HONORING PAST VOLUNTEERS OF PROJECT GRADUATION



Project Graduation began as a nationwide effort to develop awareness of drug and alcohol use among students. It is a well-established tradition at many high schools, and a tradition that began at Franklin High School in 1994.

The culminating event for Project Graduation happens on graduation night — a free, all-night, drug and alcohol-free celebration for graduating seniors. This chaperoned party provides a **safe**, yet **fun** environment for our children and shows them that they can have a great time and celebrate their achievements **without** alcohol or drugs.

In the past, Franklin Warriors celebrated their Project Graduation Night on the Rutgers University Campus in Piscataway, New Jersey. Students were picked up by bus at the Franklin Municipal Complex the evening of graduation and returned early the next morning for pick up by their families.

In 2014, in order to conserve funds and to give our Warriors one last event in their building, Project Graduation was moved to the Franklin High School Campus. Most of the events have traditionally taken place indoors, but COVID restrictions brought many activities outside the last few years. These activities have included: dancing; mechanical bull riding; caricature art; fortune telling; putting greens; ax throwing and games of chance. There are plenty of yummy snacks too.



Project Graduation activities are free to student families and are provided by the fundraising efforts of the Project Graduation Organization which is comprised of parents, relatives, teachers, staff and community members.

Fundraisers have included a twice a year used clothing drive; graduation congratulations signs; proceeds from the FHS concession stand; contributions from local businesses; plant sales and graduation merchandise.

The members of Project Graduation, along with FHS staff members volunteer the night of the event to make sure all the activities run smoothly and safely and that our Warriors have one final night of fun at their school.

One parent volunteer from circa 2011 described their group as a family, another said, "We had a Team. I have been with these Parents since our Children were at Pine Grove Manor School. We work as a Team and are proud Parents of the Franklin Township School District."

The Project Graduation Team has grown over the years with an executive committee which numbers 16 this year but those that came before paved the way, and those are who we salute tonight.





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"If I have seen further than others, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants". — Sir Isaac Newton

We salute and thank some past giants from Project Graduation.

Martha Camarda

Diane Pagano

Kim Krikorian

Melissa Swayne

Theresa Farkas

Lydia Copperwaite

Margaret Stansbury-Brown

Your efforts in the past have built a legacy that continues today.