ****Upload your .doc file to the Cape website.**

Policy Agreement

Students AND Parents must print, sign, scan and return the signed copy of the ***Policy Agreement*** located on the last page of this packet. It may be submitted via an upload to the Cape website, mail to the address at the top of this letter, or emailed to the graduation committee.

****Please note: to access your profile on the Cape website, please use the link that came on the original email you received with this packet.**

2021 Graduate Requirements & Guidelines

Please Read Carefully

Checklist

- Pay the graduation registration fee by **March 15, 2021**.
- Students **AND** Parents must print, sign, scan and return the signed copy of the ***Policy Agreement*** located on the last page of this packet. It may be submitted via an upload to the Cape website, mail to the address at the top of this letter, or emailed to the graduation committee
- Minimum 250 word essay of what Jesus means to you or your testimony
- 60 word biography of the graduate
- 4 photos of the graduate; please note youngest to oldest and label the senior picture – jpg or png only
- Scanned Policy Agreement, Essay, Bio & digital photos should be uploaded in the correct formats to the Cape website – you will use the link from the original email (in which you received this packet), to access the page to upload to your profile.
- All submissions are **due by March 31, 2021**.

Dress Code

With respect to the standards of CAPE-NM, we require that participants (parents & graduates) follow the following guidelines:

Hair: Natural hair colors only. (No pink, blue, bright red, etc.)

Gentlemen: Dress pants and button shirt with tie. No earrings or jewelry other than a watch and/or ring.

Ladies: Modest dresses or skirts, knee-length or longer. Dress slacks or pant suits. Tops need to have sleeves – short or long with neckline not low-cut. Pierced earrings are acceptable, and all other jewelry should be modest & tasteful.

Conduct: A manner that glorifies our Lord Jesus.

Body Piercings: Strictly prohibited. Examples of body piercings include but are not limited to nose, eyebrow, lip, or tongue rings or studs.

Decorating of the caps or gowns prior to or during the ceremony: There have questions regarding the decorating of the graduation caps for the ceremony. The CAPE-NM board has decided to have the ceremony be more formal. Therefore, decorated caps and/or gowns ***WILL NOT*** be allowed for the ceremony. Your student can decorate their cap/gown following the ceremony.

If rules are disobeyed or disregarded by graduate at any time, CAPE–NM reserves the right to refuse participation.

