

Welcome CHALC class of 2016 and Parents

We are so excited to have you join us for the planning of and participation in the 2016 CHALC graduation as well as the fun events that we sponsor throughout your senior year. Although this year will be the 21st graduation ceremony hosted by CHALC we understand that it is your first graduation as a senior. We want you to be able to mark this graduation with individual personality as well as the personality of the class so here are some helpful tips to ensure that you have a successful year:

- **Everyone** needs to participate. We have all heard that “many hands make light work”. As **each student** works together as a team we can together create a memorable year of relationships, fun times, and a graduation to always remember.
- **Parents** are needed and expected to participate in the process as well. Although there is a board, there are only a few of us. We want and need you to join with us in making this important year a success and to help students finish strong.
- **Plan ahead** to get involved early. Although it may seem far away now, we have found that planning and making decisions early in the year yields a higher quality graduation. So block out the meeting dates now in your calendars and work schedules so that you won’t miss out on the opportunities and deadlines ahead.
- **Be flexible.** Although there are many positions on each committee, we may not be able to assign each to their first choice. Please be willing to serve one another on any committee. Your willingness to be flexible helps ensure that we have enough “manpower” to accomplish each task so that everything goes more smoothly and we cover all the bases. As someone once said, “Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be broken”.
- **Be informed.** It is the responsibility of both the students and the parents to read the information and announcements that will be communicated through emails, the SCRAWLS, handouts, and planning meetings.
- **Develop responsibility.** As you transition from high school to the work force or college, CHALC provides a year of opportunities for each student to develop and demonstrate maturity and responsibility. By participating in a committee, completing required paperwork and assignments on or before deadlines, and actively participating in raising funds or collecting advertisements, students can show themselves to be ready for the next step toward adulthood.

As we each apply ourselves to these common objectives, we can all accomplish the following goals that were defined by the class of 2005:

First and foremost, to bring honor and glory to God

Second, to honor and bless our parents through the graduation ceremony

Third, to celebrate our uniqueness as a class

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! We are all looking forward to working together with you in the coming months. See you at our first planning meeting on:

Thursday, September 10th, 2015, 7-9pm Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, PA 17601
(Enter at the East Entrance and meet in the Fellowship Hall)

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**Mark your calendars with these planning meeting dates:**

(All meetings are 7-9 pm)

Thursday, September 10, 2015  
Thursday, October 15, 2015  
Monday, November 16, 2015

No December Meeting  
Thursday, January 21, 2016  
Monday, February 15, 2016

Thursday, March 10, 2016  
Monday, April 18, 2016  
Monday, May 16, 2016

**Graduation is Friday, May 27, 2016 (Mandatory rehearsal that morning)**

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CHALC Missions Statement

CHALC does not have any religious or philosophical requirement for a support group to be a member. What has brought us support groups together is the love of homeschooling that we all share. Because of these two factors many families of diverse backgrounds and beliefs have come together under the umbrella of CHALC. At CHALC we embrace the opportunities that this provides for us to share the love of the only true God through the gospel of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus the Christ. The CHALC graduation is one of those opportunities.

At CHALC we believe very strongly that one of the main goals of each CHALC graduation is to bring glory and honor to our Lord Jesus. Our by-laws support this by stating that all members are to “agree to abide by all standards and policies of the Corporation as established by the Board of Directors” and that “members are to refrain from engaging in any activity which may bring reproach on the corporation of home education.” The CHALC board has an additional goal of seeking a unity that will result in a graduation that gives proper honor to Jesus the Christ. CHALC graduation is open to members and non-members alike. So then “We invite all to participate. We ask all to respect our goals.”